



#### Dear reader,

You will certainly have directly noticed: The monthly published Communio in Christo Newsletter comes in a different look. And yes, you are right! Like our homepage, our newsletter also now has a new design. And there is a correlation since the underlying technology has changed.

As concerns the content, however, everything will stay the same. Our monthly newsletter will still give you the latest news about the social institutes as well as the Ordo Communionis in Christo. There will be press articles, book previews and dates. Enjoy reading it also in the future— and we would be happy if you recommend it to others!

We wish you a blessed Advent season! Yours Communio in Christo



### Holy Masses in December

We offer worship services also in December open to the public in the house chapel of the Communio in Christo in Mechernich, i. e. Saturdays at 5 pm (rosary at 4:30 pm) and Sundays at 10 am (rosary at 9.35 am). Additionally you can attend the Christmas Mass on Christmas Eve at 5.30 pm and a Holy Mass on New Year's Eve at 5 pm (rosary 4.30 pm). On both Christmas days and on New Year's Day the times for the service will be the same as on a regular Sunday. For joining any of the Communio worship services you have to register in advance at +49 2443/9814-744. The current Corona protection provisions apply.

# Students visit the Communio in Christo on St. Martin's Day

What a wonderful surprise for the residents of the long-term and intensive nursing care facility of the Communio in Christo! On St. Martin's Day Protestant third graders from the Mechernich elementary school along with Pastor Susanne Salentin, their teacher Maria Hoppe as well as Lea Traue, member of the Federal Voluntary Service, went for a spiritual walk and stopped at the social institute in Mechernich.



## Surprise for "Haus Effata"

The residents of the Senior Citizen's home "Haus Effata" in Blankenheim were happy to get surprise gifts: The kindergarten and the elementary school of the town of Dahlem had donated artful hand-made St. Martin's lanterns to the facility run by the Communio in Christo. "These beautiful lanterns will get their very special place in the rooms of the residents, for it is a tradition also in "Haus Effata" to commonly celebrate St. Martin's Day." These were the thank you words with which the management of "Haus Effata" addressed the kids as well as Sonja Müller and Steffi Mertens who had assisted the craft project as parents.

#### The foundress on the Gift of God

Right for the foundation commemoration on 8 December the Communio in Christo now puts on its website the next historic recording of Mother Marie Therese. The 3 minutes video titled "Foundress" thus makes available to the public a further rare treasure. The mystic and foundress preaches in this video including excerpts from a recording of 19 March 1988 on what we find beyond our understanding, on a heart open for the distress of others, but also reveals the difficulties and opposition she faced in her life and during the foundation of the "Ordo Communionis in Christo" which is now recognized by the Church.



To the Videothek



### Care Assistants start their work

On 1 December the social institute Communio in Christo welcomes two new nursing care assistants. The Samaritan Sisters Liya Tom and Flora from India will start working in the facilities in Mechernich. Since April they have been learning the German language in Cologne. The plan is that in mid-2021 they start a course to obtain their professional recognition, which is a requirement for professionals coming from outside Europe.

#### Vow renewal from home

The Holy Mass on the foundation commemoration of the Communio in Christo on 8 December will be celebrated with exclusion of the public just within the community due to the Corona pandemic. Members of the Communio in Christo who wish to renew their vows that day may do it from home. You will find the texts on our homepage under the following link.



To the Vow-Text

# A word of Mother Marie Therese



#### BEING CALLED UPON TO SPREAD LOVE

(8. December 1992)

"In the past eight years I saw no possibility to describe the Redeemer the way he revealed himself to me after December 8, 1984. Our time would be delivered from its disastrous lack of orientation, its unrest and confusion if it met a God different from a punishing God. The fear of the latter has grown so much that it seems better to disassociate oneself from him. And what was the consequence? Growing violence and brutality, religious hatred and hostility against God. It is only through re-orientation to love and mutual understanding that this world can still be saved. The initiative for this change must come from the Church. Like all human beings her representatives depend on the spirit of truth and represent the Saviour Jesus Christ."

(From: Mother Marie Therese, I implore you, o holy Church - In the name of the Spirit, Patris Verlag GmbH, 2015, p. 84ff)

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