

FIRE

for the
CHURCH

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Impulse

Let an experience from the centennial celebrations motivate us:

One of the runners with the torch tells us about the experience:

“The most profound moment was when we entered the arena, and I could say on stage, “If you have a mission, you have to accomplish it.” I don’t like speaking in front of a big crowd, and I didn’t feel like doing it, but heaven willed it. But I was very excited. When we were together in the Original Shrine afterward, I felt especially united with Mary!”.

Reflection

84 young people carried the torch 1800 kilometers from the Pompeii Valley to the Original Shrine, transmitting the light to 10,000 pilgrims from all over the world.

This has involved many sacrifices, but where the fire of the original spirit shines, great things can be done.

Father Hagel, who shared daily life in the study center with Joseph Engling, wrote: “The conditions in the old house were very favorable for making sacrifices (...) We will only discover what individuals did quietly for themselves at the end of time; that will remain hidden from us. When I look back on that time, I must say that it was one of the best times of my life”.

Would the boys still think of the founding act in their heads, then? “Prove to me first by deeds that you really love me and take your purpose seriously. Now you have the best chance for it.” The challenges of the war were to become for them “an extraordinarily beneficial instrument,” and they were so because they truly loved Mary.

(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...