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Our time is characterized by alertness to everything that has to do with devaluation, exclusion and discrimination. But the more we focus on our uniqueness and value, the more we make ourselves dependent on the judgments and expectations of others. Why? We no longer live out of the conviction of values that have already been given to us - such as human dignity or childhood before God,

How much turning to the Blessed Mother creates an uplifting climate! In the Schoenstatt-MJF, the custom has developed that when you give a crown to the Blessed Mother, you will also receive a small crown in return. It is a sign, a reminder to always keep alive the basic orientation towards the positive, the valuable and dignified, and to live a decisive yes to one's own way and one's own dignity in everyday life. (Cf. Covenant Letter, Schoenstatt Movement Germany, August 2023)

### **An Impulse from Life**

*“How do we give ourselves and those entrusted to us, how do we secure among ourselves an atmosphere that keeps us healthy and strong in life in the midst of a corrupt world? By creating a consecrated living space for ourselves in the heart of the Blessed Mother: But we will only be able to conquer and preserve this*

*consecrated living space if we cling to Mary with indescribably deep love.” (Fr Kentenich, 14.4.1941 Conference for priests)*

### **(M)y Contribution Today**

What is the expression, means and safeguard of my very personal love for Mary - today in a very concrete way, so that her gift for people can 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 ...***

