



# Charity reading with Jürgen Wiebicke

What do we know about the life of our parents, the children of war? When the life of Jürgen Wiebicke's mother came to an end, he took the opportunity to talk to her to prevent that the experiences of the generation that lived through the war and the National Socialism would not disappear with death of those contemporary witnesses.

The Cologne author and journalist wrote about the conversations in his book 'Sieben Heringe' (Seven herings). What he writes is significant because those who deny history and spread hatred are reemerging. Jürgen Wiebicke is going to read from the mentioned book as a charity event to the benefit of the Communio in Christo hospice "Stella Maris" on Friday, 1 April at 7 pm in the Mechernich City Hall. Admission starts at 6.30 pm.

Tickets at the cost of 12 Euros are available in advance directly at the Communio (Bruchgasse 14 at the reception desk), at the bookstore Schwinning, Mechernich, and in both the Mechernich pharmacies Glück-Auf- and Kolping.. Sponsors of the charity event are the travel agency "Schäfer" in Mechernich and the media company "Lang & Roggendorf Medien GmbH" (known as ProfiPress). There will also be a presentation of the author's books and you will get the chance to have your copy signed by him. The Covid restriction rules valid on 1 April will apply.

Jürgen Wiebicke has been moderating the weekly radio program 'Das philosophische Radio' (The philosophical Radio) for 14 years now on the radio station WDR5. In 2013 his book titled 'Dürfen wir so bleiben, wie wir sind?' (May we remain as we are?) was released. Further books followed: in 2016 'Zu Fuß durch ein nervöses Land' (On foot through a nervous land) and in 2018 his book 'Zehn Regeln für Demokratie-Retter' (Ten rules for the rescuers of democracy. He is one of the makers of the event 'Phil Cologne' and was a guest reader at the reading event Lit. Eifel. Also he already performed for the Ordo Communio in Christo. (ml).

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## Six-Week Office for the late Superior General



Due to the still prevailing Covid pandemic the six weeks office for our late Most Rev. Superior General Karl-Heinz Haus will be celebrated on Saturday, 5 March at 5 pm within the community only. However, it is planned to post a video of the Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. Jaison Thazathil, the Deputy Superior General on the Communio in Christo homepage as of Monday, 7 March.

Fr. Karl-Heinz Haus (88) whom the foundress Mother Marie Therese had made the first Superior General and for life died on Monday, 17 January 2022 in the motherhouse of the Ordo Communio in Christo and was buried on 22 January on the Mechernich cemetery next to Mother Marie Therese in the presence of reputable companions and the public. For decades he had been Mother Marie Therese's Father Confessor and her Spiritual Guide. (hg)

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# New Priest in the Motherhouse

The Communio in Christo community welcomes Fr. Sabumon “Sabu” Purayidathil Scaria in the Mechernich motherhouse. Fr. Sabu was born on 16 August 1979 in Kannur, India. The former Capuchin and Superior converted to the Syro-Malankara Church in the Arch Diocese of Cardinal Cleemis that also Fr. Jaison comes from. Since the end of January, he temporarily lives and works in the motherhouse of the Ordo Communio in Christo.

Fr. Sabu has come to Germany already in 2013. First, he ministered in Frankfurt and later in the Franciscan monastery Church in Ingolstadt as a Superior. Also, he was the Rector of the church there and in charge of the Pastoral care for the city. Besides his mother tongue Malayalam, he speaks English and German. His hobbies are reading, hiking, and listening to music. (hg)



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## Away from the centre, towards the edge

„If we want to understand Fr. Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan, we need to understand the time and circumstances he lived in,” said Fr. Paul Cyrus, the Superior of the Salvatorian monastery in Steinfeld in his talk at the Communio in Christo on the foundress of his order (1848 - 1918).

To introduce the second and spiritual part of the reflection event in the house chapel of the Communio in Christo motherhouse in Mechernich, Fr. Cyrus played the song “Eternal Life” from a CD. Fr. Cyrus himself had composed the English song specifically for the Beatification of Fr. Jordan which took place in Rome in 2021. “The Chorus reflects the definition of eternal life that starts here and now. For all it takes, is an unshakable faith, love and trust in God and Jesus,” said the Salvatorian Superior from Steinfeld. (hg)



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## Don Bosco Padre to give an impulse during Lenten Season

„Repentance means to change your mindset“ is the title of an impulse for the Lenten Season that Padre Günther Wendel SDB is going to share on Thursday, 10 March at 7 pm in the house chapel of the Ordo Communio in Christo at Bruchgasse. The Don Bosco Salesian is the director and head of the Dominikus-Savio House in Jünkerath.

Those who wish to attend the reflection night are welcome to begin with a rosary prayer and vespers at 6.30 pm. The presentation of Padre Wendel will be from 7 to 8 pm and a Eucharistic celebration will mark the end of the event. The Covid rules in force on that date will apply. Please register in advance with Tilj Puthenveettil (+49 24 43) 98 14-823. (ml)



# A word of Mother Marie Therese



## THE REDEEMER

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, because the law of the Spirit which gives life in Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death."...

I speak of the Redeemer, who in me and my calling once again bears witness to his mission as he did 2000 years ago and who gave me such a clear definition of his love that I can overstep the narrow boundaries of the law in order to bear witness to the one law...

(Mother Marie Therese, I implore you, o holy Church – In the name of the Spirit, Patris Verlag GmbH/Bernardinum, 2015, pp 177, 178, 180)

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