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“Eufonia“ to perform for the benefit of the hospice

“The most delicate temptation since the start of male voice choirs”, that is how Eufonia calls itself. It is the renowned cabaret and musical variety ensemble from Brühl that already performed together with the former patron Johannes Kalpers for the benefit of the Communio in Christo hospice «Stella Maris».

Now the ensemble’s two dozen singers and actors and the only woman and soprano singer, Dorothea Kares are coming again to the former mining town Mechernich (also called “Bleiberg” – lead mountain). On Friday 30 May at 7 pm they will perform in the auditorium of the Mechernich school district/high school. The ensemble presents “A day like gold”, a satire on various Saturday night TV shows. Tickets in advance are available at the Communio in Christo (Bruchgasse), in the Mechernich townhall (citizens’ office), at the bookstore Schwinning (Felix-Gerhardus-Straße) and in „Nette’s Hobbylädchen“ (Bahnstraße). Tickets cost 16 Euros in advance and 19 Euros at the box office. (ml)



Residents from Adenau joined in praying

On Good Friday, 57 of the 68 pilgrims who prayed the Way of the Cross in Adenau had travelled by bus from Mechernich. Sister Lidwina prepared them for the devotion at the 14 Stations of the Cross and the Holy Sepulchre grotto already during the journey. At each station, Sister Lidwina, deacon candidate Tilj Puthenveettill, and Gaby Dämmer read meditative texts and prayers.

Between several stations, Father Dr. Shaji Thomas from India and the Indian Samaritan Sisters - who live and work permanently in Mechernich - sang hymns. After a shared lunch in Mechernich, Superior General Fr. Jaison Thazhathil, Father Shaji, and Father Patrick Mwanguhya celebrated the Good Friday liturgy with the faithful. (ml)

Over 600 euros raised through art cards

The Mechernich artist Ela Rübénach raised over 600 euros for Communio in Christo through the sale of her art greeting cards during the Christmas season. She had designed the cards with themes such as peace, mindfulness, and freedom, selling them at one euro each. It was with a heartfelt embrace that she recently handed over the proceeds to Sister Lidwina, whom she has known since her youth.

„I am happy to donate the proceeds to Communio in Christo, an organization that invests its donations directly in people and in alleviating their suffering,“ said the artist. (hg)



“Tears of many mothers and fathers”

At the Kallmuth Pietà, which drew around 500 pilgrims from across the region on the Friday of Sorrows, Father Thomas Schlütter from Schleiden saw not only „the tears of the Mother of God mourning her Son,“ but also „the tears and suffering of countless women and men, mothers and fathers who throughout history and to this day grieve for their loved ones.“

Together with Deacon Klaus Hövel, he opened the moving day of pilgrimage at the parish and pilgrimage church of St. George in Kallmuth. This year, the motto of the event was: „Mary, our Hope.“ (ml)

“One Heart and one soul”

Diethard Eichinger, his wife Marion, daughter Chiara, and son-in-law Stefan Weber have been organizing and leading pilgrimages to Rome already for decades. This year, they organized one on the occasion of the Holy Year for the first time for the Pastoral Region “St. Barbara” in Mechernich and the Ordo Communions in Christo.

Exclusive access was granted to the Basilica of Saint Paul, St. Peter’s Basilica, as well as the basilicas of Santa Maria Maggiore and San Giovanni in Laterano.

The pilgrims could e. g. attend Holy Masses celebrated in St. Peter’s Basilica, in the catacombs of St. Callixtus and St. Sebastian, and in the German-speaking parish of Santa Maria dell’Anima, co-celebrated by Father Patrick Mwanguhya. (ml)



Prayer for peace at the Communio

Because of ongoing armed conflicts in many war zones around the world the Ordo Communions in Christo calls for a rosary for peace in the house chapel at 5.30 pm on each Sacred Heart Friday. Please enter from Bruchgasse. Ring the bell. You can also join online via Zoom.

Sacred Heart Fridays at the Communio are on each first Friday of the month. The next date is Friday 6 June. If you wish you can also attend the Holy Mass at 6 pm. (ml)

[Zoom-Link](#)

A word of Mother Marie Therese



ALTERNATIVE TO ALL EVIL

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Mother, delight of my dreams, glory of the Spirit, image of God's pure being,
icon of the Trinity, woman pleasing to God, the alternative to all evil.

Blessed are you, O Pure One, the Immaculate by the grace of God.
Praised by all generations, shunned by those who do not know God.

You are the gate to bliss, to the eternal experience of love.

The gentle one, O so tender Mother. The warning against all sin.

Praised for her devotion, for the readiness of her womb.

She foresaw the uncertainty of this century, became the Mother of Sorrows, entrusted with the mission
and strengthened in the knowledge of becoming the Mother of the Son.

Without human interference, exposed to doubt, you affirmed the action of the Spirit,
who invited you into the most intimate union.

O Mother, blessed is your fiat, blessed your womb, from which salvation has blossomed.

Blessed your strength, your love in its purest form.

With a heart full of gratitude, I bow before you, whom I greet with tenderness and love.

You are the jewel of my love for Jesus.

You are the gate to justice. Golden rose, O so fragrant.

Holy Mother, I love you tenderly.

You are my Mother, O Mary - in you I praise Jesus, your Son.

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