



A healthy form of religion and humour

As a gesture of gratitude for their solidarity and support the Ordo Communio in Christo offered to their guests a get together celebration. One of the highlights of the day was the inspirational talk by Willibert Pauels alias "Ne Bergische Jung" (local dialect for "a boy from the hilly region"), who performed not just extremely funny but also highly profound. His thesis was as follows: "A healthy form of religion and humor are inseparable. They are like sister and brother." The overall motto of the day was marked by the introductory words of Padre Rudolf Ammann: "Everything is possible for the one who loves." (rl)



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Bouquets of herbs to keep away dangers



The blessed bouquets of herbs are to bring luck for the house and give protection in bad weather. The tradition of blessing herbs dates back to the ninth century and during the past years people have become more and more aware of it again. This is true also in the Communio in Christo "House Effata" in Blankenheim.

Recently bouquets of herbs and grains collected from meadows and fields in the Eifel region were prepared and blessed on the Assumption of Mary in the house chapel there. The bouquets which were hung in the residents' rooms are now to protect the senior citizens from dangers. (st)

The role of the lay faithful in the Church

Again, the Mechernich Motherhouse welcomed African visitors: Fr. Tadeo Ssemanda and the seminarian Elijah Oriokot are two of the Ugandan Catholics who are closely attached to the Communio in Christo.

The future deacon Elijah is at present studying Theology in Rome at the Pontifical Urbaniana University and belongs to the circle of friends of the Ordo Communio in Christo. Fr. Tadeo Ssemanda is presently writing his doctoral thesis on the role of the lay faithful in the Catholic Church according to the Second Vatican Council and he sees significant parallels to the Communio in Christo. (ml)



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A celebration with fun and dance



There was great joy in advance: Two years later than planned the big summer festival for all employees of the long-term care facility of the Sozialwerk Communio in Christo e. V. (social institute) took place on the veranda there. For the first time it was a common celebration of the long-term intensive care facility in Mechernich and the senior citizens' home "House Effata" in Blankenheim.

"It was a fantastic party in the most beautiful weather and the atmosphere was great. People laughed and danced until shortly before midnight", Norbert Arnold, the Managing Director of the Sozialwerk Communio in Christo e. V. said delightedly." (st)

Summer, sun and barbeque

Just follow your nose: The smell of sizzling steaks, bratwurst and mediterranean vegetables with fresh herbs attracted the residents and employees of the long-term intensive care facility of the Sozialwerk Communio in Christo e. V. (social institute) to come to the veranda. The Head-Chef Julian Rechholtz had started the grill there and he put everything on it he could get in the kitchen.

It goes without saying that those residents who are limited in their mobility were catered with all the grill specialties in their living units. The residents and employees agreed that this was a wonderful surprise. (st)



„Well taken care of...”



On the Memorial Day of Mother Marie Therese's first vow members and friends of the Ordo Communio in Christo founded by Mother Marie Therese, gathered in the house chapel of the Motherhouse in Mechernich.

The commemoration day was also the day of the Assumption of Mary. Fr. Joseph Chelamparambath commented on the Assumption dogma: "Jesus, who while on earth was well taken care of by Mary and Joseph, made it a gift to his mother that she was well taken care of forever by the Father in Heaven." (ml)

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Like a summer in France

Cool shakes and cocktails, fresh fruit and accordion music, this is how the residents of the long-term intensive care facility of the Sozialwerk Communio in Christo e. V. (social institute) celebrated a hot summer day in August.

Wolfgang Jaegers from Cologne took care of the musical arrangement. "Playing the accordion he created happy summer vibes," Maria Scheidtweiler from the social therapy service of the Communio long-term care facility commented happily. It was just like a summer day in France. (st)





„House Effata“ - a cocktail bar

"We have the right summer drinks," said Anita Leyendecker joyfully, who works in the therapy service at "House Effata", the senior citizens' home of the Sozialwerk Communio in Christo e. V. (social institute) in Blankenheim. The "Happy Hour" offer of drinks includes cocktails, iced coffee, punch and liqueurs, wine spritzer as well as non-alcoholic beer - so to say everything one wishes for on a summer day.

This special action turned "House Effata" into a cocktail bar for one day. Anita Leyendecker said: "It gives us a chance to enjoy the summer." (st)

A word of Mother Marie Therese



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"The light of September 1, 1977 chases away all evil and pursues all unfaithfulness on its dark path.

This foundation, established by me upon request by a superior power, laid the foundations for something great to follow. And yet many people ignored the fact and the consequences involved, blindly relying upon their own resources.

God's infinite love became apparent and captivated you all. In my life as well as in my writings I called attention to the will of God. I am sure you have no guilt to repent. I am also certain that you are not fully aware of the consequences of a promise. This light, so brilliant and inviting, wanted to envelop you in the spirit of God, guiding all those who perceive it...

I have to stress once again that Christ showed himself as the heart of love on September 1st, inviting us to bear witness to him. Ever since we have had to fulfil a mission, showing in our deeds and actions our determination to fulfil his will. The future of each one of us is the final and permanent presence of God. We are chosen to partake in him."

(Mother Marie Therese, I implore you, o holy Church - In the name of the Spirit,
Westerngrund 1994, pp. 231; 232)

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