



COMMUNIO IN CHRISTO



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Survival of the hospice depends on donations

Thirty members of the supporting association attended the 26th annual meeting in the seminar room of Communio in Christo in Mechernich – among them the chairman Dr. Hans-Peter Schick (former mayor of Mechernich). He appealed to the members to recruit new supporters and members for the association. At the city's annual reception, he had not failed to emphasize the importance of the hospice.

Despite one membership cancellation and four terminations during the year due to death, the total number of members increased by 17 people. The total amount of donations and membership fees between August 2024 and November 2025 was 135.000 euros. Dr. Schick pointed out that the funds were in good hands at the hospice and are being used meaningfully for the well-being of the guests. (ml)

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Friendship from Delhi

His Excellency Bishop Dr Thomas Mar Antonios OIC visited the Ordo Communio in Christo in Mechernich once again. During lunch together, he emphasised his close connection to the community founded by Mother Marie Therese. The Bishop, who comes from Kerala, would like to further deepen the spirituality of love for God and active charity in Mechernich and his diocese of Gurgaon-Delhi, the largest in India in terms of area.

Mar Antonios, who speaks excellent German and is himself a member of the Bethany Ashram religious order, emphasised the values of communion as a connecting element between both worlds. The visit was marked by friendly ties and a look towards a shared future. 'We will help and support each other,' he promised. (ml)

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Sound magic to start the New Year

It has long since become a good tradition: The New Year has just begun, and festive music fills the Mechernich council hall. Then you can hear violins, violas and cellos in such an intensity that you rather expect in huge concert halls. Again in 2026 the renowned chamber orchestra "Mainzer Musici" conducted by Prof. Benjamin Bergmann continues the cultural tradition to give a charity concert on Saturday 10 January at 6 p.m. Anyone who has yet attended knows about the special atmosphere: "Wintry silence outside, a room full of tonal colors that warm heart and mind," as wrote a reviewer once. The proceeds of the benefit night go to the long-term care facility in Mechernich, where over 100 people are cared for. (ml)

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"Advent season – a time to open your hearts!"

Once again, this year the Communio in Christo is taking part in the "Living Advent Calendar" organized by the Pastoral Area of Mechernich. So, the Ordo Communio in Christo warmly invites everyone to come to the Mechernich monastery at Bruchgasse 14 on the third Sunday of Advent, December 14 at 6.30 p.m. for "an Advent reflection and joint singing with hot wine and cookies".

The motto is "Advent season – a time to open your hearts!" Communio Sister Lidwina emphasizes: "Anyone is welcome to join the Rosary Prayer beforehand at 6 p.m. in the founding chapel!" (hg)

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“Warmth in the heart remains”

Two facilities, two services – and one shared spirit: gratitude, connectedness, and the comforting certainty that love and light are stronger than death. In both the long-term care facility of the Social Foundation Communio in Christo e.V. in Mechernich and the Blankenheim senior citizens' home House Effata, relatives, residents, and employees came together to commemorate those who had passed away during the past year.

The moving motto of the service held in the long-term care-facility was “The magic of love overcomes death” – while at House Effata, the focus was on the word “Light.” What united both was the deep conviction that no person is forgotten: in appreciation, in shared remembrance, and in the firm belief that human dignity lasts beyond death. (hg)

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Christ at the center

The Superior General Fr. Jaison Thazhathil was pleased to welcome the dogmatic theologian Professor Dr. Manuel Schlögl for an afternoon of spiritual depth and theological substance to the house chapel of the Communio in Christo.

It was already the third visit of the Catholic theologian from Cologne, whose research focuses, among other things, on modern spirituality and mysticism. In his lecture he talked about “The image of Christ in Mother Marie Therese’s writings compared to Pope Benedict’s book “Jesus of Nazareth”. He connected his intensive studies on Joseph Ratzinger/Pope Benedict XVI with the mystical writings of Mother Marie Therese. (kr)

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A word of Mother Marie Therese



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“The fatal course this world is taking calls for reflection. It was the Holy Spirit, God himself, who planted his yearning in a human heart, revealing it to the world in form of a great foundation, in the Communio in Christo. He wanted to reawaken the confidence and to counter the rank growth of a spurious love. He wanted to make one community of many and make it recognizable everywhere by the wonderful name of Communio in Christo. This foundation shows us that we are all equal, nobody – no matter who – being better than the next. Isn't it a fact that the disintegration of the Church is the consequence of a steadily growing distrust towards a Church in which the abuse of power is noticeable and in which people want to be more than God who calls upon everybody to consider themselves insignificant and helpless, mere nothings. God alone is the power, and he brings us neither punishment nor rejection.”

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