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Mechernich - Visitors of our website www.communio.nrw can now be welcomed with "Serdecznie witamy" and "Welcome". From now on information is made available also in Polish and English. You can choose a language by clicking the corresponding national flag at the top right corner of the homepage.

"Our international friends and messengers shall have an easier access to information on Mother Marie Therese, the Ordo and latest news", said Fr. Jaison Thazhathil, the Deputy Superior General. It shows that the message of the unconditional love of neighbor emanating from the foundress Mother Marie Therese has a worldwide impact. (kr)





Annual General Meeting of the Hospice

In 2020 the support association of the hospice "Stella Maris" maintained the hospice efficiently. "We had one of the best annual results in the history of the association", said the chairman Rainer Breinig at the 22nd Annual General Meeting. At the election managed by Guido Plützer, Mr. Breinig from Nettersheim was confirmed in his office. There were no opposing votes also for the deputy chairman Heiner Dieroff, the secretary Miriam Arnold, the treasurer Dr. Thomas Göbel and the accessors Gerti Breinig, Guido Plützer and Wilfried Schmidt. As born members there are the Superior General Karl-Heinz Haus, his deputy Fr. Jaison Thazhathil and Norbert Arnold, the managing director of the Communio in Christo social institutes, the administration body of the hospice. The assembly appointed Ursula Schmidt-Lehr and the deacon Manfred Lang as auditors. (ml)

Enjoying good food on the sun terrace

Blankenheim - Having a barbecue in summer is a no. 1 pastime in Germany. So why not invite people then at House Effata to a joyful barbecue afternoon on the sun terrace? The senior citizens were pleased. Also the weather with warming sunshine was perfect.

Tasty barbecue dishes and a variety of salads prepared in the in-house kitchen were offered. The ladies and gentlemen spent joyful hours at the buffet. "Soon everyone agreed to repeat such a welcome change in September", said Anita Leyendecker from the social service at House Effata (kr)





Delicious ice cream in Haus Effata

Blankenheim - It was first mentioned in German language in a cook book of 1597. The first ice cream parlor opened up in Paris in the 17th century. Now the big lunch room in House Effata was turned into a nice Italian ice cream parlor for the residents of the senior citizens nursing care facility.

Already as a child one looked forward to the melting of the delicious ice cream ball and still when being old the sweet ball tastes just great.

"The number of residents taking the chance to have ice cream was accordingly high", reports Zarlasht Azimi, the head of the nursing care service at House Effata.

Even an ice cream menu was created just for that afternoon. Like in a real ice cream parlor one could choose from various ice creams: mixed flavors, banana split, caramel sundae or chocolate sundae and it could be ordered from a "waitress". One could even pick an eggnog sundae.

Nobody was forgotten, for the residents who could not be present were offered a special delivery service to get their delicious ice cream. Zarlash Azimi summed up the event as follows: "It was a special afternoon, where you had the chance to get pampered in a nice company at a special atmosphere. (kr)

Reflection night with the Deacon Lang

It is usually Padre Rudolf Ammann ISch who moderates the Communio in Christo reflection nights. However, on Thursday, 28 October, the Father of the Schoenstatt movement will leave the field for meditation to the Mechernich Deacon Manfred Lang. The 62 year old is given the chance to present his book "Worte der Hoffnung" (Words of Hope) including 12 reflections of Mother Marie Therese. The book is meant as a meditation guideline to find oneself and God with the help of Mother Marie Therese.

The event for the book presentation will start at 6.30 pm with a rosary and Vespers in the house chapel at Bruchgasse 14. After the meditation (7 till 8 pm) a Holy Mass can be attended. The then valid Corona protection rules must be followed. Because of the limited seating you are asked for prior registration with Sister Lidwina at +49 2443 98 14 744. (ml)

Mutter Marie Therese Worte der Hoffnung







"We are all children of Mary"

Mechernich - "This text is worth dealing with," stated Padre Rudolf Ammann ISch at the third and last reflection night of the Ordo Communionis in Christo on the papal Encyclical "Fratelli Tutti". For each participant Sister Lidwina had ordered a copy of it at the German Bishops Conference. The booklets were handed out for free.

"Pope Francis extends the term "fraternity", including every human being, explains Padre Ammann. "We all have one same father and one same mother, the same parents beyond this world…" (ml)

Mehr erfahren...

Praise from Warsaw

The Superior General Karl-Heinz Haus, Padre Rudolph Ammann and the Deacon Manfred Lang recently earned praise from Warsaw for their publications. Professor Emeritus Dr. Stanislaw Urbanski, one of the world's most renown experts on Christian mysticism of the 20th century and holding a chair at the Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw praises the publications of the "Edition Communio" in Echter Verlag.

The latest publication was a meditation guide of Manfred Lang titled "Worte der Hoffnung" (Words of hope) including 12 reflections of the Communio foundress Mother Marie Therese. Professor Urbanski reported that he had donated one copy to the University library and another one to a German speaking doctoral candidate who is to use it in order to prepare lectures and a seminary for October. Professor Urbanski further states: "The seminarians already know the mystic Mother Marie Therese. We are going to further study her mystical life. Talks are being held on the example of Mother Marie Therese' mysticism."

He also said that today it was all the more important to reveal God's working in the lives of mystical women, since there is but little appreciation for mystical life in Western Europe. (ml)



A word of Mother Marie Therese



LOVE IS THE LAW (19th November 1985)

The conflict between law and love has always been a point of discussion in the world. If we do not want our life to further fall apart, we will have to allow the love to convince us more and more, the love that we received first personally.

If one recognizes the true dimension of that love, it becomes life, and we automatically obey the law. Love was the only melody of the Second Vatican Council. Love is the life in the Church. Love is the testimony of our discipleship.

Love is given to us in the Holy Spirit.

Whoever is seized by it or allows to be seized by it will make it an authority in him and will be in control in every encounter and situation.

»Let us love one another, for love comes from God!« (Ref. 1 Joh 4:7)

(Mother Marie Therese, Die Passion Jesu im Jahre 2000 – Um der Liebe willen (The Passion of Jesus in the Year 2000 - For the sake of Love),

Paul Pattloch Verlag 1986, S. 225)

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