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It urges us to pass on the gift for the people, the religious home in the shrine. It urges us to carry the gift of a sacred space, a mother's and a father's heart where dignity, growth and reorientation have a chance, to the outskirts of the world. It urges us to open the door of the Cenacle and go out to share this gift.

*"I look at all the people disillusioned with the Church, I look at all who express their bitterness by cursing and complaining. Their bitterness is nothing but a cry for the person who is filled with God because people want to see the divine in human beings. See to it that you do not disappoint people. (...) Those who are most effective in the world today are those who radiate the divine life that they carry within them."*  
(Josef Kentenich, My Heart – your Shrine S. 75)

#### **An Impulse from Life**

My friend came with me to the Schoenstatt Shrine for the first time. But that's quite small, she said. We spoke about the power that emanates from the shrines. She said thoughtfully: There should be a shrine as big as our city. - A shrine without walls, a shrine whose doors are always open, I thought, and suddenly I knew: this shrine exists. This is my heart. No, the heart of the Blessed Mother, the heart of Father Kentenich, the

heart of all Schoenstatters. And smiling, I answered my friend: *“Far too small! A shrine as big as the whole world! Will you help build it?”* (Author unknown)

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

“Open doors” for sharing the gift with many: Who do I meet behind the door of the shrine of stones? Who visits me in my home shrine? What moves the person to whom I carry the pilgrim shrine? Who do I shelter in my heart shrine? Do I open the door to your gift for people today?

**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 ...***

