



COMMUNIO IN CHRISTO



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Golden entertainment for charity

A standing ovation was the audience's reaction to the „MGV Eufonia“ benefit concert in support of the “Stella Maris” hospice, held in the auditorium of the Mechernich high school. The Brühl-based choir thrilled the listeners with their musical journey through the golden era of television entertainment.

Mayor Dr. Hans-Peter Schick, also the chairman of the support association, thanked the ensemble for its commitment to a “more humane society.” Moderator Klaus Kröhne, soprano Dorothea Kares, and pianist Joachim Jezewski also contributed to the evening's success. Showing wit, charm, and quality, the event became a gift “for heart and soul.” (ml)

Indian Bishop visited the Communio in Christo Motherhouse

After visiting Pope Leo XIV in Rome, His Excellency Bishop Dr. Samuel Mar Irenios from Kerala, India, came to the Communio in Christo Motherhouse in Mechernich. He called the community founded by Mother Marie Therese in 1984 as “truly representative for what Church is all about”. The bishop praised the foundress as a “Saint of our time”.

According to the Superior General Jaison Thazhathil the bishop's visit emphasized the growing relationship of the Indian Church and the Communio in Christo. Mar Irenios, bishop of Pathanamthitta and former teacher of the Superior General Thazhathil, was deeply impressed by the spirituality of the community. (rl)



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„A place of healing and growing”

Samaritan Sisters from India have been working for 15 years now in the Communio in Christo facilities in Mechernich and Blankenheim. Recently the Mother Superior Sr. Alphonsa CSS along with Sr. Rose Mary came to visit the Motherhouse as part of a canonical visitation. The visitors were impressed to see how three different Catholic rites can live together in harmony and appreciated the commitment of the six Sisters working in the long-term care facility, the hospice and the senior citizens' home. Sr. Alphonsa was full of praise for the team that to her was the “embodiment of the spirituality of the Good Samaritan”. Mechernich was “a place of healing and growing”, stated the Superior General Jaison Thazhathil.

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Joint Corpus Christi celebration by Communio in Christo and the parish

For the first time clergy and members of both the Communio in Christo and the Pastoral Region of St. Barbara Mechernich will walk in a procession through the streets of the inner city of Mechernich.

To this event on Corpus Christi, Thursday, 19 June, the faithful will gather at 11 a.m. for prayer at the worship chapel on the grounds of the Social Foundation Communio in Christo. The procession will move from there to the St. John the Baptist parish church where Holy Mass will be celebrated. In case of rain Mass will directly start in the parish church at 11.15 a.m. (ml)



Rosary Prayer for peace via livestream

For more than half a year on each first Friday of the month, the so-called Sacred Heart Friday, the Ordo Communio in Christo offers a Rosary Prayer intended for peace in the world. The prayer is streamed via Zoom link so that everyone can join it online (see link button).

The live prayer on the Sacred Heart Fridays starts at 17.30 pm in the foundation chapel of the convent. Normally one of the priests at the

Communio, mostly Fr. Patrick Mwanguhya, leads the prayer. After a word of welcome the mysteries are being prayed both in German and English. At the end, the priest gives the sacramental blessing.

“Now, some of the Communio friends in Germany but also abroad participate regularly despite a possible considerable time gap,” reported Tilj Puthenveettil, the secretary of the Superior General. (ml)

[Zoom-Link](#)

A word of Mother Marie Therese



JOY

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The basis of spiritual life
The testimony of someone who hopes
Life of the Communion

The basic rules for the attainment of true joy are:

1. Remove all limits, separating us from others,
2. acknowledge and love everybody as our brother or sister.

We contemplate Jesus' life with his disciples.
We note the friendship between one another and with Christ,
a cordial and natural friendship.
He let them partake in his joyful experiences.
What belonged to him, belonged to his disciples as well.
He surrounded them with his tender affection.
He was solicitous about their health.
In order to give them a rest, he occasionally led them out of town.
He kept taking pains to assure that they lacked for nothing.
It was he who brought the joy, helping them to let heavenly joy prevail among one another.
And the disciples, too, were concerned about him and loved him as well.

Joy is the sign of discipleship!

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