



„Spiritually attached“

The Sisters of St. Charles Borromeo who have been active in Zambia since 1971 recently celebrated their golden jubilee of missionary service. "From the beginning the focus of our service was on the charism of mercy, i. e. particularly the care of the sick, the poor and the abandoned like those suffering from leprosy in Liteta, patients in Chilanga and in St. Luke's Hospital in Mpanshya," reports Sister Franciszka Taul from Poland. The Borromean Sisters are closely attached to the Ordo Communio in Christo in Mechernich... (kr)



„God looks into our eyes...“

The "big" celebration for the foundation commemoration of the Communio in Christo planned for the Saturday before the first advent in the Mechernich parish St. John Baptist fell victim to the latest pandemic wave as was announced earlier. Instead, the community of the Ordo Communio in Christo together with members and friends celebrated a Holy Mass in the house chapel at Bruchgasse on 8 December, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and the exact day 37 years ago that Mother Marie Therese had founded the Communio in Christo. (ml)

With the eyes of the Christ Child...

On the occasion of the monthly reflection night at the Communio in Christo a week before Christmas, the Salesian Padre Fr. Paul Thörner held a humorous and dynamic talk. The audience abiding by the Corona distancing regulations showed their approval of the ingenious statements full of faith made by the Don-Bosco priest from Jünkerath through great laughter and prolonged applause. Fr. Thörner advised his audience to explicitly use their eyes... (ml)



„Where Christ is there is the Church...“

"Ubi Christus, ibi Ecclesia" (Where Christ is there is the Church) will be the theme for the upcoming reflection night of the Communio in Christo on 20 January 2022. "It will be about the practically lived theology of Mother Marie Therese and Pope Francis," says the Deacon Manfred Lang giving an outlook of the event where the main inputs will come from him. He states that Christ does not show Himself in the sacraments or during Holy Mass alone, but also in the maltreated sister or the deprived brother. (ml)

Dear friends, companions and donors
of our association,

It is with mixed feelings that we look back to the year 2021.
Corona continues to keep us on our toes. The flood
catastrophe hit many of us directly or indirectly, and
definitely touched all of us.

How pleasant by contrast could we feel the Christmas days
laying behind us where we could pause and come to rest,
and devote time to our dear ones. Christmas this year -
more than ever - was a chance to express our thanks, our
hope and optimism. Let us all bring that very hope and
confidence into the coming year 2022.

Heartfelt wishes for a blessed, happy and healthy new year
2022!

For the Förderverein für das Hospiz Stella Maris e.V.
(Registered support association of the Stella Maris Hospice)

Yours
Rainer Breinig





Christmas carols everywhere

Advent is a time for storytelling and poems, the smell of Christmas cookies and the sound of Christmas carols. This year the residents of the Communio in Christo long-term nursing care facility for people in need of intensive care in Mechernich actively contributed to the advent celebration. In the senior citizen home "House Effata" in Blankenheim the music corps from Dollendorf along with the choir "Kuimba" created a cheerful atmosphere with their festive concerts. (st)

Donations for the rise-assist devices

Generous donations from people of the region enabled the Social Institute of the Communio in Christo e. V. to acquire three rise assist devices for patients. These devices are a help for the residents of the Communio in Christo long-term nursing care facility for people in need of intensive care as well as for the guests of the hospice Stella Maris to rise. They give them the feeling of safety and at the same time ease the work of the employees. (st)



A word of Mother Marie Therese



TESTIFY TO ME AS A SAVIOUR

(07th November 1990)

Christ stands before me who revealed himself as the perfect Christ. He does not want anyone to believe that he is a judge or a punishing God. A judge takes into account the amount of guilt. Christ judges based on love. As to him there is no limit to forgiveness. He is God. The Gospel gives proof of it: "The Father does not condemn anyone." And the Gospel continues: "God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him" (Joh 3,17).

(Mother Marie Therese, "The encounter with the Redeemer - What is missing in the sufferings of Christ? - Our thanks", Westerngrund 1994, p. 166)

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