



Coronation of the Queen of Belmonte in 2025

1st Information - May 2022

There are moments in our life and on our spiritual path that are so important that they radiate a special light, a deep atmosphere, on us and on others. One of these is the crowning of the Mater Ter Admirabilis (MTA), venerated in the Shrine in Belmonte as Mater Ecclesiae (Mother of the Church), an event to which we want to become devoted pilgrims.

The idea of the coronation of Mary in her Matri Ecclesiae Shrine in Belmonte, Rome, already presented to the General Präsidium, took its first step with the online meeting of the Coordination Team on the 23rd of April 2022. The group, formed by eighteen participants from various countries, representing different languages and geographical areas, under the direction of the Rector of the Shrine of Belmonte, Father Marcelo Cervi, met to begin the process of preparing for the coronation of the MTA as Queen of Belmonte, planned for the Holy Year of 2025, coinciding with the 60th anniversary of the conclusion of the Second Vatican Council.

Motivations:

After invoking the presence of the Holy Spirit, reasons emerged to offer the crown to Mary for her assistance and protection. In particular a prayer Chain:

- For the renewal of the Church according to the Second Vatican Council (Father Kentenich promised Paul VI that the Schoenstatt Movement would work for it);
- For the opening and definitive development of the International Schoenstatt Centre in Belmonte and for its mission, which has not yet been discovered and carried out;
- For the end of the pandemic and for overcoming the economic and socio-psychological crises caused by it;
- For world's peace and for the future of our planet;
- For the cause of beatification of Father Kentenich;
- For the recognition of the charism of the Schoenstatt Movement in the Church and the world.

Some considerations:

Crowning, does not only mean placing a precious object on the Blessed Mother's head, but it is an act of trust, of placing our difficulties in God's hands and in Mary's hands. Father Kentenich used to say, "When you are in difficulties, crown the Mother of God."

Crowning is also an expression of gratitude; it is a sign of unity and witness; crowning means being reborn and is therefore a contribution to the Church, especially in times of crisis, to reinvigorate and strengthen the faith of all the faithful.

Train of thoughts on the shape of the crown

The message to be transmitted will then be concretised in a symbol, a crown whose shape has not yet been defined. That of the Original Shrine? The delta crown? The crown with twelve stars? A different kind of crown?

The international character of the Belmonte Shrine suggests that all the Schoenstatt realities that have emerged in the different countries can participate in the choice of the model for the crown. To obtain good results, we should help each other!

Therefore, we invite everyone to send us reflections, thoughts and suggestions about the crowning and the model of the crown, taking into account both the image of the Church on the new shores according to the vision of Father Kentenich (vision of the post-conciliar Church) and the mission of the MATRI ECCLESIAE Shrine in Belmonte. You can send us your thoughts via e-mail to the following address: schoenstattromabelmonte@gmail.com

Creation of the working groups:

The creation of two groups with operational tasks was seen as the best way to get ready for 2025; in particular, each participant freely chose which team to join:

Communication group, in charge of transmitting information about the meetings and gatherings held, translating them into the different languages and sending them to the different Schoenstatt websites around the world.

Creative Group, in charge of gathering ideas about the model of the crown, elaborating prayers, logo, motto and presenting them to everyone.

Future prospects

With the concluding prayer presented by Sister M. Vera Lúcia, the memory of the first Italian Home Shrine, blessed by Father Kentenich on November 24, 1965 in Rome, was recalled; it is an important inheritance for the mission of the Schoenstatt Movement in Italy that is waiting to be discovered, reflected upon, and implemented. Finally, we set the next virtual meeting for 21 May 2022, and thus continue the work in preparation for this moment of grace for the Movement and the entire Church.

The Coordination and Preparation Team
For the coronation of the MTA 2025