

Small Biography about Father Boll

Father Günther Boll (*1931), a member of the Secular Institute of the Schoenstatt Fathers, was active in the Schoenstatt Movement since 1950. In 1952 he entered the novitiate and then the Pallottine Society's seminary. In the 1950s the issue of the relationship between the Pallottine priestly community and the International Schoenstatt Movement was raised.

He left the Pallottine Society in 1956. He completed his theological studies with a degree in Freiburg, CH, and worked in an outstanding way on the foundation of a new priestly community which, as PARS MOTRIX of the Schoenstatt Movement, corresponds to the model of its founder, Father Kentenich. In 1963 he was ordained a priest in Argentina and in 1965 he witnessed the canonical establishment of the new Secular Institute of the SCHÖNSTATT-PATRES. He was one of the first members of this new Institute and from the very beginning was responsible for its General Council and, above all, for the formation of the new international generation of this community. For many years he edited the magazine "REGNUM Schoenstatt international - Reflection and Dialogue". From 1999 to 2006 Father Boll supported the development of the new Secular Institute of Schoenstatt Families as spiritual director.

He had the opportunity to personally meet the founder Father Kentenich during his exile in Milwaukee (1951-1965). Father Kentenich worked there as a German chaplain. In the last three years of his life after the exile, Father Boll was one of his closest collaborators in Schoenstatt.

On July 16, 2014, the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Schoenstatt Father Günther Maria Boll died in the presence of several of his fellow brothers at the age of 84 after a prolonged illness.