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Fear not, Proclaim
the Father's Love!



An excerpt from a talk by Father Joseph Kentenich given on June 19, 1961 – “In Union with the Father” (pages 77-79)

“...As we know, the earthly father is the transparency of the heavenly father.”

“...How did my father affect my life? What do I owe him? How much did he do for me? If he is in eternity, I want to consciously think of him and thank him with all my heart for all the good he did for me. He gave me life, he cared for my health, for my education—or whatever it may have been.”

“Maybe I have to say that he failed at times—perhaps, one child got an education and I did not; whatever it may be. First, you must think: My poor father, perhaps he did not know any better. What are the circumstances in which he grew up? Most likely or probably, he was unable to give me more than he gave to me. And if I still find shortcomings, then I think, I should now forgive him with all my heart.”

“Therefore, if we ourselves are fathers, we want to remember days like these, like Christian holy days, are, not only days of remembrance but also days of renewal. What do I want to renew? My fatherly attitude toward my own children. What is my attitude like?”

“...But we do not want to forget the heavenly Father. Think about it again. What do I owe the heavenly Father in my personal life? What do I owe him in the life of my family?”

“...There is a second thought we have often talked about and we may not overlook. We have always said that the special mission of the Blessed Mother from our shrine is to give us a sense, an understanding of the Father God and to educate us into genuine father children. Isn't it true that we are more inclined to say that the Blessed Mother leads us to our Lord? But this is not enough. Wherever there are Schoenstatt Shrines, there are also the Blessed Mother's centers of education. And she leads us in Christ to the Father.”

“In this light, you will understand much better that one of the specific graces we receive in our shrine is the grace of becoming children of providence to an eminent, to an extraordinary degree. Being a Providentia child (a child of Providence) and being a father child is always one and the same because I place the reins of my life into the hands of the Father God to the extent that I am a child of providence. And to the extent that I am a father child, that is, a child of the heavenly Father, I am receptive to the workings of God in my life made known to me through circumstances.”

Father Kentenich Year

Father Joseph Kentenich entered eternal life on September 15, 1968. In 2018 we will remember the 50th anniversary of the death of the father and founder of the Schoenstatt Movement. To prepare for this anniversary, the members of the General Praesidium have called for a Father Kentenich Year starting on September 15, 2017, and ending on September 15, 2018. Throughout this year we will learn more about our founder's person, life, and mission to prepare for this anniversary. Please join us on September 15, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. to open the Father Kentenich Year at Schoenstatt Heights united with the entire Schoenstatt Movement worldwide.

Family Retreat in Waukesha – October 27-29, 2017

All families are invited to attend the Family Retreat being held at the International Retreat Center in Waukesha the weekend of October 27-29. The Family Retreat would be a perfect opportunity to spend time together with other Schoenstatt families. The weekend begins with Holy Mass at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and ends at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday. The cost is \$85 per adult, \$40 for the first child, and \$20 for each additional child. Children 5 and under are free. Please register in advance by calling (262) 522-4300. Early registration is encouraged. Scholarships are available, please inquire.

Calendar of Events

Aug. 3	7:00 p.m.	Marian Devotions and Benediction at St. Dennis Parish
Aug. 5		NO Morning with Mary Setup for Festival. There will still be Holy Mass in the Shrine at 8:00 a.m. but no program following the Mass.
Aug. 6	11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Schoenstatt Family Festival Children's Carnival Games & Prizes, Cash Raffle & Basket Raffle, Sloppy Joes, Ice Cream, Homemade Pie & Cake, Bake Sale, Shrine Tours. Entertainment: Aunt Who and the Polka Dots, The Tim Haub Trio
Aug. 13	2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Sion Circle Prayer for priestly vocations in the Founder Shrine.
Aug. 18	8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration in the Founder Shrine
Aug. 27	9:30 a.m.	Covenant Sunday Following Mass and the Covenant Renewal, we will have games for all ages and a potluck picnic lunch. Weather permitting it will be an outdoor picnic with seating on the lawn (bring a blanket or lawn chairs) and tables in the garage.
Sept. 2	8:00 a.m.	Morning with Mary Meditation: "He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent away empty"
Sept. 7	7:00 p.m.	Marian Devotions and Benediction at St. Dennis Parish
Sept. 10	2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Sion Circle Prayer for priestly vocations in the Founder Shrine.
Sept. 15	6:30 p.m.	Opening of the Father Kentenich Year This gathering will replace our fall movement meeting and be an opportunity for formation. Father Mark Niehaus will join us to open the Father Kentenich Year. We will start with prayer in the Founder Shrine. We hope many can attend.
Sept. 18	8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration in the Founder Shrine
Sept. 23	9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. At 4:30 p.m. a Sunday Anticipatory Holy Mass will be available.	Couples Day of Reflection: Better Together Forever This Day of Reflection is being planned for couples interested in Schoenstatt. Current members are encouraged to invite a new family to attend! Additional details will be available soon.
Sept. 24	9:30 a.m.	Covenant Sunday Theme: Father Kentenich Year

Penny Power Project

The Madison Schoenstatt Family is participating in the **Penny Power Project** to support our missions in the Dominican Republic. Please return the bank to Schoenstatt Heights when it is full.

We received four cans back during June and July totaling \$41.33. This brings our total for the year to **\$370.62**. We received a note from Sister M. Jeannette thanking everyone for their loyal support to the missions. The people helped by the sisters are also very grateful for the support. If anyone needs a new penny can, they can pick it up at Schoenstatt Heights.



Pilgrimage to Schoenstatt, Germany, and Cambrai, France

In commemoration of the 50th anniversary and 100th anniversary of the death of Father Joseph Kentenich and Joseph Engling, respectively, we are planning pilgrimages next year to learn about their lives and experience the places where they lived and died. The first will be July 24 to August 8, 2018 (English). The second will be August 8 to August 24, 2018 (Spanish). Additional details will be available soon. Please save the dates!