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## Love of neighbour is the key



The *Ordo Communio in Christo* gathered on April 11, the death day of its foundress Mother Marie Therese for an evening information event in the refectory of the Mechernich Motherhouse.

The Superior General Jaison Thazhathil presented the profile and way of life to 45 members and friends of the community, which he along with the spiritual director Father Rudolf Ammann ISch and the deacon Manfred Lan, had developed over almost a year and a half from texts by the foundress and the statutes that had been approved by the Church in 2018. (ml)

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„84 awakened from the coma“

The contacts between the "Swiatlo" ("Light") Foundation in the Polish city of Toruń (Thorn) on the Vistula River with a population of 200,000 and the *Ordo Communio in Christo* in Mechernich and its Social Institute go back to 2001. In 2023, the hospice run by "Swiatlo" in Toruń celebrated its 20th anniversary.

In a long and heartfelt letter, Janina Mironczuk, the chairwoman of the foundation took the opportunity to express her solidarity with the Communio in Christo, which has its headquarters in Mechernich. (ml)



„Drowned in Father's Day?“

„Ascension Day - let's be honest, what does that have to do with me?" Heiko Jung, holding a degree in Theology will address this question at the next reflection night on Thursday, 2 May, in the Communio in Christo recreation room at Bruchgasse 14 in 53894 Mechernich. It starts at 7.10 p.m. Those who wish can already celebrate Holy Mass in the house chapel from 6.30 p.m.

For more information on the upcoming reflection night with Heiko Jung, please contact Sister Lidwina either by telephone on +49 2443 9814 744 or via email at [sr.lidwina@communio.nrw](mailto:sr.lidwina@communio.nrw). (hg)

## Spring Festival in "Hause Effata"

„The spring festival met with great enthusiasm," said a delighted Zarlacht Azimi, care manager at the Blankenheim senior citizens' home "Haus Effata", which belongs to the Mechernich "Sozialwerk Communio in Christo e. V."

No wonder, because the well-known harmonica group from Euskirchen had come to play many well-known folk songs and hits, which the residents enjoyed singing along to. Spring cake with fresh strawberries, coffee, cappuccino, and various liqueurs made it a special lively afternoon. (hg)



## Visit from an eagle

„Beginning of April, staff members from the Hellenthal Birds of Prey Station visited us with four raptors," reported a delighted Franziska Geist, head of the care assistant personnel at the intensive and long-term care facility "Sozialwerk Communio in Christo e.V." in Mechernich.

The "bird tamers" even organized an entire flight demo on the terrace. Franziska Geist added: "Those residents who could not be brought out on the terrace were then visited in their rooms by an employee of the "Birds of Prey Station" and his eagle. Naturally, the enthusiasm was great!" (hg)

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## 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 on +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 on +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



## MARIA – OUR IMAGE OF A MOTHER (Mother's Day)

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„The month of May is the most beautiful month, it is a special month, the month of Mary and the month of our mothers. When we Christians think of our heavenly mother, we can more easily give love to our mother on earth.

For many, Mary is indispensable. She who gave her fiat to God's plan for the world, from which the birth of Jesus became a fact, she is the gate that brings us to salvation. And she, who is unfortunately so controversial among us Christians, is always ready to say yes to us...

Maria is constantly active... She, the mother of us all, reminds us of a sincere conversion. Her task did not end with Bethlehem and Nazareth. She is constantly on the path of our lives. She is mother because she is Mother of the Church...

May today's commemoration day, when our mothers receive the natural trust for all their worries and hard work, for their love and understanding, relate it to our faith, where we thank our heavenly

mother for her love. „Mary, And she will listen to whatever we ask of her.“

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