



From „Bares für Rares” (title of a popular German TV show meaning “Cash for rare items”) to “Laurel and Hardy”



At precisely 11.11 a.m. the residents and employees of the senior citizens' home “Haus Effata” shouted 3 times the traditional “Juh-Jah” when starting their busy carnival's Thursday for women which makes every carnival lover's heart beat faster. Live music, sketches, a costume competition, speeches and even the visit of the Blankenheim carnival royalty enthusiast the residents, guests and employees. Anita Leyendecker from the therapy service emphasized: “The joy over the many extravagant and creative costumes and the wonderful atmosphere lasted for quite some time!” (hg)

## „Poor but happy“

Children laugh and dance in a circle, they celebrate life, they celebrate creation. This scene is from a documentary film by the “Apostolic Vicariate of Gambella” published on YouTube in order to report on their projects in Western Ethiopia.

The spiritual leader there is His Excellency Bishop Bergamaschi SDB from Ambia. The 69 year old Bishop has been visiting Germany for a short period. In the Communio in Christo Motherhouse he and his delegation who spoke about their humanitarian work in the poorest conditions were welcomed by the Superior General Fr. Jaisor Thazhathil and the community as well as by Salesians fellow brothers of Don Bosco in Jünkerath and the Communio-friend Padre Elex Normil. (hg)



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## Carnival in the Social Institute

"The carnival party was a great success!" said Franziska Geist delightedly. She is the manager of the care assistants at the long-term care facility Communio in Christo.

On the days of carnival a colorful program awaited the residents and employees. Sketches, music, and a visit from the Vussemer carnival royalty put a smile on everyone's face.

"It was a pleasant afternoon for all participants, both residents and employees," Geist commented happily. (hg)

## „Focus on what really matters“

For many people the lent season means above all abstaining from things: for God, for others or for themselves. But is that really all there is?

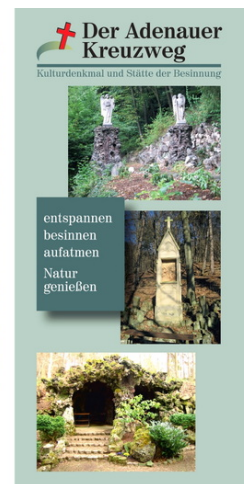
Deaconess Jutta Lindenfels from the Protestant parish of Roggendorf took up this topic and organized her second reflection night in the Motherhouse of the Ordo Communionis in Christo on the topic "This is fasting as love it...". (Is 58:6)

To this end she used a bibliologue which enabled the audience to slip into characters from the Bible themselves and thus experience biblical passages in a totally different way. (hg)



## Retreat on Good Friday - „What is the meaning of Redemption“

For the first time the Communio in Christo offers a Bus journey to Adenau to experience the passion of Christ by walking the historical Way of the Cross there. On Good Friday, 29 March at 9 a.m. Sr. Lidwina will first give a spiritual input in the Mechernich house chapel. At 9.45 a.m. the bus leaves for the Way of the Cross. A common lunch including coffee is planned for 1 p.m. in the Motherhouse. At 3 p.m. there will be the Good Friday liturgy in the house chapel. Please register in advance till Friday, 15 March. The costs for both bus transfer and lunch will be 20 Euros, and for just lunch 10 Euros. (rl)



## For a short while part of the community and telephone consultation hour



The Communio in Christo would like to draw your attention to two special offers. One is “For a short while part of the community”. Every Thursday interested people are invited to come to the foundation chapel to attend vespers from 5 p.m., Holy Mass at 5.30 p.m. and afterwards a joint dinner in the refectory. Please register in advance by phone with Sr. Lidwina at +49 2443 9814 744.

The second offer is a telephone consultation hour. Every first Tuesday of the month between 3 and 4 p.m. you can reach either the Superior General Jaison Thazhathil, his deputy, the Deacon Manfred Lang, or the Spiritual Padre Rudolf Ammann at +49 160 34 04 777. If the line is busy you might want to leave a WhatsApp message for a callback.

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# A word of Mother Marie Therese



## "WHAT DOES GOD MEAN TO US"

### Fourth reflection on Suffering

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„I am speaking of God, whose greatness is revealed in the life and suffering of Jesus. Every minute of my time I hear the relieving words: “I love you.” And although my sense of shame forbids me to accept this loving kindness, the second sentence applies for everybody: “Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.” (Lk 23:34) In the light of his teaching I realized what the evil was and how great God’s love must be. Out of the ruins of a devastated world a new world has risen, without any claim to power or prestige, but based on an existence-in-God.

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