



## „Foundress not taken seriously“

Bishop Philippe Rukamba from Butare Ruanda came to visit the Communio in Christo in Mechernich along with Rev. Fr. Egide Gatali. He had come after all to see the tomb of the Superior General Karl-Heinz Haus who had died in January.

When talking about Mother Marie Therese the African theologian stated that mystic people and founders had never had it easy, for they would spread messages from God that the people were not necessarily pleased to listen to. And Sister Lidwina added, that the representatives of the Official Church had not taken seriously the foundress because she was a woman who had not studied Theology. The bishop said: “Communio is meant for all, and so it is meant for me, too.” (st)



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## The weekly „Ice-cream Friday“

When the ice-cream truck drives through town while making a typical ringing sound, the kids gather from all directions and so do the senior citizens from House Effata in Blankenheim. It is a new offer to the senior citizen's home of the social institutes Communio in Christo e. V. during summertime that in the park of the home there is an ice-cream truck every Friday.

“The demand among the residents was expectedly very high,” says Anita Leyendecker joyfully who belongs to the social service in House Effata. The number 1 bestseller for the old ladies is the popular “Spaghetti-Eis”. (st)



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## Pray and eat at the Communio

The Ordo Communio wishes to open to the public their tradition of praying and sharing their life in communion. In the future also external believers are meant to join in praying in the Motherhouse. Moreover, offers like “convent for a while” and spiritually guided retreats are planned.

Padre Rudolf Amman (ISch) announced this at the recent reflection night where he spoke about the faith and the deep trust in God's faithfulness and love which was the Christians' answer to all uncertainties and fear. (st)



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## Companion in the hospice



After more than 30 years as district head of the “Kassenärztlichen Vereinigung Nordrhein” (*association of statutory health physicians in the North-Rhine region*) Dr. Franz-Josef Zumbé got an award. “It is about your life work,” Dr. Carsten König, head of Northrhine-Westfalia, pointed out.

In 1980 Dr. Zumbé had been elected to the district managing board of the association, when only 8 years later he became the chairman. His last term will be finished by the end of this year, and Dr. Zumbé, who is meanwhile 77 years old, will not further continue this post. However, he wants to continue his work as a physician, a specialist for palliative medicine and as a pastoral companion e. g. in the Communio in Christo hospice “Stella Maris” in Mechernich (st)

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## „Inspiring faithfulness to the Vatican Council“

Just a few days before defending his doctoral thesis at the University of Innsbruck, the Tanzanian Communio priest Clement Aloyce Kihyo came to visit the Mechernich Motherhouse.

As to the Ordo Communio in Christo he stated that he was impressed after all by the unconditional commandment of love, the faithfulness to the Vatican II Council with its renewing character and the fact that every member of the Communio works and lives where life puts them. And this does not necessarily mean a convent, but everywhere else in the world, at work, in the pastoral care or one’s own family. (st)



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## „An unrivaled character“

For almost 40 years Jutta Liley was employed as a translator for the Communio in Christo. Despite the fact that translating the mystical language of Mother Therese's texts is anything but an easy task, Mrs. Liley managed to translate various complete books of the foundress into English.

On June 30th Jutta Liley passed away at age 97. "With her very special kind of humor she was an unrivaled character," Sr. Lidwina pointed out. In the letter of condolences addressed to the family it says: "She will be deeply missed, but our feeling of gratefulness to have had her is stronger." (st)



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# A word of Mother Marie Therese



## DO NOT WORRY ABOUT ANYTHING

*The world is waiting for God.*

When we are at our wit's end, when everything seems hopeless, futile, and dead, the mercy of God is near. It is at that point that people count on God, even though they might deny him. People are concerned about things transient. Economic boom, greed for money and luxury have lured them away from the highest aim. The general race for worthless things has no end. Helplessness and perplexity are spreading. The world is in quest of happiness

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