

FIRE

for the
CHURCH

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Impulse

Let an experience from the centennial celebrations motivate us:

“On the night of October 17-18, I had the privilege of witnessing something awe-inspiring.

Shortly before midnight, the Girls’ Youth crown made its way from House Sonnenau to the Original Shrine in a chain of girls from all over the world: from hand to hand. I was standing on the street above House Sonnenau and I could see all the girls who had already received the crown running toward the Original Shrine. It was a beautiful image.

Fortunately, a taxi stopped beside me and I hurried up the hill. There, young men with torches in their hands were making their way from the Motherhouse of the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary to the Adoration Church. It was an eloquent image. I was very impressed by these moments: on the threshold of the new century of Schoenstatt, the girls on the valley flocked to the Original Shrine and remained in the place where everything began 100 years ago. At the same time, the boys on the mountain went to

Father Kentenich and stayed with the person with whom everything started 100 years ago. In my heart, I thought: “Schoenstatt can go into the future with joy and certainty.

Reflection

At the beginning of Schoenstatt’s history were the promising words of Father Kentenich in the Founding Document: “ I would like to make this place a place of pilgrimage, a place of grace for our house and for the whole German province, and perhaps even further afield.”. This has become a reality. Today, we are the new “sodalists” urged by the mission to establish Schoenstatt in the world. We have received a holy inheritance: the same treasure as then. It has been given to us, and we are urged to give it to our Church and today’s world.

Today, our founder’s request applies to us: “What you have inherited from your parents, acquire it in order to possess it.”

(My) A contribution today

What do I value most in Schoenstatt? What do I want to transmit? What thought enkindles me, and can I realize it so that I can be a fire for the Church of 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...



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