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## From the bottom of his heart...

The new Superior General Jaison Thazhathil expresses his thanks to the members and friends of the Communio in Christo for their support and the many good wishes that reached him and his deputy the Deacon Manfred Lang since their election.

In a thank you letter the new Superior General stated: “understand this election as a mandate of God brought to me through you. I will be wholeheartedly committed to this office, that I understand as a service to my fellow brothers and sisters in the spirit of Christian love of neighbor as understood by Mother Marie Therese.” (st)



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## Commemoration of the Foundation



The 38th anniversary of the foundation through Mother Marie Therese on 8 December 1984 will be celebrated by the Ordo Communio in Christo on Saturday, 26 November, the day before the first advent Sunday, in a solemn Eucharist in the Mechernich parish church St. Johannes Baptist at 10 o'clock (navigate to: An der Kirche 1, 53894 Mechernich). All who are interested are welcome to join the celebration of the holy mass together with the newly elected Superior General Jaison Thazhathil and his Deputy, the Deacon Manfred Lang.

The choir „Eifelklang“ from Mutscheid conducted by Dominik Bützler will be in charge of the musical arrangement. Visitors are kindly asked to follow the Covid protection regulations being in force then. Due to the current Corona situation and our responsibility to our most severely cared for residents, we ask for your understanding that we will not be able to provide lunch at this Founders Memorial Day. (st)

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## Bishop of New Delhi in Mechernich

End of September this year His Excellency Bishop Dr Thomas Mar Anthonios, the new Bishop of the diocese Gurgaon (Delhi) visited the Mother House of the Ordo Communio in Christo in Mechernich. The new Superior General Jaison Thazhathil had invited him at the occasion of the Reunion Celebration of the Syro-Malankara Church in Dortmund the day before. Father Jaison had been one of his students in the seminary.

The successor of late Bishop Mar Barnabas who himself had been in close contact with the Communio, spontaneously accepted the invitation and came to Mechernich for lunch and to have a conversation with the management. He promised the Ordo Communio in Christo to sustain the relationship with his diocese and promised his cooperation. (ml)

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## Animal Mania

Lots of activities around animals were offered to the residents of the Communio in Christo long-term and intensive nursing care facility during the past weeks. The Social Therapy Service had organized several trips: one to the Cologne Zoo, another to the Game Preserve Hellenthal a trip to the Academy van Schewick for man and dog in Meckenheim and to the biggest pumpkin show in Northrhine-Westfalia called "Magic beings of the forest" at Krewelshof Eifel in Obergartzem. The groups from the Communio long-term nursing care facility taking part in the trips consisted of three to six residents each. (st)

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## Secretary with many responsibilities

For almost seven years Tilj Puthenveetil has worked as the Secretary for the Ordo Communio in Christo. For six years under the Superior General Karl-Heinz Haus and now under his successor Fr. Jaison Thazhathil. His tasks are manifold: He is the first whom to contact for any kind of requests to the Superior General and the Ordo Communio in Christo and when it comes to appointments, guests, or publications. Furthermore, he is an expert interpreter who supports visits of the many international guests coming to the Mother House in Mechernich. (st)



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### „What is the soul?“

“What actually means the big and elusive word “soul” to you? This was how the Protestant pastor Michael Stöhl from Roggendorf as the responsible speaker introduced the reflection night at the Ordo Communio in Mechernich. The title of his talk was “The soul, illness, and God’s grace – God’s breath in us and the human psyche from the scientific point of view”. In the course of the interactive event the participants were called to share their thoughts and opinions, and indeed made good use of this offer. (hg)

## Searching for God

„Ubi Christus, ibi Ecclesia“ was the title of the latest reflection night at the Communio in Christo in Mechernich. The Mechernich Deacon and Deputy Superior General Manfred Lang reflected on the search for God, Christ, and the Church. In order to find out whether the Church is where we suppose Christ to be, one had to define in advance the whereabouts of God, said the Deacon Manfred Lang and raised the question: “Is he a thousand light years away and above us or closer to us than the tip of our nose?” Together with his audience Manfred Lang tried to find answers by examining particularly concise passages in the Bible. (ml)



# A word of Mother Marie Therese



## AN EXTRAORDINARY CHARISM FOR THE REALISATION OF THE SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL

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God became incarnate to make us his sons and daughters... It is not by bending our knees that we prove our Christianity, but in the love we have for one another. It is not through still more legal limitation and restriction that we can pass on the Salvation, but through love, especially so as we all, not excluding the lawgivers and the elect, stand before God as sinners, being permanently dependent on His love.

This charism\* reveals the new freedom in that love in which the redemption of all becomes visible.

If this liberation becomes the center of our preaching, the world will finally realize that what is missing is our thanks to God in which every law ceases to be a bottleneck but leads into a real love. Contradiction and discord among us Christians is apparent everywhere. The Church is divided from within. It takes a charism to overcome this development...

This charism is an appeal to our conscience: Give up your egoism and do not insist on being "more" than the others. Tolerate one another and love one another. Don't be envious and jealous. You are brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ. We should regard these times with Christian realism instead of closing our eyes to the truth that we possess although it has not been fulfilled yet.

*\*Mother Marie Therese speaks about the charism entrusted to her by God.*

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