



Golden Jubilee of Sr. Rose's religious Life

The beloved Sister Rose (71), member of the Samaritan Sister congregation living and working at the Communic Motherhouse celebrated her 50th Profession Anniversary on 25 August together with many people. The Superior General said: "Her 'Yes' to each new mission runs like a read thread through her life." "One time, however, she turned down my request, Norbert Arnold, the managing director of the Social Institute said jokingly, namely when he had tried to offer her an easier work in the pastoral care at the senior citizens' home "Effata" in Blankenheim. Rosa Mapranathukaran Kunjuvareed, as is her maden name, preferred to continue her work at the hospice.

Following a Holy Mass with the Superior General Jaisor Thazhathil there was a celebration in the refectory. Delicious food was served, songs were performed, personal wishes expressed and Sr. Rose's colleagues from the hospice performed a comedy scene where Sr. Rose was handed over a lot of "useful" things like garlic, parsley, herring in tomato sauce and a pair of sneakers.

In his sermon, the Superior General Jaisor Thazhathil drew parallels between Msgr. Paul Chittilappilly, the founder of the Samaritan Sisters and Mother Marie Therese, the founder of the Ordo Communio in Christo. Both had taken care of lepers and people infected with AIDS, thus bringing the love of Christ to the marginalized in their social milieu. "God sees the misery of his people. At all times God inspires people to act in his name. God is still working in the world through human beings." (ml)



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Easygoing, cheerful, delicious...

135 of the 250 Communio employees came to the summer festival which took place on the grounds between the long-term care facility, the Communio Chapel and the hospice park. Those who could not come were mainly on duty in the long-term-care facility, the hospice „Stella Maris“, or in the senior citizens' home „Effata“ in Blankenheim. Some were still on holiday.

The atmosphere was extremely relaxed and enjoyable when the managing director Norbert Arnold and the directress of the homes Sonja Plönnes welcomed the Deputy Superior General, the Deacon „Manni“ Lang and above all many women and men doing voluntary work in the three care facilities as well as in favor of the Unitas GmbH, the Communio in Christo e. V. and the Ordo Communio in Christo.

Delicious warm and cold food was served from a buffet along with cold drinks which could be well enjoyed at the midsummer weather conditions. In the future such a summer festival is intended to be scheduled as a fix event instead of the former Christmas gatherings. (pp)

„We all have but one single God“

What an impressive manifestation for peace! It was not just the “Day of Encounter” that the Communio in Christo had invited to, but they also had welcomed to join an “Interreligious Prayer for Peace”. Representatives of each of the Catholic, the Protestant and the Orthodox Church, of the Judaism, the Buddhism, and the Islam had come together in the Communio house chapel to pray for peace in the world together with the faithful.



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"Schmeisig" rocks for the residents



Founded in 2005 at a campfire, the band „Schmeisig“ from Cologne is known for giving a new acoustic sound to hits from the past centuries. The range of music they perform includes country classics, Irish folk songs, punk rock, as well as heavy metal hymns, songs in the Cologne dialect and techno hits. The concert took two hours. “The atmosphere on the veranda was fantastic. All residents were much delighted and joined in the music,” writes one of the employees. At the end each resident was even given the chance to have their picture taken together with the band. This offer was widely used and so it was a thoroughly successful concert. (rl)

Traditional consecration of herbs and commemoration of ordination

On the occasion of the Feast of Assumption of Mary, the Mechernich community of the Ordo Communio in Christo had their traditional consecration of herbs, a thousand-year-old holy ritual in the Catholic Church. The consecration was during a Holy Mass and followed by a dinner in the refectory where the attendants remembered Mother Marie Therese’s vow of chastity and her consecration of life on 15 August 1946 before the immaculate image of Our Lady “Star of the Sea” in the Maastricht Basilica. Mother Marie Therese had promised herself to Christ for the sanctification of all in the Church and predominately for the priests. Father Patrick Mwanguh was the main celebrant joined by Father Dr. Markus Mjkonti and assisted by both the Deacons Manu Pau Tharaniyil and Manfred Lang. (ml)



Meditation on charism and assurance of solidarity

Between 21 and 23 July 65 joyful and motivated pilgrims had followed the invitation to the pilgrimage and the Communio meeting at the Black Madonna in Czestochowa Jasna Góra, and at the Metropolitan Seminary in Czestochowa. This is what Teresa Swieca reported. She is the Communio responsible in Skarszewy, the Mechnich twin city. Also, the Communio Prelate Dr. Józef Zielonka had written letters to the Superior General Thazhathi about the event.



50 pilgrims had come by bus from Skarszewy, 15 directly from Czestochowa, the community of Father Zielonka, the spiritual companion of the Communio in Christo in Poland and friend of the Skarszewy pilgrims", explained Teresa Swieca. There were also children among the pilgrims who were very happy about a stop at McDonalds.

The group of pilgrims also visited the sanctum in the Basilica of Gidle. A small stone statue of the Virgin Mary and her child (around 1517, only 9 cm high) is revered as a healer of the sick and doctor of the body. "Our Lady of Jasna Gora is the doctor of our souls in the first place," explains Teresa Swieca.

According to the Prelate Zielonka the meeting started on 21 July with reception and dinner. On Saturday a Holy Mass was celebrated at the holy place and later the participants meditated on the charism of Mother Marie Therese. The pilgrimage also included a visit to the Chapel of Saint Padre Pio in Przeprosna Gorka and a way of the Cross outdoors.

A further pilgrimage is planned already for January 2024. The community from Mechnich is cordially welcomed. As the Prelate Zielonka points out, 65 participants have expressed their affiliation to the close friendship to the Ordo Communio in Christo and their sympathy for and solidarity with the Superior General Jaison Thazhathil. (ml)

A word of Mother Marie Therese



GOD IS THE PERFECTION OF FREEDOM

„What happened on 1 September 1977 in Holzheim is of tangible clearness. In front of the altar there was Heaven and God made clear to our time that he is only where love is and that he showed his power over a human being so that grace and mercy could flow again. The witness I bore for him confirms his love for me and for all who recognized it. May the sufferings directly connected to this foundation be also proof of the fact that the imitation of Christ means mainly that we have to carry the cross out of love for God and the Church ...

This is what I as a foundress have to say: Let us not block the emergence of a kind of love coming from God. To make this visible, a light was lit on 1 September.“

(Taken from: Mother Marie Therese, Die Passion Jesus im Jahr 2000 - Um der Liebe willen (The passion of Jesus in the year 2000 – For the sake of love), Pattloch 1986, p. 173)

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