



Blessed Easter!

Easter is just around the corner and for the first time in a longer period there is the chance of getting together with family and friends in bigger circles to celebrate together. However, again this year we won't be able to do it lightheartedly: We worry about the war in Europe.

Rarely are pain and joy so close as during Easter time. There is Good Friday, a day of contemplation where we can focus on God's cross and then there is Easter, where we joyfully celebrate the salvation. Mother Marie Therese once wrote that the cross was meant to be "the door between darkness and light".

We wish for all people that in times of darkness they may find a door that leads to the light.

The Ordo Communio in Christo and the Sozialwerk Communio in Christo e. V. wish you a blessed Easter.

Prayer for Peace in front of the Pieta

In the Communio in Christo meditation chapel in Mechernich "an eternal light" for peace was lit. Fr. Jaison Thazhathil, the Deputy Superior General of the Ordo Communio in Christo said it was "a sign of deep solidarity with Ukraine". Everyone is now welcome there to pray for the victims of war and violence and to meditate on the endangered peace in the world. (st)



Way of the Cross on the Calvary

As Easter is ahead of us, the Communio in Christo invites all who are interested to join in days of contemplation during the Holy Week. We have planned various Holy Masses starting on Holy Thursday, 14 April, and a joint Way of the Cross on the Calvary in Alendorf.

Registration is requested by Thursday, 7 April, with Tilj Puthenveettil at +49 24 43-98 14-823 or via email to info@communio.nrw. (st)



Creativity shown at Carnival

„Blangem Juh-jah“ (traditionally shouted at Carnival in Blankenheim) and great laughter echoed from the Senior citizens' home “House Effata”, one of the facilities of the Communio in Christo social institutes.

On the traditional day of women's carnival (Weiberdonnerstag) the carnival season was started there with the residents and personnel in colorful disguise, with sparkling wine, swaying and booth speeches. (st)



Nine years seemed like nine days

The Samaritan Sister Sr. Mariet said good-bye to the Communio in Christo. For nine years she had been living in the Communio in Christo community in Mechernich and worked there as a nurse in the Communio in Christo nursing care facilities. In a thanksgiving speech she found loving words for all her companions. She is now to work in a senior citizens' home at Tettwang in the Diocese of Rottenburg. (st)



„Schützenfest“* as a birthday surprise

A 90th birthday is worth celebrating – be it as a “Dinner for one” or as a “Schützenfest” in the long-term nursing care facility of the Communio in Christo social institutes (Sozialwerk Communio in Christo e. V.) in Mechernich. Will Oestereich, one of the residents there was surprised on his birthday, 13 March, with a special celebration. (st)

**German traditional festival with target shooting*



„Joseph, patron of the Mother“

Mother Marie Therese, baptized Josephina Theresia Linssen had not just shared her name with Saint Joseph, but she had taken him also as an example of a faithful and obedient servant of God. These were the words used by Fr. Jaisor Thazhathil, the Deputy Superior General of the Order Communio in Christo, on the occasion of the Holy Mass on the feast day and birthday of the foundress in Mechernich. (st)

A word of Mother Marie Therese



REVELATION OF THE TRUTH - GOOD FRIDAY

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My reflection of today offers a deep insight into the mystery of redemption. It is the door to so much joy that I always want to keep the Cross within reach. Through grace it has always been near me since my 5th year of life. At that time I often spoke about it with my parents, and my grandfather accompanied me on my walks to the crosses, where I kept asking the same question: Why did Jesus have to die? Although I was not satisfied with any of the answers – which made me burst into tears without any apparent reason – this Cross has ever since been the security for my life...

God became man for the sake of love. He became man to turn all creation into one great song of praise. He died on that Cross so that we may recognize sin in all its repulsiveness. He died for each one of us so that our love may be individual and entirely our own...

The meeting with the Cross has a relieving effect. This Cross reveals our loneliness: “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” (Mt 27:46) But it is also evidence of our ignorance which becomes evident in Jesus words: “Father, forgive them they do not know what they are doing.” (Lk 23:34) In the cry “I thirst” God discloses that it is his dearest wish that we should recognize this Cross as being love and that we should love it and make it the centre of our lives.

(Mother Marie Therese, I implore you, o holy Church – In the name of the Spirit, Patris Verlag GmbH/Bernardinum, 2015, pp 224 - 225)

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