



## An eventful start to fall

The month of October had a lot to offer to the residents and the employees of the Social Institute of the 'Ordo Communio in Christo' as well as its senior citizens' home House Effata in Blankenheim.

To give an example for the activities, those from Mechernich visited the autumnal "Hochwildpark Rheinland" (Game Preserve) in Kommern and they celebrated Oktoberfest. Also, the Blankenheim residents and employees were up for celebrations, tried their luck by participating in a raffle and listened to the Cologne comedians "Useem Lamäng". (hg)



## Found God “in the midst of pain”



“The experience of the ‘Dark Night’ in the life of Mother Marie Therese is directly connected with her spiritual teaching and her life’s work, the ‘Communio in Christo’ as well as with her exemplary commitment for the seriously ill and the moribund,” pointed out Prof. Dr. Manuel Schlögl at the latest reflection night in the Mechernich house chapel of the Communio in Christo.

It was the second part of his talk at the Ordo titled “The dark night of faith - an experience in the Christian mysticism and with Mother Marie Therese”. For John of the Cross Thérèse of Lisieux – to name two mystics - and also for Mother Marie Therese “The dark night” was a maturing process initiated by God, aiming at leading certain Christians towards a “higher” and thus testimonial and representing service of faith. (hg)

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## „An experience of meeting great people”

The goal of our journey was to meet the 120 Communio members and friends in Tanzania and those faithful there who feel close to Mother Marie Therese and to encourage them to form regional and diocesan groups and start charity projects, reported the Deacon Manfred Lang, who is the Deputy of the Superior General Father Jaison Thazhathil of the Ordo Communio in Christo in the Mechernich Motherhouse.

In September, Lang and the Communio Sister Lidwina attended the Tanzanian Bishops’ Conference in Dar es Salaam, they had individual conversations and during three conferences met with over 100 members and friends of the Communio in Christo founded on 8 December 1984 by the charismatic mystic Mother Marie Therese. They also got together with supporters and interested in the Ordo. (ml)



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## Foundation commemoration in the parish church and the St. John house



On 2 December, the first Saturday of the Advent Season the Ordo Communio in Christo celebrates their 39th foundation commemoration in the Mechernich parish church 'St. Johannes' (St. John the Baptist) as well as in the adjacent parish hall called 'Johanneshaus' (St. John house). The Holy Mass starts at 10 am.

The Superior General Fr. Jaison Thazhathil will be the main celebrant in the Holy Mass and Dr. Benjamin Limbach, the Minister of Justice of North-Rhine-Westphalia, and a friend from university of Norbert Arnold, the managing director of the Social Institute Communio in Christo, will give the inspirational talk for the day. The motto is "Guilt and atonement, law enforcement and resocialization". Please register till 17 November 2023 through email at [info@communio.nrw](mailto:info@communio.nrw) or call the secretary of the Superior General at +49 2443 98 14 823. (ml)

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## Personal conversation with the Superior General

Every first Tuesday of the month, from 3 pm, you can contact the motherhouse of Communio in Christo at +49 160 34 04 777 for a personal conversation. The Superior General Father Jaison Thazhathil or his Deputy Deacon Manfred Lang or the Spiritual Padre Rudolf Ammann will be available to attend your call. If the line is busy, you can leave a WhatsApp message for a callback.



## Get to know the Convent



The Ordo Communio in Christo reminds you of the offer "Kurzzeit im Kloster" (Short term guest in the convent), Thursdays from 5 pm in the Mechernich Motherhouse. It is a perfect opportunity without any obligation and cost to get to know the life in the convent. We ask for prior registration with the order secretary at +49 24 43 / 98 14 823.

The entrance of the house chapel is at Bruchgasse 14. One of the community members will receive you there. You can participate for one evening in the vespers and rosary prayers, join in the celebration of the holy mass, get to know how the community members live, and enjoy a common meal in the refectory. (ml)

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# A word of Mother Marie Therese



## A FOUNDATION FOR THE REVIVAL OF LOVE

„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 Communion in Christo. He wanted to re-awaken 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 Communion 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 the 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. Since the foundation on December 8, 1984, the Promise of Christ has made itself heard to the Church and the whole world, calling upon everybody to speak about the Saviour...

The light that is shining in a dark world wants to attract attention. It is the light that guides the world to the Saviour so that all our hearts may be turned into love – as a thanksgiving to God and for his glory."

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