



Invitation to the 37th foundation commemoration on 27 November 2021

Dear fellow Christians, dear friends of the Communio in Christo,

We herewith cordially invite you to join our foundation commemoration on the Saturday before the first Advent Sunday on 27 November that we are going to celebrate in a festive Holy Mass starting at 10 am in the Mechernich parish church St. John Baptist (route planning address: "An der Kirche 1"). The Corona protection measures must be followed ("3G" rule: vaccinated, recovered or tested, face masks, distance keeping, prior registration with Tilj Puthenveettil, the secretary of the Superior General, at +49 2443 98 14 823 or via Email to: info@communio.nrw.)

The main celebrant will be P. Andreas R. Batlogg SJ, *1962, Mag. Dr. Theol., between 2000 and 2017 editor of „Stimmen der Zeit“ (Voices of the time), lectureship at the Universities of Bamberg, Innsbruck, Seoul/Korea.

Along with Paul M. Zulehner he published the very successful book "Der Reformer" (The Reformer in the "Edition Communio", a book on Pope Francis which will be offered for sale that day in Mechernich and signed on demand.

At 5 pm there will be a festive 1st Advent Vespers in the Communio in Christo house chapel, Bruchgasse 14.

Cordial greetings

Karl-Heinz Haus, Superior General
Norbert Arnold, Managing Director



Experiences of faith

The „Words of Hope“ (Worte der Hoffnung) as is the title of Manfred Lang’s new book, are based on the mystic experiences of the Communio foundress Mother Marie Therese. Manfred Lang, Deacon at the Ordo Communio in Christo, who published the book added introductions and comments to the texts based on deep encounters with God. Lang’s aim is to help the reader better understand the 12 exemplary reflections on the Passion of Jesus and on Easter.

„You will encounter God, if you try the adventure to follow him in the footsteps of Mother Marie Therese.“ Lang said that the book was “a way for all” like the Communio itself. The meditation book published by the “Echter Verlag”, Würzburg, in the series “Edition Communio” has been dedicated to the Superior General Karl-Heinz Haus.

On the occasion of the book presentation at one of the reflection nights taking place on a regular basis in the Motherhouse also the audience shared their personal treasures of experiences with God and faith. “There was a great and intimate dialogue on personal encounters with God at the end,” concluded the speaker. (eb)



„The treasure of mercy“

Mechernich – On the eve of the feast day of Teresa of Avila on 14 October the Ordo Communio in Christo celebrated the feast day of its foundress Mother Marie Therese Linssen (1927 – 1994) in the house chapel at Bruchgasse.

Five priests concelebrated in a fully occupied chapel in accordance with the Corona protection rules. The Sambian Communio priest Ndumba Likomeno drew parallels between Saint Teresa of Avila and the Mechernich foundress Mother Marie Therese. Both women had been inspired by the Holy Spirit and both had mystic experiences which means that they had been in direct contact with God. (kr)



Thanksgiving celebration in House Effata, Blankenheim



Blankenheim/Mechernich – In the last warm days of the year, the fields empty and the pantries fill up. The end of the harvest is also celebrated in the Communio in Christo House Effata. For the people there the thanksgiving festival is a precious custom in the changing seasons.

„The altar was beautifully decorated with various gifts of nature like flowers, field crops and homemade bread and we had a festive mass celebration,” reports Anita Leyendecker, member of the social service at House Effata. Father Dr. Innocent Dim from Nigeria blessed the gifts, thanked God and expressed the wish that all people on earth should always have enough to eat.

At the end of the Holy mass fresh rolls, that had been blessed before, were given out to the residents who gratefully accepted them. (kr)

The Weyer music band visits House Effata

On the second Friday in October the residents of House Effata were brought into the mood of the so called “golden October” as the music band “Concordia” from Weyer, (village near the city of Mechernich) played the fitting music. The band was conducted by Peter Züll, a former professional musician at the Staff Music Corps of the German Federal Armed Forces.

„The brass band played on our grand veranda,” reported Anita Leyendecker for this newsletter. She is a member of the social service at house Effata. She also said: “The residents obviously enjoyed the lively sounds.”

Besides popular folk songs the band presented also modern swing music. The range of music that the band coming from a village on the hills of the city of Mechernich could offer was just great. Each resident could enjoy a fine drink and refreshing ice cream. “It was a pleasant start of the weekend and into an Indian summer like October,” concluded Anita Leyendecker. (ml)



Father Patrick Mwanguhya in the Motherhouse

A new priest in the Motherhouse of Communio in Christo: The Ugandan priest Fr. Patrick Mwanguhy (35) whose home diocese is Fort Portal has started his voluntary ministry in Germany. The mission is on wish of his home bishop Rt. Rev. Bishop Robert K. Muhirwa, who himself had already twice been a guest in Mechernich.

Patrick Mwanguhya was born on 7 July 1986 as the third of seven children, and he was ordained a priest on 29 June (feast day of St. Peter and St. Paul) 2019 in the Virika Cathedral. "My bishop, His Excellency Robert K. Muhirwa, spoke lovingly about the Communio in Christo and told me that it was a good community of people who practiced love and implemented the Second Vatican Council."

Father Patrick follows his Diocesan fellow brother Fr. Dr. Robert Mutegeki. He writes: "I have been here for just two weeks, and I am happy for the love you have already shown me. God bless all of you who read this newsletter and may God continue to bless the Communio in Christo and the General Superior!" (ml)



A word of Mother Marie Therese



DIRECTIONS

(11 April 1980)

„How trivial human suffering would be, if we asked more often what it has actually to do with God. The discussions on the worth of cherished possession would be unnecessary, if we recognized the goal that we live and love for. The love that we are called to is the hope that lets us live towards God. It gives us new tasks; it gives us hope. From now on we must stop thinking: Next year I will do the work at the Unio. I will be more concerned with all of it later. What should be done today, I will do the day after tomorrow.

But we can no longer act like this. We all have the duty to do God's will und to help build up a more humane world that brings hope for all again. Tonight, where we are allowed to understand the responsibility that we have and what we are called for, we will experience an encounter with Christ made flesh. He is with us, and he speaks to you.”

Note of the editors: In 1980 the “Ordo Communionis in Christo” was not yet founded. Between 1977 and 1980 Mother Marie Therese founded five Unio- communities.

(Mother Marie Therese, „Das Wort Gottes als Offenbarung – Meine Erfahrungen“ (The Word of God as revelation - My experiences), Pattloch 1980, p. 93)

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