



Dear friends and members,

The Ordo Communio in Christo and the Social Institute Communio in Christo wish you a blessed season of Advent and a grace-filled Christmas, together with God's blessing for the New Year. May God Incarnate be near to you no matter where you are going to celebrate the holiday.

Unfortunately, we are forced already for the second time to celebrate the birth of our Redeemer at rules dictated by the Corona pandemic. The greater is our hope for salvation and healing through the immeasurable love of God shown to us in the Bethlehem child. This child knocks on our doors. It is up to us to open him the door...We wish you and your loved ones a blessed holiday season and send our warmest regards.



Yours Communio in Christo

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



Communio laid into the hands of the Holy Father

During a special Vatican audience, the Superior General laid the foundation of the Communio in Christo personally into the hands of Pope Francis. He did so by handing over to the Holy Father the Rule of the Ordo Communio in Christo, a cover letter in Italian language as well as the golden cross pendant that Mother Marie Therese wore the day that she founded the Communio in Christo on 8 December 1984. (ml)

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The City of Mechernich appreciates the papal audience

A few days upon the Superior General's (88) arrival back home from the exhausting Rome trip, Dr. Hans-Peter Schick, the major of Mechernich came to the Mechernich motherhouse on St. Martin's Day to visit him. The head of the Mechernich City Council and Administration wanted to get a first-hand idea of the impressions and intentions linked with the journey to the Vatican. (ml)



Foundation Commemoration cancelled

„With much regret but out of consideration and respect for the health of our guests, our 200 patrons and 300 employees in the nursing care facilities we have no other choice but to cancel the 37th commemoration of the Mother Marie Therese foundation Communio in Christo. The reason for our decision is the renewed worrying situation of the Corona pandemic.” (ml)

„The best day of his life“

At the occasion of the latest reflection night on Thursday, 18 November, in the Communio in Christo house chapel in Mechernich, Sister Lidwina, member of the community there, reported on the recent trip to Rome including a papal visitation. Also, she gave an insight of the residence in the Vatican guesthouse Santa Martha where the Communio delegation around the Superior General Karl-Heinz Haus had the chance to have dinner twice together with Pope Francis. (ml)



Happy Memories

On St. Martin's Day freshly baked special yeast pastries (called "Weckmann" in the Eifel region) along with coffee and cacao were offered in House Effata. The room was festively decorated. The residents had the chance to sing along St. Martin's songs while someone played the guitar. Also, poems were recited. Already weeks before lanterns and cute little geese with surprises hidden in their "bellies" had been made for that holiday. It was a good occasion to share happy childhood memories. (kr)

Advent Meditation

The community of the Mechernich Communio in Christo invites all interested people to come to the house chapel at Bruchgasse 14 in 53894 Mechernich on 16 December to join the Don-Bosco Padre Paul Thörner for the next reflection night. Paul Thörner (79) was nine years the director of the Salesianians Don Bosco in Jünkerath. As a vicar he is still there and further supports the deanery. Earlier, for many years he was the director of the Youth Education Institution "Haus Don Bosco" in Calhorn, Lower Saxony. (kr)



A word of Mother Marie Therese



THE BIRTH OF THE REDEEMER

(21 December 1992)

This is why God has become man: to reveal his love. Ever since his word has ruled the world: "You love me if you love your neighbor. You cannot love God unless you love your neighbor." On this Christmas Day he accuses us: "The world suffers hunger; poverty dominates this century. War prevails, torture and hatred of foreigners." We live in fear, try to protect ourselves and lose confidence...

This child is the love of God, he is the Redeemer, whom we remember. He knocks on our door in thousand-fold human form. His request is personal so that we may recognize him in those who are like us, in those who are our brothers and sisters, and in those who have been redeemed like us.

(Mother Marie Therese, I implore you, o holy Church – In the name of the Spirit, Patris Verlag GmbH/Bernardinum, 2015, pp 112-113)

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