

FIRE

for the
CHURCH

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Impulse

Let an experience from the centennial celebrations motivate us:

"The days in Schoenstatt continue to shine on us and give us strength and motivation in many places. During these days, I have often felt sorry for the many people who work in and for the Church and struggle with their fate, who are dissatisfied and pessimistic. How much they have missed by not being able to live this event full of energy.

This joy, this balance, this enthusiasm, especially on the part of the South Americans, impressed us deeply and gave us hope that the idea of Schoenstatt will live on in the context of the 200th anniversary.

Reflection

People experience Schoenstatt as motivating, energizing, and encouraging for their life of faith. They want all the faithful and the whole Church to

discover the gift of the Covenant of Love.

Integrating faith into daily life naturally and authentically is to live organically. When we live the Covenant of Love with the Blessed Mother in the sense of organic thinking, living, and loving, faith is contagious, inspiring, joyful, and sustainable, even and especially in difficult times.

We wish for a listening heart and the gift of a new language, like Mary with the Apostles in the upper room at Pentecost, so that as a Church, we can understand the people of our time and reach them anew with the good news of the Father's Kingdom.

(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...