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Mary believes the word of the angel. The call of God changes her life, but she trusts because she knows that God's plan is wiser than any human calculation. *"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us."* (Jn 1:14). In her womb she carries the greatest gift of all time: A gift for people of all generations and all peoples - until today.

In his message for World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon, Pope Francis says: "Although the unexpected message of the angel represents an 'earthquake' for her plans, the young woman does not let herself be paralysed, because in her is Jesus, the power of the resurrection. Within her she already carries the sacrificed yet living lamb. (...) Mary becomes the temple of God, the image of the Church on the move, the Church that goes out and serves, the Church that brings the Good News:

To experience the presence of the risen Christ in one's own life."

An Impulse from Life

For many people, contact with our Father and Founder was like entering a sacred space, a deep heart-to-heart encounter without distinction of rank and name, origin or particularity: *"Through Father*

Kentenich's existence, the hell of Dachau became heaven for us. He awakened trust and valued everyone's dignity, gave security and safety from one's own anchorage in God." (Testimony of a fellow prisoner in Dachau)

(M)y Contribution Today

Mary takes upon herself the hardships and dangers of a long journey over the mountains. What do I take upon myself to bring the gift for people to the outskirts - even to the brinks of situations I do not like? I ask God to fill me with the necessary grace to say my yes precisely there where it will become *best a gift for people* and bear fruit!

Prayer *(at the conclusion of the Novena)*



Daily Prayer at the conclusion

Dear Mother Thrice Admirable, Queen and Victress of Schoenstatt.

In the shadow of the shrine our worldwide family was born.

With our Founder, Father Kentenich, we believe that you settled here in a special way on 18 October 1914 and work miracles of grace.

In the Covenant of Love we know ourselves united



across countries and continents and place ourselves at your service.

“All those who come here to pray shall experience the glory of Mary and confess: ‘It is good for us to be here. Here we will build our tents, here our favorite place.’ (...) Whoever knows the history of our sodality will have no trouble believing that Divine Providence has something special in store for it.” (Founding Document)

Together we want to pass on your gift to people.

Together we want to use every opportunity to properly evaluate the challenges of the great processes of major change in world and Church.

Together we consciously put our contributions into the capital of grace today and commend to you all the people we hold in our hearts.

Together and gathered around you, we ask the Holy Spirit to guide us in all questions so that your gift bears fruit in the manifold needs of our time.

Let all Schoenstatt shrines be places of divine grace. Give us a home, bring about change and send us.

So we place ourselves at your disposal once again in the little consecration in preparation for Covenant Day on 18 October:

My Queen, my Mother ...

