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"Crazy beans" and potato ballet

The vibes were jolly and wild in the facilities of the Communio in Christo in Mechernich and Blankenheim or the traditional women's Thursday during the carnival season. Colorful costumes, dancing and polonaise, a potato ballet and even an "inspiring" fashion show in the truest sense of the word were part of the colorful program that residents and employees of the care facilities as well as members of the Ordo Communionis in Christo hac organized together.

Another special pleasure was the visit of the Blankenheim Carnival Association with their "Jecke Böhnche" (Crazy beans), who jumped through the hall to the "Blangem Juh-Jah", a special carnival shouting. (st)





"The mindset of the Synodal Way has now been made known the world"

In her keynote speech at the Ordo Communionis in Christo Dr. Angela Kaupp, Professor of Practical Theology at the University of Koblenz, took a positive view of the "Synodal Way", despite controversial views from Cologne and Rome.

Although the vote for a renewed Catholic sexual ethic recently failed in the end because of just three bishops' votes, "the ideas have now been expressed and are thus in the world," said Prof. Dr. Angela Kaupp, who participates herself as an academic expert in the "Synodal Way".

All in all, the results of the discussions are quite respectable, and the theology presented can be described as up to date. (ml)

Committed to the poor and the marginalized

As wished for by the residents of the long-term care facility of the Communio in Christo e. V. social institute, Sister Shelly, who is visiting from New Delhi, gave a presentation on her social work in India. She works for the non-governmental organization "Prachodana" to the benefit of the poor, oppressed and marginalized - regardless of their caste, religion, or gender.

Sister Shelly serves meals and offers medical care as well as educational programs on health, hygiene, the rights of girls and the necessity of school education. (st)





Good Friday on the Calvary

To get in the mood for the Easter liturgy, the Ordo Communionis in Christo invites all those interested, on Good Friday, April 7, to a day of reflection and a procession along the centuries-old Stations of the Cross to the Calvary in Alendorf (near Blankenheim). The topic of the day will be "What is there still that can comfort us when it comes to our faith and where do we find it?"

You can register for the group trip by phone until Friday, 24 March, in the order secretariat at +49 24 43 98 14 823 or via email to info@communio.nrw. (st)

An occasion to delve deeper into the Communio spirituality

"Those fellow Christians who are interested in delving more deeply into the life of our Ordo Communionis in Christo, into the spirituality and life of the Foundress, Mother Marie Therese, are cordially invited to our Communio meeting," points out the Superior General.

On the occasion of the foundress' birthday, on Tuesday, 21 March, the Ordo Communionis in Christo invites you to a rosary prayer and vespers at 5:30 p.m.. At 6 p.m. you can stay for the Holy Mass in the house chapel in Mechernich (entrance at Bruchgasse 14). Afterwards, all visitors are invited to a dinner in the refectory there. Finally, you are welcome to attend an illustrated travelogue about a two-week trip to Uganda, meant as a visit to three religious communities attached to the Communio in Christo. (st)





About the soul and hope

On Thursday, 2 March, there will be a second reflection night with the Mechernich pastor Dr. Michael Stöhr. The theologian invites to a discussion in the house chapel of the Ordo Communionis in Christo in Mechernich (entrance a Bruchgasse 14) on the topic "The soul in practice - how it works in us und how we influence it."

Pastor Stöhr will address the question of what happens to the soul in death and what remains of a person: "The core question of the soul is how hope can be gained." The impulse talk starts at 7 p.m., admission is free. (st)

A word of Mother Marie Therese



DELVING INTO THE MISSION OF CHRIST

A reflection on suffering, 1 March 1993

Jesus offers me to be with him in Getsemani, on the Mount of Olives, - my favorite place for reflection.

I experience the enormous consolation for the whole world, the friendship that does not forsake us even in the abyss of our existence. The tremendous fear, the terrible sweats and that fearful cry are

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