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## Enchanting birdsong

The “Mainzer Musici” once again delighted their audience in the jam-packed Mechernich council chamber, where they performed for the benefit of the Communio in Christo long-term care facility. Sonja Plönnies, the directress of the home thanked them “not only for their exceptional musical quality, but also for their loyal dedication over the past few years”.

“You help to ensure that our work in the facilities is seen and recognized. But more importantly, you offer our residents the chance to experience social participation, to be seen and to find their place in society.” (rl)



## From Haiti to the Upper Ahr

In a Sunday evening mass in the Blankenheim parish church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Father Jean Elex Normil CS (50) from Wuppertal was solemnly introduced as the new priestly assistant to Father Andreas Züll, the head priest of the pastoral area Blankenheim/ Dahlem.

The Haitian citizen, who is a member of the Italian Scalabrini order and who is close to the Ordo Communio in Christo in Mechernich and Blankenheim, celebrated the Eucharist himself, assisted by Father Züll, parochial vicar Dr. Michael Brandau and the Dahlem chaplain André Vogelsberg. (ml)

## “Visibly enjoying the festivities”

During the darker months of the year, Christmas and New Year’s Eve celebrations at the Mechernich nursing and long-term care facility and the Blankenheim senior citizens’ care home Haus Effata run by Communio in Christo really lighten the mood.

This was also the case on New Year’s Eve, when people spent “a happy evening with good music and snacks” in the former lead mining town, which culminated in an impressive firework show. “The atmosphere was cheerful, and everyone clearly enjoyed the party,” said a delighted Franziska Geist, head of the care personnel. (hg)



## A word of Mother Marie Therese



### THE SIGNS OF HEAVEN

January 12, 1994

The Second Vatican Council gave the world the great light. It speaks to all our hearts. To the sinners it shows Christ, the Redeemer. It gives consolation to the poor and the sick.

It grants mercy and admonishes the world not to reject love. We live under permanent pressure. But we should follow the call of Christ: Love one another.

Communio in Christo is the immense hope for humankind.

Yet it has not been fully recognized. And yet it is the certainty for the Church and the world: God is present. He wishes to partake in the troubled life of men and to give us his love.

Communio in Christo – brought into being as the path to the liberation of all men.

From Mother Marie Therese, I implore you, o holy Church – In the name of the Spirit, Patris Verlag GmbH, Vallendar, Germany, and Wydawnictwo Sp.z o.o. Pelplin, Poland, 2015 pp 441, 442

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