



Schoenstatt, 28 June 2023

Dear Presidents and members of the National Praesidiums,
dear Movement Directors and members of the Central Committees,
dear members of the Schoenstatt Family,

On behalf of the General Praesidium of the Schoenstatt Work, I would like to share with you an important message:

At the meeting of 7 June 2023, the General Praesidium appointed **Sr. M. Kathia Martínez** (Paraguay) and **Fr. Felipe Ríos** (Chile) as the new Continental Coordinators of the Schoenstatt Movement in the Americas, for a period of three years.

On behalf of the international Schoenstatt Movement, I would like to thank **Sr. M. Auxiliadora Bohórquez** (Ecuador) and **Fr. José Luis Correa** (Chile) for their untiring commitment to the Continental Coordination Office in the Americas during the last years.

I would also like to thank all the National Praesidiums and National Central Committees of the Americas for their commitment and cooperation in providing spiritual and material support for this important service to our international family. I am sure that the new team will be able to continue to count on this important support.

The Continental Coordination Office of the Schoenstatt Movement in the Americas works in dependence and collaboration with the International Coordination Office of the Schoenstatt Movement. Its tasks are:

1. **Information:** It transmits important information from the General Praesidium and the International Coordination to the National Central Offices. It also informs the International Coordination about the development of the Movement in the different countries of the Americas.
2. **Cooperation:** It supports transnational events and joint strategies for them. It mobilizes common interests of the Movement.

3. **Representation:** It represents the international Movement in the Americas on behalf of the International Coordination. It maintains contact with ecclesial organizations, especially CELAM (Latin American Bishops Council) and other spiritual movements. It ensures that Schoenstatt is adequately represented in events and organizations and, if necessary, presents appropriate proposals to the International Coordination.
4. **Exchange of reflections:** Promotes the continental exchange on the signs of the times and the formation of opinions on current issues.
5. **Service:** Generates the possibility of exchanging material, literature and experts on various topics.

I wish the Schoenstatt Family of the Americas many blessings from the Original Shrine, where I pray for all your intentions and for the tasks of the new team of the Continental Coordination Office in America.

United in the Covenant,



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Chairman of the General Praesidium