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41st Foundation Commemoration

On Monday, 8 December 2025, Communio in Christo will celebrate its 41st Foundation Commemoration. All members, friends and interested persons are heartily welcome to internalize the legacy of Mother Marie Therese and her mysticism for our time.

This year's special guest will be Prof. Stanislaw Urbański from Poland, who will introduce the visitors to the mystical experience of the foundress.

For better planning, please register for meals by Monday, 24 November. (hg)

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News from the hospice Stella Maris e. V

The support association of the hospice Stella Maris e. V. welcomes all members and supporters to join the 26th member reunion on Wednesday 12 November at 6 pm in the conference room of the Communio in Christo Social Foundation (Bruchgasse 14) in Mechernich. We will remember the deceased and listen to the latest hospice report. This agenda item is always very moving and reflects well the very purpose of the support association: dignified and protected accompaniment of seriously ill and dying people. The hospice chairman Dr. Hans-Peter Schick together with the managing board are looking forward to an active participation and a personal encounter with the members. (hg)

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Comparing the images of Christ

„The comparison of Pope Benedict XVI' message of Christ with that of Mother Marie Therese and to show how both can help better understand the person of Jesus, his cross and the discipleship” is the aim of a talk by Prof. Manuel Schlögl on Saturday 22 November at 3 pm in the Communio house chapel. “The encounter with Jesus Christ the savior is also very central to the life of Mother Marie Therese, to her mystical experiences and her deeds.” (hg)

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Gratitude, faith and music

This year's thanksgiving Sunday at the Ordo Communions in Christo in Mechernich was full of thanks, music and touching encounters.

Two events created a festive atmosphere and a feeling of togetherness – the solemn thanksgiving mass in the morning celebrated in the house chapel, and a touching charity performance of the “Ahr Voices” choir in the hospice Stella Maris in the afternoon.

Padre Paul Cyrus SDS, the Superior of the Steinfeld monastery and long friend of the Mechernich community celebrated the holy mass. Guido Jackson Wilms played the guitar to well-known songs like „What a wonderful world“, the “Hallelujah” by Leonard Cohen” and “Make me the channel of your peace” by Sebastian Temple. He gave a festive backdrop to the mass. (ml)



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Redesign of the 70th style

The renovation of the social rooms for the residents in House Effata is in full swing. The Blankenheim senior citizens' home of the Communion in Christo Social Foundation in Mechernich draws on various themes and motives like a farm with cute animals or the style of the 70th.

The result: “Very appealing and showing awareness for the needs of the residents.” The House Effata now has an attractive and modern living environment. In both the upper areas the works are finished and fortunately the residents like the new appearance very much. (hg)

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„The veil is Charity“

Fr. Jaison Thazhathil, the Superior General of the Ordo Communio in Christo seated in Mechernich went on a visitation journey to India. He met there with members and friends, the Clergy, and with the Samaritan sisters, some of whom were sent to work in the care facilities of the Social Foundation in the Eifel region.

„The journey was meant as a pastoral exchange and a spiritual deepening,“ said the Superior General upon his return. „A highlight was the festive handover of the new Communio habit, specially designed for the Indian sisters.“ Inspired by the foundress Mother Marie Therese it combines modest, culturally adapted elements with a silver order cross, a ring and a plain necklace. (ml)

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Closely connected with India

Again, a bishop from the Syro-Malankara-Catholic Church visited Mechernich and the Ordo Communio in Christo. His Excellency Bishop Dr. Mathews Mar Polycarpus from the Mavelikara diocese in the Federal Indian state Kerala who was Vicar General of the Superior General Fr. Jaison Thazhathil since many years, had come together with his nephew Fr. Jobin Joy who is studying at the Pallottine College in Vallendar near Koblenz.

„I had wished for visiting the Communio in Mechernich personally since I heard about it,“ said the bishop in a conversation with the managing director Norbert Arnold and Manfred Lang who introduced the Order to him. (ml)

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A word of Mother Marie Therese



CHRIST – THE SAVIOR – BEFORE ME

November 1st 1990

„A sentence stands out, a sentence that points to the love of Christ for man: Christ, the man, the great messenger, the servant of his Father.

Christ stands before me, God as a human being, made of flesh and blood, one who feels pain and emotion as I do. In him is the Spirit of God, by whom he is filled – who indeed is God. He became man to take away sins. He is God who – so humanly close – lays his infinite love at the feet of human beings and serves them. He is God who, in fraternal compassion, addressed the urgent need of others. He is God who, in his infinite love, belongs also to those who think he is only for the righteous. His life and death are the incomprehensible response of a great love, for which still in our time we fail to show appreciation.

Christ stands before me. He is God, who considers my guilt to be atoned for. He strikes me, especially since I know how good he is. He has called me; he has neither taken account of my guilt nor of my helplessness. He has called me to help rebuild the Kingdom of God, which has become shaken, so I could fulfill his mission of uniting people to become a community, the *Communio in Christo*.”

Taken from: Mother Marie Therese, *Die Begegnung mit dem Erlöser – Was fehlt an den Leiden Christi?* – Unser Dank (The encounter with the savior – What is lacking in the sufferings of Christ? – Our gratitude), 2nd edition, mail order bookstore Marianne Pattloch, Westerngrund 1994, p. 184

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