



COMMUNIO IN CHRISTO



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Sent into the desert by the Pope

Communio remembers Ref. Bishop Jean Jacques Gaillot (1935-2023) who would have turned 90 on 11 September. Known for his commitment to the poor, the marginalized, and minorities, Pope John Paul II released Gaillot from the office in Évreux in 1995 and transferred him as titular bishop to the Algerian diocese Partenia. However, the desert diocese which disappeared in the Sahara already in the 5th century does no longer exist but on paper.

He was supposed to come to Mechernich in 2004 for the 20th foundation commemoration of the Communio in Christo, but Cardinal Meisner intervened. Despite the humiliation he didn't let himself be intimidated. He founded an "internet diocese", he was socially committed, warned against exclusion – his heart was made for love of neighbor which made him spiritually connected with Mother Marie Therese. (rl)

Communio meeting in Poland: Faith unites

Beginning of September, the towns Tczew and Swarozyn turned into places of living encounter. Christians from Poland, Germany and India got together, to allow people beyond boundaries to get to know the Communio in Christo. More than 50 participants, priests, religious and lay-faithful joined in prayer, could listen to talks, set off for a pilgrimage and attended the concert "Fusion of Sounds". Sister Lidwina informed about the history of the Communio and the Superior General Fr. Jaison Thazhathil reminded all: Every Christian is called to holiness. (rl)





Happy birthday, Ludwig Sebus: 100 years old and donor in Mechernich

Cologne honored Ludwig Sebus on his 100th birthday with a philharmonic concert and a biography broadcasted on WDR. Now the following fact was released in Mechernich: The “grand seigneur” of the Cologne Carnival has been supporting the hospice “Stella Maris” quietly and without fuss for as long as 20 years. The Chairman of the support association Mayor Dr. Hans-Peter Schick as well as the managing director of the social foundation Norbert Arnold congratulated the popular singer and thanked him for his loyal help. “One cannot do without sponsors. The fact that a renowned person as is Ludwig Sebus has been willing to support the work of the hospice over many years, encourages the employees and is proof of a supra-regional appreciation,” says Dr. Schick. (rl)

„Love needs no translation” – Communio meeting in Mechernich

Beginning of September, the Mechernich Motherhouse turned into a spot of heartfelt unity: priests, religious sisters, seminarians and friends from different countries came together to pray the rosary, celebrate a thanksgiving Mass and afterwards got together for a film screening, dinner and lively conversations in the refectory. Fr. Rudolf Ammann commemorated Mother Marie Therese’s foundation and her vision of living love in daily life. Everyone could feel that the Communio in Christo follows the footsteps of its foundress Mother Marie Therese and continues to live out love of neighbor. As the Superior General Fr. Jaison put it: “Our door is always open. Communio is a way for all – called into life to foster exchange and to share love.” (rl)

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A word of Mother Marie Therese



CHRIST – THE SAVIOR – BEFORE ME

November 1st 1990

„I want to say it out loud: I met my savior, the savior of humankind.

I encountered him in my soul.

His love is a fire that burns throughout day and night.

Waves of joy arise, especially now that I know that God is someone
who goes beyond our imagination.

My contemplation is love, a gift from heaven.

I feel the necessity to love, the more so as he has become the forgotten God.

My experience urges me to impart a God who is made responsible for all injustice.

I show you a different God who is boundless in his kindness and boundless in forgiving. A

God of infinite patience who never stops to guide us,
who accepts our limitations from which he derives our innocence.

No, there is no punishing God, but indeed a loving God.

The following verse taken from the Gospel of John is a call to me:

I have chosen you so that you may go into the world (cf. John 15:16).

The love that has been shown and revealed to me is to be the leaven of my response.

Taken from: Mother Marie Therese, Die Begegnung mit dem Erlöser – Was fehlt an den Leiden Christi?

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