



## Superior General Jaison Thazhathil

In a worldwide vote among 250 members of the Ordo Communio in Christo on 27 September 2022, Fr. Jaisor Thazhathil (42), was elected the new Superior General. In the Motherhouse of the Communio in Christo in Mechernich he had worked at the side of the late Superior General Karl-Heinz Haus since 2008.

As Jürgen Fahnenstich (Order Chapter) and Norbert Arnold (Managing Director of the Communio) in their capacity as electoral board told Dr. Helmut Dieser, the Bishop of the Aachen Diocese the morning following the election, the new Superior General as well as his deputy, the Deacon Manfred Lang, had both been unanimously elected. The election included also postal votes from various countries. There had been just one candidate for each the position.

Both had been ordained in 2007: Fr. Jaison as a priest and Manfred Lang, married and family father, as a permanent deacon with a regular civilian job. Both the new elected expressed their thanks for the trust shown to them and appealed to get support in order to make the Ordo Communio in Christo future-proof in a team consisting of the community, the Spiritual, the Chapter, the Ordo manager and the members.



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## Interfaith dialogue

Caregivers and therapists from the intensive care unit, the elderly care and the hospice attend a training program to learn about the handling of dying, death and mourning in non-Christian religions. The first part of the training units was conducted by the Leverkusen clinic chaplain Simone Justus and Peter Stamm, the chaplain at the Dusseldorf University Clinic.

The desire to learn more about other religions and the ability to better communicate in existential situations had come from the rows of the employees of the Communio in Christo social institute. Sonja Plönnes, the directress of the homes had organized the implementation of the training.

The first session was about the participants' own attitudes towards other religions and cultures when turning to the people in need of care and their relatives. "It is more important than schematic knowledge about rituals, ideas of the afterlife or reincarnation, said Peter Stamm. He got the impression that the Communio personnel does totally have the right basic attitude. In a further unit in November the participants are to be taught a basic knowledge of the five big world religions and how they deal with death and dying there.



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## „Man of God and love of neighbour“

Stopover on his tour through Europe: The Bishop Josepl Mar Thomas, the head of the Indian diocese Bathery in Kerala visited the Ordo Communio in Christo in Mechernich. In the motherhouse he particularly commemorated his friend, the late Communio Superior General Karl-Heinz Haus who died on 17 January 2022.

He called him „a man of God“ and „a man of love of neighbor and compassion“. The Episcopal predicted Father Jaison Thazhathil, one of his former students and then still Deputy Superior General, an important career in the Church hierarchy... (ml)



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## Pilgrimage to Czestochowa



Teresa Swieca, member of the Communio in Christo called it a varied tour, when she reported about the pilgrimage from Skarszewy to Czestochowa where Fr. Dr. Józef Zielonka had welcomed them who also cared for them pastorally further on.

In Jasna Góra, one of Poland's most important pilgrimage places, the pilgrims bowed down before the Icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa, the so called "Black Madonna" of Czestochowa.

The pilgrimage also stopped at the Sanctuary of "Our Lady of Gidle" and at the "Sanctuary of the Divine Mercy" in Czestochowa as well as at the Padre Pio pilgrimage chapel in Przepióśna Górka. (st)

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## „A rivulet turns into a river...”

Exactly 45 years ago, on 1 September 1977, Mother Marie Therese founded the „Union of atoning love“. It was the first of a row of foundations that finally came together in the „Ordo Communio in Christo“. Members and friends of the Communio in Christo gathered for a celebration on this internal holiday.

In his festive sermon, the Spiritual Fr. Rudolf Ammann IScl interpreted the two and a half thousand-year-old report of the Prophet Ezekiel on the water source in the temple of Jerusalem as being God's inspiration. He further explained that in a figurative sense, the water there had turned from the tender source of God's presentiment in man to a swelling stream of faith. (ml)



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## “On everyone’s lips”



Hot summer days call for cooling ice cream. This is equally the case for the facility for long-term and intensive care of the social institute Communio in Christo. Since August, “Lina’s ice-cream van” from “Cesar’s ice-cream parlor Serafin” in Blankeheim stops there every week. Residents, employees and relatives – all enjoy the sweet treat there. Lars Gyr, the deputy nursing care manager there, puts it like this. „The delicious ice cream available in various flavors is much in demand. It is literally spoken on everyone’s lips.“ (st)

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# A word of Mother Marie Therese



## WHAT IS EXPECTED OF US

The Holy God has shifted the emphasis in order to call attention to his love. He has come even closer to modern man.

The words and the life of Jesus are becoming even clearer. They point to the love of God and give only a practically-lived Gospel the chance to change its way of thinking. The very core of our existence should be moved by the hatred of disappointed and embittered people. To them, the presence of God seems so deeply obscured that they imploringly ask: Where are you God?

In our Communio in Christo everybody who sees us should have an encounter with God and pass on the word: I have seen God. When meeting us, people must never get the impression that God is the judge who takes revenge, conducting new streams into the ocean of sorrow. There must not be the false notion of a revenging judge, but God's heartbeat must be audible.

(Mother Marie Therese, "The Imitation of Christ as a Rule – Rule of the Order Communio in Christo as a way for all", Publishing House "Bernardinum" 2001, pp. 195, 196)

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