



„A help and support for the Church“

What makes the Communio in Christo is their worldwide action. It is a community where everyone is welcome and where everyone is to feel at home whether they are lay-faithful, religious sisters or priests and no matter if they belong to some religious congregation, which diocese or country they come from, and which language they speak", said the new Superior General Jaison Thazhathil.

On the occasion of the foundation commemoration day the latter was introduced to the public as was his Deputy, the Deacon Manfred Lang. In his sermon, the Superior General described the Communio in Christo as "a help and support for the Church". (rl)



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Live stream including the renewal of the vows



On 8 December 1984 Mother Marie Therese founded the Communio in Christo. Following the official foundation festivities having already taken place in the Mechernich parish church, members and friends of the Communio will now get the additional chance to attend the holy mass on the foundation anniversary at 6 pm German time in the Communio in Christo house chapel or via live stream.

Renewing the vows will be possible both on site and digitally. (For vow renewal texts, please click [here](#))

The link for the live stream will be made available on the Communio in Christo homepage: www.communio.nrw (st)

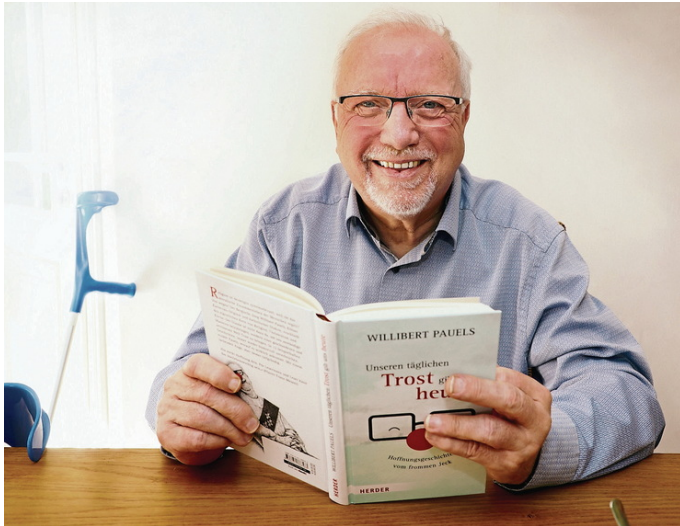
Epiphany concert featuring "Mainzer Musici"

The Communio in Christo along with the City of Mechernich continue their cultural program by offering an Epiphany concert featuring the "Mainzer Musici". On Saturday, 14 January, the orchestra conducted by Professor Benjamin Bergmann will perform as guests in the assembly room of the Mechernich town hall. The ensemble plans to perform works by Bach, Dvorak, Grieg, Strauss and Sarasate.

Tickets can be booked in advance for 15 Euros e. g. at the Communio in Christo (Bruchgasse, Mechernich), or bought at the box office for 17 Euros. The proceeds of the beneficial concert will go to the long-term intensive nursing care facility of the Communio in Christo. (ml)



Solace from "Ne Bergische Jong" (*The guy from the hilly region*)



The Deacon Willibert Pauels known as "Ne Bergische Jong" (The guy from the hilly region) will be the one to speak at the upcoming reflection night of the Ordo Communio in Christo in Mechernich on Thursday, 15 December at 7 pm in the house chapel; entrance at Bruchgasse 14.

Those who like can already join in the Holy Mass at 6.30 pm. The Deacon Willibert Pauels will start at 7 pm to talk and read stories of solace and hope taken from the book with the same title. He writes: "There are thoughts and stories that comfort us. And this is the saving message to us: We may confidently place ourselves in the sheltering hands of God." (ml)

„The hospice is where the money belongs!“

The annual meeting of the support association for the hospice "Stella Maris" was held in Mechernich and due to the pandemic the result was rather sobering. 75.000 Euros could be generated, which is still in a normal range, however, there was a loss of proceeds due to the fact that the beneficial concerts of the star tenor Johannes Kalpers could not take place and the general tense economic situation for the people was noticeable.

As suggested by the treasurer Dr. Thomas Göbel, further 15.000 Euros are to be transferred to the hospice: "The hospice and not the bank account is where the money belongs!" (ml)





Filly in action

Joy and affection is what the therapy dog Filly can give to the residents in the Communio in Christo Senior Citizens Home "House Effata" in Blankenheim. The Danish-Swedish farm dog along with the qualified dog coach Bettina Loges is meant for therapies mainly in small groups of senior citizens and of bedridden residents.

The weekly visits can have numerous positive effects: The feeling of closeness, opportunities of being touched, the improvement of motor skills and inspiration for conversations. "Filly's visits have a positive effect on the overall social behaviour - here man and animal are in harmony," explains Anita Leyendecker from the social service in "House Effata". (st)

Ghostly delight

Holding lanterns in the form of white fluttering ghosts with eyes shining wide and colorful, students from the Catholic primary school in Mechernich had come to visit the long-term and intensive nursing care facility of the Social Work Communio in Christo e. V.

The school children delighted the residents not just with a selection of St. Martin's songs but also did they present specially rehearsed poems. At the end of the performance, the Communio employees expressed their thanks by distributing delicious St. Martin breads to all the school kids. (st)



Complete edition to grow



Two new volumes have been published in the newly edited Complete Edition of the Writings of Mother Marie Therese "Die Heiligkeit der Kirche ist die Liebe - Die triumphierende Kirche" (The Holiness of the Church is love - the triumphing Church (volume 4) and "Der Schlüssel zur Freiheit - Der Sieg über den Bösen" (The key to freedom - victory over the evil one) (volume 5).

Like the precedent writings, these two books were published by the renowned publishing house Echter Verlag in Würzburg. The books can be obtained in any book store at a price of 14,90 Euros. The Communio in Christo will continue to have further books released with Echter Verlag. (st)

A word of Mother Marie Therese



HOLY NIGHT

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„God wants to find man, and man must find God. Here in the cradle lies God incarnate, one of us.
Here we are to pause and let the light affect us. His light is love, his light is peace...

The meaning of Christmas is love, the act to which this child calls us. If we want to celebrate Christmas in his spirit, then we, too, will be urged by him to set forth so that we may receive from him the power of believing in this child and of living like it. The relentless consequence that Jesus was born with, is the fact that he has become our brother, that he has revealed all human forms of life, that he takes the sin upon himself and expiates it out of love. His message thus becomes mandatory. It brings Christmas to the light of knowledge. The grace of God has appeared to save all humans“

(Mother Marie Therese, Die Passion Jesu im Jahre 2000 - The Passion of Jesus in 2000, Aschaffenburg, 1986, pp. 253; 254)

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