# FIRE for the CHURCH

## Day 3

We are grateful for the centennial **CELEBRATION OF THE COVENANT OF** LOVE 10 YEARS ago We are grateful for the centennial **CELEBRATION OF THE COVENANT OF LOVE 10 YEARS** ago and for the return of blessings from around the world to the place of origin.

#### Impulse

Let an experience from the centennial celebrations motivate us:

"As a helper, I would like to thank...

For the time in Schoenstatt.

For his time as a helper.

For free time.

For their incredible hospitality.

To have a place to spend the night.

For clean bathrooms.

For the many happy and friendly faces that smiled at me.

For the time with the incredible work team...

I am happy and proud to have participated in this special anniversary.

The people's joy overwhelmed me and showed me once again that our path, our life, and our day can be like this. It is possible.

When I returned home after the anniversary, I gathered my children (two) and my husband and

declared, "Paradise exists, and  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{I}}$  was there for four days. "

#### Reflection

All for Schoenstatt. Schoenstatt for the Church. The Church for the Triune God. A word from our Father and Founder, Father Kentenich. His fire spreads throughout the world so that an actual return current of blessing flows to the place of origin.

What motivates people today to give everything for Schoenstatt, the Church, and the Triune God?

"Matías, a Chilean economist who spent five months volunteering at the Jubilee, relates: "I have known Schoenstatt since I was a child. In Schoenstatt, I learned that when you work for the Blessed Mother, she educates and gives you back twice as much. And I realized more and more that the Covenant of Love forms you to change the society in which you live (...). Blessed Mother, I want my fire to burn so that I never become indifferent and always have the strength to take you to society".

### (My) A contribution today

What thought ignites me, and can I put it into practice so I can burn for the Church today?

**Prayer** (see the conclusion of the novena)



Daily prayer at the end

Dear Mother Thrice Admirable, Queen and Victress of Schoenstatt, our international family was born in the shadow of the Shrine.

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

In the Covenant of Love, we unite 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 is our favorite place." A bold thought, nearly too

bold for the public, but not too bold for you. (...) 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 communicate your gift to the people.

Together, we want to seize every opportunity to analyze adequately the challenges of the extraordinary processes of change in the world and the Church.

Together, we want to make a conscious contribution to the capital of grace today and entrust all the people we carry in our hearts to you.

Together, gathered around you, we ask the Holy Spirit to guide us in all things so that your gift may bear fruit in the many needs of our time.

May all the Schoenstatt Shrines be places of divine grace. Give us a home, transform us, and send us forth.

In preparation for Covenant Day on October 18th, we place ourselves at your disposal once again by praying the "little consecration":

#### My Queen, my Mother...