



Here comes our 100th Newsletter

In August 2015 the first Communio in Christo Newsletter was published. Back then the layout was 'handmade': no photos, but interesting texts on these five topics:

In Blankenheim the third conference of the Communio in Christo International Council took place. Fr. Erik Pühringer then still the Dean of the Eifel region, visited the facility. The last book of Mother Marie Therese was translated into Malayalam and published in India. Fr. Jozef Zielonka from Poland reports on donations of medicines to hospitals, hospices, health centers and private persons in Poland, Lithuania, Belarus, and the Ukraine. And as a fifth topic, the first Newsletter spoke about the city partnership between Mechernich and Skarszewy in Poland initiated by the Communio in Christo and pushed forward, too, under Jacek Pauli, the new mayor of Skarszewy.

Eight years later we celebrate the 100th Newsletter. As of issue No. 66, the Newsletter has been published in a more modern look. Since then, the roundabout 1.300 subscribers have been offered informative texts, photos, and links to the Communio in Christo website, namely in German, Polish and English.

We take the "100th birthday" to say thank you to our readers for their loyalty. Continue to read our Newsletter and recommend us to others. As far as we are concerned, we are looking forward to the 100 issues to come. (rl)



Haus Effata shines in new splendour

"We want to celebrate our new and beautiful building", said Norbert Arnold, the Managing Director of the 'Socia Institute Communio in Christo e. V.' in a little ceremony in the Blankenheim Senior Citizens' home 'House Effata' that had been renovated and extended. Also, a new house chapel was installed."

Mr. Arnold particularly emphasized: „We can be very proud of this beautiful chapel!" 50 people attended the inauguration. The Blessing ceremony was held by Fr. Jaisor Thazhathil, the Superior General of the Ordo Communioni in Christo. (hg)

State Minister Limbach – guest speaker on the Commemoration Day

On Saturday 2 December, the Superior General Jaison Thazhathil will welcome the Minister of Justice of North Rhine-Westphalia, Dr. Benjamin Limbach, as a guest of honor on the 39th foundation commemoration day of the Ordo Communio in Christo. The Minister, a friend from university of Norbert Arnold, the Managing Director of the Social Institute, will relate to the motto of the day “Guilt and Atonement” by talking about penitentiary and resocialization.

The Superior General Jaison Thazhathil will celebrate the solemn mass beginning at 10 am in the parish church St. John the Baptist together with numerous clergy men, lay-faithful and religious sisters from all over the world as well as with parish members.

The Mechernich church choir „St. Cäcilia“ conducted by Erii Arndt will be in charge of the musical arrangement. Everyone is also welcome to attend the Vespers for the first advent taking place at 5 pm in the house chapel.

In his invitation the General Superior writes: “Just as the Communio foundress Mother Marie Therese was totally convinced of a forgiving and unconditionally merciful God, also the modern constitutional state has developed away from the idea of atonement to the idea of resocialization and therapy. We are looking forward to an interesting talk and getting the chance to talk to the Minister.”

Please register in advance before 17 November at info@communio.nrw or call the secretariat of the Superior General at +49 2443 98 14 823. (ml)



Communio quo vadis?

On the 46th anniversary of Mother Marie Therese's first foundation, members and friends of the community discussed the orientation and future of the Ordo Communio in Christo in Mechernich and worldwide.

On 1 September 1977 the charismatic religious from the Netherlands had started the "Unio der Sühnenden Liebe" (Unio of Expiatory love) in the parish church St. Lambertus in Holzheim. It was one of a total of six pre-foundations. (ml)



„The dark night of faith“



„The dark night of faith – an experience in the Christian mysticism and with Mother Marie Therese“ is the title of the reflection to be held by Prof. Manuel Schlögl in the house chapel of the Ordo Communio in Christo (Bruchgasse 14, 53894 Mechernich) on Thursday, 12 October.

The input takes up the motto of a reflection night of May last year conducted by Prof. Dr. Schlögl. The Professor has spoken about the phenomenon of mystical experience of God in daily life. (hg)

A word of Mother Marie Therese



A CHARISM FOR THE MISSING LOVE

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„The Communio in Christo is particularly present in its works of charity, calling attention to the Council. A founder registers what is missing. He has envisaged an idea and has found the essence in the Gospel and intends to call attention to it. With all his life and heart he strives to realize what he has recognized and conveys it in activities.

The Communio in Christo sees its goal in the love of God. None of its members are holy. They know themselves too well to think that that God does not need to heal anything more. The revelation of his loving kindness, however, has eventually led them to show the message of Jesus in a new light and to gather as a people of God. There is room for all denominations if the striving for both the love for God and the love for man is the only motivation.

Being on the march together as one people, united in love and joined in Christ – that is the order Communio in Christo.“

(Mother Marie Therese, I implore you, o holy Church – In the name of the Spirit, Patris Verlag GmbH, Vallendar/Rhein, 2015, pp. 134, 138)

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