



# COMMUNIO IN CHRISTO



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## Art as therapy support in House Effata

A busy bumblebee on a yellow flower, a happy pig on green grass etc.: Something new is going on in "Haus Effata" run by the Communio in Christo Social Foundation. Where before there were just plain windows and corridors in the senior citizens' nursing home, small worlds of experience are now being created that are meant to spark creativity and encourage conversations.

The pictures are also intended to help people find their way around more easily – a valuable aid, especially for people with dementia. The pictures are definitely helpful. They open doors – not just in the corridors but also in the heads of the residents. (hg)

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## “Spiritual and social home”

When the City of Mechernich will celebrate their 50th anniversary on 9 and 10 August during “Brunnenfest” (traditional local festival), also the Ordo Communionis in Christo and the Communio in Christo Social Foundation will be present with their own information booth.

Employees of the Mechernich long-term care facility and hospice, staff of the senior citizens' nursing home “Haus Effata” in Blankenheim and members of the Ordo as well as residents of the facilities are looking forward to getting into conversations with the citizens. Four-legged friends will support them: both, assistance and therapy dogs will join the big team. (hg)

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## “Love of neighbor is living in God”

On 1 September 1977, Mother Marie Therese founded her first community, the “Unio der sühnenden Liebe” (Unio of Atoning Love). This eventually gave rise to the Ordo Communio in Christo and its Social Foundation.

In this Holy Year we will celebrate the foundation along with a Communio meeting in Mechernich on 1 September. Following the joint Rosary Prayer and a Holy Thanksgiving Mass, we will gather for dinner in the refectory. Afterwards, the Communio priest Fr. Imtiaz Nishan from Pakistan will talk about Christianity in his home country.

Anyone who is interested can register by calling Sr. Lidwina at + 49 24 43 98 14 74 4 or by sending her an email at sr.lidwina@communio.nrw. To participate in the dinner, please register at least 14 days in advance (August 18) so that the kitchen can plan better. (hg)

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## Visit to the chapel of Mother Marie Therese

End of July the Communio in Christo in the Mechernich twin city of Skarszewy went on a pilgrimage to the Jasna Góra sanctuary in Częstochowa. “As is traditional every year, we also went to Częstochowa to bow before the Mother of God and renew ourselves,” writes chairwoman Teresa Swieca.

Since 1991, soldiers from various NATO member armies have also been making pilgrimages to Jasna Góra. „They walk side by side with Poles, Germans, Slovaks, and Americans, thus proclaiming the necessity of reconciliation between nations, of peaceful coexistence and of cooperation to the benefit of humanity.” (ml)

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## Angel with two faces

Angel, bridge, metaphor – a new sculpture with two heads showing two different faces, made by the Zülpich artist Marti Faber is planned to be installed in 2026 in front of the St. Francis Church belonging to the Generalate of the Franciscan Missionaries in Mumbai, India.

This is not the artist’s first religious work, however one of her most significant ones. The history of Paulus Moritz, the founder of the order, is deeply interwoven with themes that have always had an impact on Faber’s art: faith, poverty and humanity.

This piece of art titled “Celestial”, is an expression of hope and gratitude for what has been and what may come. (ml)

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## Together at one table

“Many of our residents unfortunately lack change in their daily life. Then it is important to offer them here and then something different for a change,” says Julian Rechholtz, Chef de cuisine at the Communio in Christo Social Foundation. Together with his team of professionals and assistants he offered the approximately 110 present a creative variety of delicious food. Everyone was welcome, whether resident, employee or guest and all had a wonderful afternoon. (js)

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# A word of Mother Marie Therese



## JESUS IS THE ETERNAL BLISS FOR ALL

August 28th 1991

What I can clearly express today (1 September 1991), on the occasion of our 14th anniversary, perhaps best explains my founding... In front of me there is a founder of a living Church. The future world has become the present world. The world of God is the life of my soul. I encountered my savior on 1 September. His words and deeds have united in love. I know my savior who inspired me how to help the moribund and how to achieve that all suffering turns into gratitude... I encountered my savior all these years and while facing resistance I felt the urgent necessity of realizing love. My savior takes me, I am the channel of his love, the instrument of his redemption.

Taken from: Mother Marie Therese, Die Begegnung mit dem Erlöser – Was fehlt an den Leiden Christi? – Unser Dank (The encounter with the Redeemer – What is missing in the suffering of Christ? – Our gratitude), publishing house Westerngrund, 1994, 2. edition, pp. 247; 248

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