



# COMMUNIO IN CHRISTO



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## Celebration on the city's 50th anniversary

The so called "Brunnenfest" (fountain festival) for the 50th anniversary of the City of Mechernich was a great success. With a blue sky and bright sunshine, the weather was picture-perfect! Already in the morning about 600 participants from 40 different associations in the city region had gathered. Also, the residents of the Communio in Christo care facilities attended the celebration. Fr. Erik Pühringer and Fr. George Stephen Rayappan Packiam as well as the Deacon Manni Lang along with Sr. Theresia, Sr. Lidwina and the Samaritan Indian Sister Nimisha from the Social Foundation of the Ordo Communio in Christo willingly answered questions on religious and Church matters. (js)

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## Savings on Christmas spent to help

Recently, Claudia Bouhs and Arne Spitz from the Euskirchen Planning Office “Dr.-Ing. Spitz Ingenieurgesellschaft für Tragwerksplanung mbH” (Engineering company for structural design) handed over to the Communio in Christo hospice “Stella Maris” in Mechernich a donation check for 1,000 euros. The amount corresponded to the sum that was saved at the 2024 Christmas party of the 25-member team, when the company boss offered his talent as a cook and served a meal to all employees on the company ground instead of celebrating in a restaurant. Verena Izzo, the nursing service manager of the hospice “Stella Maris” expressed her sincere thanks to Claudia Bouhs und Arne Spitz. (ml)

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## “Olympic Water Games“ in perfect weather

When the weather is warm and sunny there is nothing better than cool water. That’s why the Social Foundation Communio in Christo lately organized the first “Olympic Water Games” for the residents of the long-term care facility in Mechernich. “Our residents showed great motivation,” said Franziska Geist, the head of the care assistants delightedly. She had organized the whole event together with the “managing circle for quality”. Geist added: “We all had lots of fun, in the first place, however, our athletes!” Finally, the well-deserved award ceremony took place, with happy faces in bright sunshine. 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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# A word of Mother Marie Therese



## GOD IS THE FULFILMENT OF FREEDOM

August 31th 1985

“Tonight (1 Sept. 1985) we all gather to remember and celebrate a foundation. Eight years ago, my soul was drawn into something irrevocable and inevitably obliged never to break the promise, no matter what might happen. When my will was suspended and God demanded my Fiat for the salvation plan of our time, I experienced the miracle of divine grace.

It was neither a human invention nor the sensation of ambition that urged me in public before the altar and during a Eucharistic celebration to bring into being a community that should be resilient enough to counter the contradictions.

I was granted the highest freedom to choose between God and my ego. I had no idea of the sufferings to come, nor could I know that God was laying the foundation for starting an order ... What happened on 1 September 1977 in Holzheim, is tangibly obvious. Before the altar Heaven was intense and God revealed to our time that he existed only where there was love and that he showed his power over a human being so that grace and mercy could flow again.

The testimony I gave him, confirmed his love for me and for all who recognized that love.”

Taken from: Mother Marie Therese, Die Passion Jesu im Jahre 2000 /The passion of Jesus in the year 2000 – For the sake of love), publishing house Paul Pattloch 1986, pp. 171; 173

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