

Newsletter for our partners



Spiritans

Missionaries of Mariannahill

Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood

Dear Partners of MaZ!

It's that time again and we would like to inform you with our newsletter about the current MaZ situation and to share some moments of the last months with you.

After a long time, more and more meetings can take place together in presence again, which we are very happy about. We have managed to live with the pandemic, even if it was not always easy and still is not. Despite uncertainties and frequent waiting, we were able to find new courage again and again not to bury our heads in the sand, but to look positively into the future despite all this.

We had to cancel two classes, but now we are putting all our energy and motivation into advertising for the new class of 2022/2023!

News from the different congregations:

Spiritans: Father Innocent sent us some recent photos from Bagamoyo, where the General Chapter of the Spiritans is currently taking place. In three busy weeks, the delegates from all Spiritan Provinces of the world are setting the new guidelines and priorities for missionary work. In addition, a new Superior General and new General Councils will be elected.

There are no results yet, but Fr. Innocent has sent us a few photos to give us an impression of such a great event:



P. Innocent Izunwanne CSSp

Missionaries of Mariannahill: Maria Veen: Construction measures everywhere

In front of the monastery a new kindergarten for 4 groups is being built and since November our sports field is being rebuilt: The soccer field is being renovated and equipped with a tartan track and floodlight poles, plus there are 2 beach volleyball

fields, a soccer field, a basketball court and a weight training facility. The entire remodel will hopefully be completed in the december. A great upgrade of our location and: maybe an incentive for more MaZ events in Maria Veen!

P. Thomas Winzenhörlein CMM

Missionary Sister of the Precious Blood: Our community life is colorful

We Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood are becoming more and more international and intercultural in the European Province, which makes our community life colorful and lively on many occasions. In Europe we now have 10 African sisters in our communities: Sr. Kitonyi, Sr. Mary Grace and Sr. Everlyne (Kenya), Sr. Angelica (Mozambique) and Sr. Tinashe (Zimbabwe) live in Germany. In Austria lives Sr. Lilian (Tanzania), in Denmark Sr. Vimbai (Zimbabwe) and in Portugal Sr. Maria do Céu and Sr. Maria da Graca from Mozambique. In the Netherlands lives Sr. Sandra from the DR Congo. Some sisters have been in Europe for many years, working in parish and pastoral care, in administration and school; in Lisbon (Portugal) the two sisters are supporting the 5 older sisters in the community for the time being, until they can also start professionally; others are still struggling in Paderborn at the language school to learn the German language. We are grateful for the manifold support of our African sisters and for all that they bring to our religious life in terms of diversity and joy.

Our picture shows Sr. Tinashe (left) and Sr. Angelica (right) doing a liturgical dance at the open-air service in the Mission House in Neuenbeken in September 2021.



Sr. Angelika Hellbach cps

There has also been a lot going on at MaZ in the last few months, and we have especially enjoyed having the opportunity to talk to each other again. And there are also news from the class of 2021/22.

We have summarized all the news for you:

MaZ-Summer-Camp 2021

In August, after almost two years of Corona pandemic, finally a big MaZ meeting could take place again – the MaZ Summer Camp.

MaZ and MaZ-to-be from all corners of Germany followed this call and got involved in this never-before-seen event at the newly chosen MaZ camping site in Knechtsteden. Already at the arrival it dawned on one or the other: it could be a bit humid and not quite as warm.

During the four days we were able to explore the archive of international art treasures that the Spiritans have brought back from all over the world over the last decades from their travels all over the world.

During the subsequent discussion on the topic of looted art, questions quickly arose such as "Should we return all this?" or "Is this now collected, donated, or stolen?" We were able to exchange ideas in groups on various topics, participate in a treasure hunt, or let off steam in a sporty and communicative chaos game.

Of course, our physical well-being was also taken care of. During a crepes and waffle afternoon there was enough time to exchange ideas, also with the Spiritan fathers in Knechtsteden. And what should not be missing at a summer camp? A barbecue evening followed by a campfire.

At the end of the camp, there was a great final service outdoor with lots of singing, of course. Now it was time to say goodbye and everyone left for the corner of Germany from which they had come.



All in all, it was a wonderful, weekend and we are already looking forward to the Pentecost meeting in 2022!

A report by Jasmin (MaZ 2014/15) and Jürgen (MaZ 2009/10), shortened version of the original report

No goodbye forever

Over half a year full of "aha" and "wow" moments. That's what we MaZ were able to experience during the preparation for a MaZ-year in 2021. Anna, Sophia, Luisa, Johanna, Lea, Jonas, Dominik and I (Emmanuel) - from the One-World-Course to the Easter-Course and the virtual sofa socrnors to the summer camp, we were able to feel the true MaZ spirit.

But over all this, as always during this time, the spirit of Corona and its insecurity hovered along. That's why we had to do our preparation online, that's why - although we knew each other pretty well for more than half a year - we couldn't even hug each other when we said goodbye to the courses, and that's why we finally cancelled our departure in July.

The decision was not easy for all of us. But in the end, everyone found a pleasant alternative for themselves. At the same time, we have in mind that this is not the end of our time in MaZ. We can always leave in a few years.

Fortunately, there was the summer camp in Knechtsteden, where some MaZ took the chance to experience the MaZ spirit in "real life".

In the end we would like to thank Anne and Hannah, who were always there for us and gave us a wonderful time.

A report by Emmanuel (MaZ 2021/22), shortened version of the original report

Meeting of the extended MaZ team in October

One weekend, nine MaZ and numerous topics: At the autumn meeting of the extended MaZ team, which took place in Knechtsteden in October, we looked back on the past months at MaZ and ventured an outlook.

Topics included the Corona situation, due to which there were no more MaZ departures in the past two years. In this context, Anne and Hannah emphasized their hope to prepare and send out MaZ again in 2022.

In further rounds on Saturday, we discussed the topics of regional groups, the engagement of returned MaZ, and social media.



Between the thematic sessions, we catered for ourselves throughout the weekend and cooked together in the MaZ kitchen. There was also time for cozy evenings in the sofa corner and a long walk.

The next big highlight, which now casts its shadow ahead, is the 40th anniversary of MaZ, which will take place next year. For this reason, we have already rummaged through the archives and went on a little journey through time with Fr. Alfons and Fr. Bruno.

A report by David (MaZ 2015/16), shortened version of the original report

We wish all our partners a peaceful end of the year and a wonderful Advent season!