

## Covenant of love renewal – March 2021

Welcome! Every 18th of the month we want to gather to renew our belonging to the Schoenstatt Family; we are a large and international Family that has its origin in that moment when Father Kentenich, along with the students, in the Original Shrine, sealed a Covenant of Love with the Mother Thrice Admirable of Schoenstatt on behalf of all of us.

Dear Mother Thrice Admirable, Queen, and Victress of Schoenstatt, with joy we gather in your Schoenstatt Shrine to renew our covenant of love with you. We do so in our national shrine, the International Shrine of the Father Kingdom, in union with our father and founder and the whole Schoenstatt Family around the world.

We thank you for your faithfulness, your guidance, and your motherly education. On this day, in which we commemorate the first covenant of October 18, 1914, we want to listen to Father Kentenich's words from the Founding Document:

"It is good to be here. Let us build three tents here" (Mt 17, 4). These words come to my mind again and again. And I have often asked myself: Would it then not be possible for our little sodality chapel to likewise become for us the Tabor on which the glory of Mary would be revealed? Undoubtedly, we could not accomplish a greater apostolic deed not leave our successors a more precious legacy than to urge our Lady and Queen to erect her throne here in a special way, to distribute her treasures, and to work miracles of grace...

Do not worry about the fulfillment of your desire. *Ego diligentes me diligo*. I love those who love me (Prv 8,17). Prove to me first that you really love me, that you take your resolution seriously. Just now you have the best opportunity to do so."

Short pause for silence

Dear Mother and Queen, from among many places around the world, you chose this small corner to become present among us in a special way, and to distribute the gifts and graces which your Son has placed into your hands from the moment when he entrusted to you the task of being our mother and educator, from the heights of the cross.

Dear Mother, the motto which inspires us in our daily lives "Nothing without you, nothing without us," compels us today to bring you our contributions to the capital of grace: our commitments, our gifts of love, our prayers, our joys, crosses, successes, and failures. We give you everything as a contribution to the capital of grace!

Now we are going to offer our Mother and Educator everything that we have experienced during the past month as a contribution to the Capital of Grace.

In each shrine we find a jar where we place our contributions. For those who have not been able to visit the Shrine during this time, there is the possibility of posting contributions on our Schoenstatt Wisconsin website.

This month we also put on the bonfire 7957 contributions that were registered on our website; 557 Illinois, 14 Ohio, 5094 Schoenstatt Mothers League, and 2291 Silence and prayer covenant of love FJK group.

While the contributions are placed in the fire we pray together:

What I bear and endure,  
what I say and what I dare,  
what I think and what I cherish,  
all the merits that I gain,  
what I direct and what I conquer,  
all my joys and all my sorrows:  
what I am and what I have,  
I give to you as a gift of love.  
Use it so that the holy stream of graces  
flowing richly from the shrine  
may fill the souls of those  
who have given their hearts to Schoenstatt  
and gently lead there  
all those whom you wish to choose in kindness.  
Accept everything that our efforts may be fruitful  
which we dedicate to the Trinity.

### Impulse

After the offering of our Capital of Grace we renew our covenant of love by praying the consecration prayer in Spanish and singing in English

¡Oh Señora mía, oh Madre mía!  
yo me ofrezco todo a ti  
y en prueba de mi filial afecto,  
te consagro en este día:  
mis ojos, mis oídos,  
mi lengua, mi corazón;  
en una palabra todo mi ser.  
Ya que soy todo tuyo, ¡oh Madre de bondad!  
guárdame, defiéndeme y utilízame  
como instrumento y posesión tuya. Amén.

My Queen, My Mother,  
I give myself (entirely) to you,  
and to show my devotion to you,  
I consecrate to you this day  
my eyes, my ears, my mouth, my heart,  
my entire self without reserve.  
As I am your own, my good Mother,  
guard me and defend me as your  
property and possession.  
Amen.

Finally, we implore the pilgrimage graces that are offered to us every time we visit our shrine with faith.

Dear Mother, with childlike faith and trust we implore the graces you grant to all who physically or spiritually come here to the shrine. Grant us the graces of being at home, of inner transformation, and of apostolic zeal.

We invite the missionaries of the Schoenstatt Pilgrim Mother to lift up their images of the Pilgrim Mother as a symbol of the task of evangelization which they have taken upon themselves on behalf of families and in their places of work.

We prepare to receive the final blessing before being sent out by responding to each invocation: Amen.

May the grace of being at home in our shrine fill us with the certainty of being loved by God the Father and may it renew in us the mission zeal we need to reach out to those in need and to confront the challenges of our day.

Amen.

May the grace of inner transformation give us the disposition to let ourselves be educated by Mary, following the example of Christ, and transforming the places where we live and work.

Amen.

May the grace of apostolic zeal enkindle us to return to our homes, cities, neighborhoods, schools, and places of work as instruments in the hands of Mary.

Amen

Through the intercession of our Mother Thrice Admirable, Queen, and Victress of Schoenstatt, may Almighty God bless us in the name of the Father (+), the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us go with generosity for another month in the joy and peace of our Lord to live the Covenant of Love that makes us family.

Tomorrow we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph, in this year that the Holy Father has invited us to dedicate to the Patron of our Church.

We also remember the name day of our Father and Founder, Father Joseph.

Our MTA thanks you for joining this celebration. We will meet again next April 18th at the same time.