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## Rabbit feed instead of red roses

How life can be and the process of dying was the topic of a benefit lecture on the book „Sieben Heringe“ (Seven herrings) by the author and journalist Jürgen Wiebicke („Philosophical Radio“, radio station WDR 5)

The book is an appreciation of the war generation and the biographies that arose from it and that were shaped by the Nazi dictatorship. A painful but liberating accounting of life.

One of the excerpts read from the book was on the first encounter of the author's parents: He helped her to look for rabbits' feed and the next day he had already gathered a bag full. Wiebicke said, "That was his bouquet of red roses for her." (hg)

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## „Mysticism in everyday life“

On Thursday, 12 May the Professor Manuel Schlögl from the Cologne University of Catholic Theology is going to talk on “mysticism in everyday life”. For him it is about the inspirations coming from the important council Theologian Karl Rahner as well as Madeleine Delbrel and Mother Marie Therese. The reflection night starts in the Communio in Christo house chapel in Mechernich with the rosary prayer at 6.30 pm followed by the speaker’s input from 7 till 8.15 pm. At 8.15 pm the Professor Schlögl will celebrate a Holy Mass together with the participants. (st)

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## Song for Easter

What a fantastic Easter surprise: Students from the Mechernich elementary school brought great joy to the residents of the Communio in Christo facility for intensive and long-term nursing care when they came to perform the popular children’s song “Stups der kleine Osterhase” (Stups the little Easter bunny). There was much applause for the young singers who then spontaneously presented a second Easter song. The elementary students had also brought self-made gifts that they handed over to the residents, thus acting themselves like a bunch of little Easter bunnies. (st)







## Thanksgiving Mass on anniversary of vow taking

It has been 70 years that Mother Marie Therese took her vows on 31 May 1952. On Tuesday, 31 May the Communio in Christo takes this occasion to hold a thanksgiving mass with Father Joseph Chelamparambath as the main celebrant in the house chapel where at 5.15 pm the last May devotion will take place. All other May adorations of the Communio in Christo will be held each Sunday at 5.30 pm. (st)

## Spring awakening in House Effata

The first sun rays bring nature back to life. Reason enough to celebrate the awakening of nature in House Effata in Blankenheim. A perfect spring buffet was offered with many delicious treats and beautiful daffodil bouquets and other flower decorations. The residents contributed to the evening by reciting spring poems and Eifel literature. (st)



## Reading material for the friends of Communio

Books from and about the Communio in Christo and its foundress can indeed satisfy the reading desire of bookworms. The online library gives information on all respective books and the writings of Mother Marie Therese herself. Since 2016 you can also choose books from the series "Edition Communio" published with Echter Verlag. The series offers not just writings by the foundress but also works close to her spiritual heritage. All books can be ordered directly from the Communio in Christo or the publishing house 'Echter Verlag'. (st)



# A word of Mother Marie Therese



## MARY, THE MOTHER OF JESUS

Mary, Mother of God, you received the greatest honor to become the mother of the redeemer.  
Mary, immaculate mother, being always the paradise, the center of which is the pure source that can  
irrigate and fertilize a whole earth.

Mary, sublime mother. You share with us God's secrets as the gate of the Church and the door of  
Heaven.

Mary, Coredemptrix, who you guarantee us salvation and ensure us the eternal bliss.

Mary, the fire of our spiritual life, who kindles and protects our pureness.

Mary, the seat of wisdom, who confronts us with our interior life and leads us there so that we may  
explore it with confidence.

Mary, keeping alive in us our longing and our hope...

Mary, immaculate Virgin, representing faith in its pureness...

Mary, having a love that never disappoints and who always gives us a protecting hand.

(Mutter Marie Therese, „Die Frucht der Liebe“ (*The fruit of love*), Paul Pattloch Publishers, 1st Edition, 1977, S. 142)

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