



Audience enthusiastic about the "Mainzer Musici"

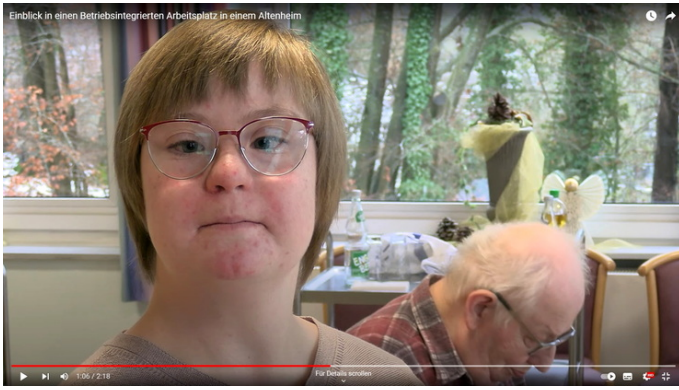
More than once the totally enthusiastic visitors of the concert got up from their chairs and at the end, they showed their enthusiasm with minutes of standing ovations: The beneficiary Epiphany concert for the long-term care facility of the Communio in Christo was again a highlight in the cultural program of the City of Mechernich.

Faith can definitely move mountains

"The temple of resilience has seven pillars," said the Malteser chaplain and subsidiary Markus Polders in his talk on the occasion of a recollection night organized by the Ordo Communio in Christo. The pillars are optimism personal responsibility, acceptance, network, solution orientation, future planning, self-regulation. "But it is not that you can just pull them over like a sweater," the speaker said. "They will have to develop."



A symbol for inclusion



It is well-known that there are many kind souls in the senior citizens' home 'Haus Effata' in Blankenheim. One of them is Theresa Caspers who is employed there through an integrated workplace by the "Nordeifelwerkstätten" (NE.W). Her Down's syndrome is quite the opposite of an obstacle.

End of last year a short documentary film was made around Theresa Caspers. The film can be watched on the NE.W YouTube channel. Click here to go directly to the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lb86K6TimgM> (hg)

How can fasting work today?

Humans of the most different cultures and religions fast. But what is the origin of fasting? How is Lent lived today? The deacon Jutta Lindenfels from the protestant parish Roggendorf will talk about these questions on 15 February at the reflection night of the Communio in Christo at 7.10 pm in the recreation room of the Motherhouse following a Holy Mass starting at 6.30 pm.



Sweet donation, great delight

It has long been a tradition for the Rewe supermarket at Bleibergplatz in Mechernich to surprise the Social Institute Communio in Christo e. V. with little gifts during the Christmas season.

When the delivery arrived this year, the team around Monika Ziegler, the housekeeping manager, was quite astonished: eight boxes filled to the brim with Christmas cookies, gingerbread, cinnamon stars, chocolate Santas, high quality good chocolates and much more. "Our team was very delighted of course. Then the residents were even more overwhelmed when they were handed over the boxes unpacked in the cafeteria!" emphasized Monika Ziegler visibly happy. (hg)



Melodic nostalgia on Christmas

On the first day of Christmas the harmonica players “Harmonica Sound” took the visitors in the house chapel of the Ordo Communio in Christo back to their childhood when they played Christmas songs and nostalgic melodies. The Superior General Jaison Thazhathil of course also celebrated the holy mass.

The concert was well received, and the musicians were rewarded with great applause. “We express our thanks in particular to Sister Lidwina who lovingly cared for our musicians,” emphasized the “Harmonica Sound” afterwards. (gg)



A word of Mother Marie Therese



JOYFULNESS

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„Gratitude proves that we live in the presence of God.

The joyfulness I am talking about now confirms that we are chosen.

Its origin lies in the gift of the Holy Spirit.

This joy - the cheerfulness of the Spirit – is the expression of a clear conscience and the delight about the certainty of being saved sown into our hearts.

Sin has lost its power; fear has turned into joy. This joy may prevail, should fulfil in the fruit of the cross... It is our task to spread happiness in our time, in a world full of anguish and depression. The fire of the Holy Spirit has set us alight to make us spread its warmth as a sign of God's love.“

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