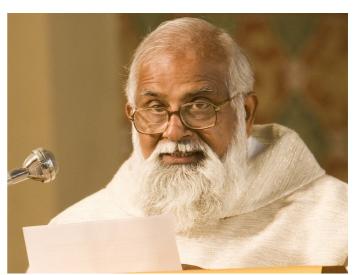




Mourning for Rev. Fr. Dr. Geevarghese Chediath

Rev. Fr. Dr. Geevarghese Chediath Malpan, a priest of the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church in Pathanamthitta, India, died at age 75. The theologian, who also was a member of the Scientific Council of the Ordo Communionis in Christo, had translated among others writings of Mother Marie Therese into Malayalam which is the language of the Indian Thomas Christians. The Superior General Karl-Heinz Haus regrets the death of this "humble, wise and holy priest and also true friend and companion of the Communio in Christo."



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Carnival atmosphere in House Effata

The fact that the big carnival celebrations had to be cancelled this year due to the Corona pandemic, did not mean that there was no carnival atmosphere at House Effata in Blankenheim. With the help of the care assistants, the main windows in each residential area were decorated with drawings showing children in carnival costumes. The results were colorful, vibrant, large carnival window murals. The residents were not just curious but the paintings also met with their great enthusiasm. Despite the restrictions this year, that way a touch of carnival came into the house. At coffee time, the residents were offered "Mutzen" baked according to the house's own recipe. (Mutzen, a traditional carnival recipe in the Eifel region are a type of yeast pastry fried in hot oil.) The residents could spend a wonderful afternoon after all.

Carnival fun in Mechernich

Also in Mechernich, carnival was not completely cancelled this year. There was no big celebration on Thursday for all to join and naturally there was no parade on Sunday where the Communio in Christo usually is known for presenting the biggest group. Still the residents in the residential areas IV and II had a joyous time on Thursday as did the residents of the residential area III on Rose Monday. Being served Berliners, Mutzen, meatballs and a great selection of drinks all of them had lots of fun. Carnival music and also those who had dressed up added fun to the atmosphere.





A professor and 80 PHDs

Professor Stanislaw Urbanski from the Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw/Poland focusses in his scientific work on the special intervention of God in mystically gifted people. In December 2020 two more doctoral theses, now the most recent ones on this topic could be completed with his support, meaning that he has now tutored as much as 80 PHDs. Meanwhile 14 of the once doctoral students have become bishops, others work as professors. Two of those with a doctor's degree (male persons) and one doctorate religious sister are working in Germany. Rev. Father Jozef Zielonka did his doctoral thesis with Professor Urbanski on Mother Marie Therese' mysticism. Over and again both, Urbanski and Zielonka, enthusiastically witness to the everyday mysticism of the Communio in Christo foundress. Professor Urbanski is also a member in the Scientific Council of the Ordo Communionis in Christo.

Reflection day cancelled

Like already last year, the reflection day on Good Friday this year, 2 April, has to be cancelled again due to the ongoing Corona pandemic. The tradition has it that following an introduction input in Mechernich the participants on that day set out for a Way of the Cross to the Calvary outside of the village of Alendorf near Blankenheim. "We very much regret this decision. However, because of the still unclear pandemic events we are unable at present to make reliable plans. The safety of the faithful is definitely our first priority," says the Superior General Karl-Heinz Haus.





Communio group in Benin

There is a Communio group also in the West African state of Benin. It was founded by Father Jonas Seke from the diocese of Natitingou, who was touched by Mother Marie Therese' charism during his stay in Germany. The group gathering in Ouassa-Pehunco on a regular basis is mainly composed of couples who work as teachers in Catholic schools and is headed by André Gounou and his wife Marthe Orou Yari. When meeting, Father Seke reads and explains a passage from the Communio in Christo Rule. The community's objective is to be living an example of love of God and love of neighbor.

A word of Mother Marie Therese



THE REDEEMER

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"My vocation generates new life. It gives expression to the truth and releases strength and energy. In the reflections on suffering of this year I bear witness to the Redeemer. I speak of his loving kindness and a love Christian living is void of. I speak of our weakness and do not refuse to speak about my encounters with an unimaginably merciful God. I mention the sufferings of Christ. However, I do not speak about the cruelties involved but about their causes and the dimension of their forgiving mercy.

We Christians, each one of us became a new person through the baptism. We died, were buried and rose. We were freed from all laws. We have only one law: Love one another. In the Letter to the Romans (8:1-2) it says: "Thus, condemnation will never come to those who are in Christ Jesus,

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