

Act of promise by members of associated lay-people in the Province of Germany and Austria

From Thursday, 6th of March until Sunday, 9th of March 2014, the entire German group of associated lay-people met in the monastery of Maria-Hilf in Bühl/Baden.



Sr. Maria Sigrid Burkhart was in charge during these days, which were dedicated to an intense preparation for Easter. The main topic of these days was the reading of liturgical texts of lent as well as the exchange on these texts. The glorious weather invited for walks in the surrounding vineyards during breaks.



The uniting symbol of associated lay-people

One highlight of these days was that 4 members of the associated lay people made their act of promise on Saturday, 8th of March. Apart from that Mrs Ostermair received the cross. Wearing this sign she, in her daily life, bears witness of being a member of the associated lay-people of the Sisters of the Divine Savior.

Sr. Rosa Fischer (Provincial Superior), Sr. Anna Maria Ortner (Provincial Assistent) und Sr. Maria Scharpfenecker (Guiding sister of the regional group of Bavaria) also participated in the festive divine service

Sr. Maria Sigrid had prepared the divine service. Praying together and for one another we were united in common faith in our savior and lord Jesus Christ being together on the way and following Him—each in her individual place and her personal way of living.





Frau Bilger, Frau Paletta, Frau Fabi und Frau Niebling
in their act of promise



Sr. Rosa Fischer (Provincial Superior) handing over
the cross to Frau Ostermair

the four women, who made their promises, expressed clearly to the Provincial Superior and all people present, that they feel themselves drawn to the testimony of Mother Alphonse Marie and her answers to the love of God-and they said that they -according to their standing in life - want to deepen the grace of baptism and grow in their faith. They promised to live in the community of associated lay people according to the charism of the Sisters of the Divine Saviour and the spirituality of Mother Alphonse Marie for one year.

After cheerful congratulations and the handing over of presents, the celebration was continued in a festive meal in the dining hall of the sisters.



group photo under the magnolia tree
left: Sr. Maria Sigrig Burkhart

report: Sr. Maria Scharpfenecker