



„Being a Christian is not as easy as it used to be...”

His Grace Dr. Thomas Mar Koorilos Chakkalapadickal, the Syro-Malankara Catholic Archbishop from Tiruvalla in India came to visit the Communio in Christo in Mechernich shortly after Pentecoste. In a Holy Mass the Dignitary who is going to celebrate his silver jubilee on 17 July, said, that being a Christian was no longer as easy as it used to be.

However, the world was not as somber as it sometimes appeared, if one kept to the principles of Mother Marie Therese and the Second Vatican Council, to love and tolerate one another in a communion. (st)



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## Nursing Care perspectives



For 40 years now the senior citizen's home House Effata in Blankenheim is part of the Communio in Christo. In 1982 Mother Marie Therese bought the former Spa and recreation home for blind veterans and turned it into a care home for senior citizens. A lot has changed in 4 decades. The building was renovated and expanded several times and the professional structure of nursing care was adapted. No change was made to the motto though: "Effata" ("Open yourself"). The facility is open for all humans who hope for nursing care and loving affection. (st)

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## Visiting friends in Kerala

On his trip to Kerala, India, Fr. Jaison Thazhathil, the Deputy Superior General of the Communio in Christo, went to see Communio groups, members and friends of the order at their working places like a hospice, the university hospital and a printing press.

He celebrated the Holy Mass, received vows, visited the sick and met with the Mother Superior General of the Indian Samaritan Sisters. Fr. Jaison Thazhathil said "Through their testimonies and activities, Communio in Christo is growing."



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## Fascinating Conversations

The last may devotion for this year fell on the 70th vow taking anniversary of the Communio foundress Mother Marie Therese. Fr. Joseph Chelamparambath, a pastor of the Syro-Malankara Christians in the Archdiocese of Cologne and a good old friend of the Communio had come for this occasion and talked about his amicable relationship with the Communio in Christo and Mother Marie Therese.

He said that mainly the fascinating conversations with the late Superior General Karl-Heinz Haus on 17 January 2021 had been a key experience to him. (st)

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# A word of Mother Marie Therese



## THE WORKS OF THE SPIRIT AS A HELP

„The words bubbling out of me are not from me. In me a love is burning that is not from me either.  
It is the word of Jesus that speaks in me just as he speaks it in his Church.

I have been taken into this word and beg you, who lead the Holy Church, to take it seriously. It is the working of the Spirit. It is no reproach to you but a help. I am aware of your great efforts to realize the Second Vatican Council. I know how urgently you beg for the help of the Spirit, how deeply you believe in the word that Christ fills with life for the Church to hear. You have discussions and an exchange of views, but this great Council cannot be realized.

In order to be a people of God, you, too, will have to descend to nothingness. You, too, will have to be simply human, like Jesus. In you there lives this simple and humble Christ, who - in his inconspicuousness - appeared so authentic and trustworthy to the people surrounding him. Being chosen means being called to serve.“

(Mother Marie Therese, "I implore you, o holy Church - In the name of the Spirit", Patris Verlag GmbH, pp. 282 - 283)



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