



Destination Rome in the Holy Year

In the Holy Year 2025 the GdG (community of parishes) St Barbara Mechernich together with the Ordo Communio in Christo are offering a pilgrimage to Rome between 20 and 27 March. The spiritual guides will be Deacon Mann Lang and Fr. Patrick Mwanguhya from Fort Portal (Uganda).

The pilgrim group will fly from Düsseldorf airport. The cost including accommodation, flights, entries and guided tours, half-board, as well as water, wine and snacks for the evening, all rides on the privately booked bus and public transportation in Rome amounts to 1490 Euros. (ml)

Italian flair in House Effata

Eggnog sundaes, strawberry sundaes garnished with fresh strawberries and caramel sundaes were the favorites when the dining room of the senior citizens' home "Haus Effata" in Blankenheim was recently transformed into a charming ice cream parlor.

No wonder that one could feel a "genuine Italian flair" as Anita Leyendecker from the facility's therapy service belonging to the Sozialwerk Communio in Christo e. V. (Social Institute) in Mechernich pointed out. She added "The senior citizens were looking forward to that afternoon with treats already ahead of time." (hg)



„My life – a gift of God“

A huge group of mourners among which were Christians from the GdG (community of parishes) St. Matthias ir Blankenheim/Dahlem and the head of the GdG Fr. Andrea Züll as well as members of the Ordo Communio in Christo had gathered in the parish church St. Cornelius ir St. Tönis to say goodbye to Communio-priest Fr. Gregor Stepkes (95).

The mortal remains of the clergyman, student and CA. pastor and former Dean of Viersen, who was widely known in the diocese of Aachen, were then laid to rest in the rondel for the priests on the St. Tönis church cemetery. (ml)

„Will God intervene?“

With a bibliologue on the topic "I will never again curse the ground...", Protestant deacon Jutta Lindenfels invites you to an impulse evening at the Ordo Communio in Christo (Bruchgasse 14, D-53894 Mechernich) on 11 July. You will experience an interactive bibliologue instead of a classical talk. The participants themselves will take a role of the bible, can bring their own feelings and impressions to a situation and thus probably get a different view on otherwise known bible passages. (hg)



In the service of human beings in various parts of the world

Sr. Anit (71) originating from India and living in Temple near Austin Texas recently celebrated her golden jubilee of religious life at the Communio in Christo. Annakutty Paily Pottakkal, as was her maiden name had taken her perpetual vows at the Indian Carmelites. She now renewed her vows in the presence of His Excellency Bishop Prof. Dr. Philippos Mar Stephanos, head of the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church in the USA and Canada and before the Mechernich community of the Ordo Communio in Christo. (ml)

Profile and Statute now on the Homepage

From now on the Statutes approved by the Church in 2018 and the document "Profile and Way of Life" of the Ordo Communio in Christo adopted in 2024 are now linked on the website and can be accessed, read and printed out in German, English and Polish.

Mother Marie Therese founded the Ordo on 8 December 1984 in Mechernich. This year we are going to celebrate the 40th anniversary on Sunday, 8 December in St. John the Baptist parish church in Mechernich. The main celebrant and preacher at the festivity will be the Diocesan Bishop of Aachen Dr. Helmut Dieser. (ml)



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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.

A word of Mother Marie Therese



Joy

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„We contemplate Jesus’ life with his disciples.
We note the friendship between one another and with Christ,
a cordial and natural friendship.

He let them partake in his joyful experiences. What belonged to him, belonged to his disciples as well. He surrounded them with his tender affection. He was solicitous about their health. In order to give them a rest, he occasionally led them out of town. He kept taking pains to assure that they lacked for nothing. It was he who brought the joy, helping them to let heavenly joy flourish among one another.

And the disciples, too, were concerned about him and loved him as well.

JOY IS THE SIGN OF IMITATION!“

Taken from: Mother Marie Therese, The Imitation of Christ, publishing house “Bernardinum”, Pelplin, Poland, 2001, pp 99, 101