
Notifications

To all those who have been supporting our work with donations, we hereby want to say thank you, may God reward you!

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Dear members,

please help us to make the Marian Blessing Circle known in order to increase the circle of blessing. Our age is in such need of the blessing of God!

For you and for your loved ones we invoke the blessing of the triune God and the protection of our Heavenly Mother MARY.

With Marian greetings

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70 years of the Marian Blessing Circle

On December 8th, 2019, on the day of the Immaculate Conception of Virgin MARY, the Marian Blessing Circle will be celebrating its seventieth anniversary. That is why we want to remind with appreciation the life of our founder Cäcilia Elisabeth Maria Krause.



Mrs. Krause was born on April 16th, 1909 in Remscheid. Her mother Aenne descended from the aristocratic family von Schledorn of the upper region of Sauerland. The parents were deeply religious. For 25 years her father Arnold Helmert went on pilgrimage from Hamborn to the about 50 km distant Kvelaer, which is a Marian shrine. Mrs. Krause studied at the school of girls of the Ursuline Sisters in the city of Werl, where one of the biggest Marian Sanctuaries of the region of Westphalia is located.

She and her husband Hans, who was born on October 30, 1892, had five children. From a very early age the LORD taught her to take up her cross, in 1936 she lost her four-and-a-half years and only daughter Eva Maria because of an illness. Four years later the parents lost their almost two-year-old son Michael due to an accident. The emotional pain was not yet healed when on November 20, 1946, her beloved husband passed away.

As a young widow in the post-war years she had to provide for her three sons. She could only persist in these difficult times because of her trust in God's help. Constantly she was pleading with Him and seeking His presence. →

On December 8th, 1949, during the celebration of a Mass in honor of the Immaculate Virgin MARY at the chapel of the Marian Hospital in Werl, she had the spiritual intuition of Our Lady, to bring people together in a blessing community. Immediately she confided her experience to her confessor, Vicar Friedrich Schmidt, who declared himself a great supporter and advocate of this intention. He was, so to speak, the first member and asked her to choose the Franciscan missionary Blasius Linn as spiritual father of the community. Besides the attacks and acts of harassment in the early years – Mrs. Krause said: „The cross is always a sign of fertility and hope“ –, there was also a lot of goodwill and encouragement by the clergy. The MBC, in the course of its existence, received the blessing of three Popes: Pius XII, Paul VI and John Paul II. In the beginning there was just a small group of people, today there are thousands of believers around the world, who live and disseminate the Grace of the Blessing.

Since 1970 newsletters have been written, first by her and then by the spiritual leaders, and sent to the members around the world to realize the power of blessing and to deepen the religious life. Pastor Reinhold Lambert assumed this duty until April 2017.

Mrs. Krause had always an open ear for everybody. In many conversations she gave advice to people in spiritual distress. She gained the necessary strength therefore in praying the Holy Rosary in the house chapel of the MBC consecrated to the „Mother of Mercy“, in the city of Leuterod.

There she also prayed to GOD for her entrusted ones. Priests were of major significance to her and she prayed and offered for them. As MARY, she also wanted to be a mother for the priests. And as MARY, she gave herself as a Maiden to the LORD. For her responsibilities as mother of her family and, in a manner of speaking, as mother of the Marian Blessing Circle she received from GOD the necessary graces of the prayer and the sacraments of the Holy Eucharist and Penance.

*„HE, the one I loved more,
took me to his side.“*



On April 1st, 1995, a Saturday consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of MARY, she gave up her spirit to her LORD and Creator due to an illness she was affected by for approximately one year.

Certainly she is still looking down from heaven on the members of the Marian Blessing Circle and asking for God's and MARY's blessing and help.

MARY with the HOLY SON, give us your blessing. Amen.

Kind invitation

On our 70th anniversary we want to express our gratitude and invite you to a

Festive Mass

*on December 8th, 2019, at 17:00 hours
in the church „Maria, Hilfe der Christen“
Hauptstr. 18, 56244 Ötzingen, Germany*

All are cordially invited!

The Pope's prayer intentions

November 2019: Dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East: That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

December 2019: The Future of the Very Young: That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

January 2020: We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

February 2020: We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

March 2020: We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

April 2020: We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.