



„Love, the path to God“

End of July a delegation from Mechernich joined a group of 65 Polish Communio members and friends for a 5 day pilgrimage to Krakow and Częstochowa. They visited the „Black Madonna“ on the Jasna Gora (Light Mountain) in Częstochowa and the Shrine of St. Maria Faustyna Kowalska at the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Krakow.



At each of the two pilgrimage places a sermon prepared by the Superior General Fr. Jaison Thazhathil of the Communio in Christo in Mechernich was read out. Fr. Jaison has focused on the love of neighbour as a tool of spirituality and a way to find God. (ml)

„Youthful charm and fatherly kindness“

Recently, the Schoenstatt Padre Rudolf Ammann whom the Mainz Cathedral Chaplain Professor Dr. Franz-Rudolf Weinert calls a „spiritual human and human clergyman“ celebrated his diamond priestly jubilee in the house chapel of the Ordo Communio in Christo, where Padre Ammann is active as the spiritual director of the community there.

Sister Lidwina found the right words to briefly outline what is characteristic of the Svabian-born: „Padre Ammann is a man of youthful charm and fatherly kindness.“ (ml)



„The picture of *„Die Woge“* (The Wave) for the hospice Stella Maris



Whoever lives in the Mechernich hospice Stella Maris should feel at home. Apart from the personnel of the facility run by the Sozialwerk Christo e. V. this is guaranteed through the right furnishing and room decoration.

End of June, Prof. Dr. Harald-Robert Bruch and his wife Anni handed over a picture by the artist Beata Spitz titled „Die Woge“ (The wave).

Sonja Plönnes, head of the facility said: „We immediately put it on the wall in one of the hospice rooms and thus wish to create a pleasant atmosphere and also, to encourage people to let their thoughts flow by watching this work of art. (rp)

Mutual Support

In a Holy Mass and at dinner the 31-year-old Indian priest Fr. Jaimson Mathew now said goodbye to the *Communio in Christo* in Mechernich. Fr. Jaimson is a member of the Syro-Malankara-Catholic Church and he stayed for a year and a half at the community. He is now leaving to minister as a priest in Switzerland. Fr. Jaimson who was ordained a priest in Trivandrum (India) in 2021 will be responsible for the parish Herzogenbuchsee/Oberaargau. He wishes to stay in contact with the *Ordo Communio in Christo* and its Motherhouse in Mechernich and the Superior General Fr. Jaison Thazhathil. (ml)



Crossing the Hades on a rubber boat

More than 50 children and teenagers of the scouts' summer vacation camp „St. Agnes“ did a project on the Greek Mythology including the heaven of gods. They had put up their tents in a scouts' camp in Widdau along the river Rur at the beginning of the summer vacation.



During a day of games, "Hades", the river bordering the underworld, had to be crossed in a rubber boat, arrows and spears had to be hurled and thrown in a race with Artemis, the goddess of the hunt, and weights had to be lifted in imitation of the demigod Hercules. The joint preparation for a Holy Mass was about what kind of „type“ God is, i. e. about images and concepts of God.

Communio Sister Annajoyce from Tanzania, who was staying at the Motherhouse in Mechernich during this time, spent a day with the young people and was totally enthusiastic. (ml)

Profile and Statutes now on Website

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 several languages. Please click here: [Link](#)

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)



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

The Communitio 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 Holy Mass at 4.00 p.m. followed by rosary and vespers 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 Fr. Jaison Thazhathil, his deputy, the Deacon Manfred Lang, or the Spiritual director 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



THE FULFILMENT OF MAN IN A NEW WAY OF LIFE
WITH AND FOR ONE ANOTHER

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„Today I know how important and necessary God is for our time. At this point who else could save our desperate world? Deep in my heart I feel the urge to talk with God about my experiences. I have been called upon to speak up and to point out that we need to seek the contact with God – especially at this time when we are threatened in our very existence – He will familiarize us with our future.

Considering the world situation, we will need to find the way to a new form of togetherness and fellowship. We need one another. We will have to bear tribulations and sorrow together. It seems that we have to approach one another in order to relieve the other's burden. The world is in such a state of chaos that we have a deep longing for another kind of meeting. God means security. But we have turned our backs on him because it seemed more important to safeguard our prosperity. All human relations have petered out...

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