



„A Synod of Hope“

Almost 100 % of Christians interviewed worldwide said that Catholic priests were “weak at preaching”. They also provided the reason for their judgement: Many a priest did not prepare properly for preaching from the ambo, instead they expressed their thoughts spontaneously,” said Sister Marie Kolbe Zamora, OSF, S.T.D. from the Secretariat General of the World Synod at the Vatican.

The highly decorated Theologian from Houston/Texas, who had been appointed to the „Segreteria Generale del Sinodo“ by Cardinal Mario Grecl was the main speaker at the International Meeting of the Ordo Communio in Christo which took place on the first weekend in May. At the same time, Sister Marie Kolbe Zamora she was the second woman at the podium alongside Sister Lidwina. Also present were Fr. Patrick Mwanguhya and Deacon Manfred Lang from Mechernich (ml)



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Entertainment, food and drinks

Mid of May the Social Therapy Service (German abbreviation: STD) of the Mechernich Social Institute Communio in Christo e. V. had invited all residents including their relatives and friends to celebrate spring.

Maria Scheidtweiler from the STD said: "While May and strawberry punch were served, Mr. Jaegers played the accordion. For many years already he has brought much joy to our residents with his songs and stories in Cologne dialect. We would like to thank him warmly!" (hg)



„Tolerance and Courage...“

As Bishop Dr. Helmut Dieser repeatedly pointed out he was "touched" by the atmosphere at the St. George's Ride in Kallmuth/Eifel on 1 May.

There were about 100 horses and more than 1000 pilgrims on foot and on bike including the Mechernich mayor Dr. Hans-Peter Schick and the county administrator Markus Ramers.

There were by far less participants than 20 years ago, with a record high of 400 horses and 4000 people back then. However, a lot more attended than in 1953, when the then priest of Kallmuth Fr. Eugen Kranz along with regional farmers had launched the St. George's Ride and when they would still ride strong cold blood working horses to the St. George's well. (ml)



Three Festivals - Good times for the Residents

In the month of May, the residents of the senior citizens' nursing home "Haus Effata" in Blankenheim were once more offered a varied program. In the facility run by the Mechernich Social Institute Communio in Christo e. V. a total of 3 festivals were celebrated: a May festival as well as Mother's Day and Father's Day.

Anita Leyendecker from the Therapy Service reported: "The events were highly appreciated by the residents and their relatives and contributed to a harmonious and happy togetherness!" (hg)



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.



A word of Mother Marie Therese



From the Rule of the Order

The name of the foundation “Communio in Christo“ is based on practically-lived love. Everybody who professes to this name avails himself of practically-lived love for the renewal in the Church.

The member is aware of the fact that – although belonging to an order – he can live Communio wherever his place in life may actually be.

On account of the poverty of my language not everyone might understand what I want to say, but with the help of my writings you will be able to understand.

If Communio in Christo is nourished entirely by love and lived accordingly, no-one can comprehend love as a mere word. Every member has his or her own way of making love concrete, giving it a shape and aura of his or her own. Love belongs to man and is part of our being human.

For his fellow-being every member bears witness to the Church and to his Redeemer.

(Taken from: Communio in Christo, Rule of the Order, “Bernardinum”, Pelplin/Poland 2001, p. 185)

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