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## 91 percent Catholics

The Prelate Dr. Jozef Zielonka (77) who worked as a representative of the Communio in Christo for Eastern Europe already during the time of Communism, was recently welcomed in the Mechernich town hall by the mayor Dr. Hans-Peter Schick.

Ewa Bochynek was the interpreter during the conversation that the Deacon Manfred Lang participated in and that was about the political and social situation in Poland as well as the situation of the Church there. They also spoke about the war in Ukraine and its consequences for Germany and Poland who at present are hosting two million Ukrainian war refugees. (ml)

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## A common welcome to spring

Spring is around. Like every year the Social Therapeutic Service (STD) took this as an opportunity to celebrate the annual spring festival together with the residents of the Long term care facility Communio in Christo.

Also present was again Mr. Jaegers with his accordion which by now has become almost a tradition. Thus, the residents had a good time together enjoying live music in the best of moods.

The physical well-being was not neglected either. As a culinary highlight fresh new potatoes, cheese with herbs and punch were served to help have a delicious start into spring.

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## Mothers' Day party in House Effata

„Happy Mothers' Day“ was recently a motto in House Effata. A large group of the residents and their guests joined the big coffee table on Mother's Day. That way the precious hours could be celebrated together with the dearest ones in a festive mood.

Each woman in the house was handed a rose to which was attached a special greeting as a sign of appreciation. Additionally, the employees gave away little presents with a heart of marzipan. The wonderful hours passed in a flash.





## Father Jose Kizhakkedathu visits the Communio



Father Jose Kizhakkedathu, the Episcopal Vicar for mission in the Major Archdiocese Trivandrum, Kerala, India and director of the St. John's Health Services visited the Ordo Communio in Christo and its health facilities in Mechernich. He and Father Jaison Thazhathil, the Superior General of the Ordo Communio in Christo belong to the same diocese. After visiting the medical institutions, Fr. Jose expressed his wish to establish a hospice also in Kerala.

The St. John's Health Services comprise various medical institutions and services like a hospital, a dialysis center, palliative medical care, and Ayurveda. The facility also offers programs for fighting leprosy, tuberculosis, AIDS and more. That way it is intended to make available to poor people every possible cure and care.

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## Intercultural encounter through music

Uta Horstmann und Nicole Besse from the „Atelier DaSein gave „a concert of friendship at the Communio in Christo Social institute. Along with their Indian guest Tabla-Master Debasish Bhattacharjee, the musicians offered a perfect joint multicultural, musical performance.

About 25 people listened attentively to the sound of “Valse de la vie” and to the impressive improvisations played on the Australian Didgeridoo, the Handpan and the Tabla while enjoying the specially prepared Indian Chai tea. “Pure joy of life” and “what a gift” were some of the spontaneous comments. (hg)



# A word of Mother Marie Therese



## THE EUCHARIST – A WAY OF LIFE AND ENERGY FOR LIFE

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„I am in the chapel during worship service. I am focusing on the monstrance. The bread that has become life sets my contemplation in motion. For sure my faith intensifies. There is no need for asking whether this is reality. I take the Holy Scripture and study the passage where Jesus during the Last Supper took bread, blessed it, and then said: This is my body. And when he then took the chalice and said: This is my blood. Do this in remembrance of me!

I am overcome by the desire to find words for my reverence. I collect myself and concentrate again on the Eucharist.

It is in the Sacrament that love reaches its climax. Precisely the Eucharist has lost its power and been degraded to be but a symbol.“

(Mother Marie Therese, Die Passion der Liebe – Ursache – Konsequenz – Intention (The passion of love – Cause – Consequence – Intention), Pattloch 1989, pp. 263 ff.)

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