



# Schoenstatt Family News

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One in the Father's heart:  
*Omnibus omnia*



During this Father Kentenich Year, we want to look to his life and words as a source of inspiration in a deeper way. As we anticipate Advent, we can look back with joy to the time when Father Kentenich was in Rome in 1965, preparing to return to Schoenstatt, Germany, after 14 years of exile. During that time, he wrote a Christmas letter to the entire Schoenstatt family, outlining the fruit of the years of exile: the new images of the Father, child, and community.

Our new year's motto is, "One in the Father's heart: *Omnibus omnia!* (All things to all!)" If we want to live as one in the Father's heart, it behooves us to look to the new image of the community. By doing so, we begin to become all things to all people – whether in our families, in our work places, or with our circle of friends. With this in mind, we would like to share the following excerpt from Father Kentenich's Christmas letter of December 13, 1965.

"Our image of the community contains timeless features which are characterized by the totality of our covenant of love. We have always known that the covenant of love with our dear MTA was to be understood and realized as an expression, protection, safeguard and means for the covenant of love with the Triune God and the covenant of love among, with, and for one another. With each passing year we have more deeply experienced the close, mutual connection between these covenants. The degree of the covenant with the supernatural world normally determined the degree of the related covenants among and with one another, and so we can easily see how truly we can say at the end of the second imprisonment: The intimate fusion of hearts with one another, i.e., between father and Mother and children, and among the children themselves, has reached a mysterious depth which can be understood to a certain extent only in the light of faith on the basis of the inbreak of the divine into our family. Today it is a dead certainty for us that we have all entered into an indescribable unity of fates, mission, and hearts with one another that would be difficult to find elsewhere. Together we have all carried the same cross, which was foreseen for the father of the family from all eternity and placed upon his shoulders at the appointed hour. Everyone, without exception, offered their shoulders in his or her own way. Once again, it happened in such a way that the cross lost some of its heaviness because no one had to bear the weight alone. So it is that we live together in a spiritual unity – with, in, and for one another – allowing us to understand correctly now for the first time what the image of the new person in the new community looks like."

"We are also aware that with this we approach an ideal which the church of the future, by its very nature, will be interiorly urged to reach out for, so that by right she will be able to apply the words of praise to herself: 'See how they love one another' (Tertullian)."

Question to consider during Advent:

How can I live "with, in, and for one another" as a gift for the Christ child on Christmas day?

# Calendar of Events

Dec. 2	8:00 a.m.	<b>Morning with Mary</b> Meditation: Magnificat summary
Dec. 7	7:00 p.m.	<b>Marian Devotions and Benediction</b> at St. Dennis Parish
Dec. 10	2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	<b>Sion Circle</b> Prayer for priestly vocations in the Founder Shrine.
Dec. 11	7:00 p.m.	<b>Young Mothers' Group (new group forming)</b> Even if you did not attend the previous meetings, please feel free to join us this month.
Dec. 15-23	7:00 p.m.	<b>Shelter Seeking Novena</b> Please join us (and invite others) for Holy Mass at 7:00 p.m. in the Founder Shrine each night of the Shelter Seeking Novena. On December 15 cookies and cider will be served and on December 23 a Filipino meal will be served following the Mass. There will not be food on the other nights of the Novena.
Dec. 18	8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	<b>Eucharistic Adoration</b> in the Founder Shrine
Dec. 23	9:30 a.m.	<b>Men's Group Meeting</b> The meeting starts with prayer in the Shrine.
December		<b>NO Covenant Sunday</b>
Jan. 4	7:00 p.m.	<b>Marian Devotions and Benediction</b> at St. Dennis Parish
Jan. 6	8:00 a.m.	<b>Morning with Mary</b> Meditation: The Wedding at Cana
Jan. 6	10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	<b>Adoration Circle Day of Reflection</b> We would like to offer our Adoration members an opportunity to participate in a day of reflection. Those who are interested in joining us for monthly adoration are also welcome to attend this gathering.
Jan. 7	10:30 a.m.	<b>Christmas Party</b> Holy Mass in the Family Room, covenant renewal, potluck lunch, caroling, explanation of the Father Room, and children's Christmas play. The Nativity scene that was in the Founder Shrine when Father Kentenich celebrated midnight Mass will be featured in the Father Room.
Jan. 14	2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	<b>Sion Circle</b> Prayer for priestly vocations in the Founder Shrine.
Jan. 18	8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	<b>Eucharistic Adoration</b> in the Founder Shrine
Jan. 27	9:30 a.m.	<b>Men's Group Meeting</b> The meeting starts with prayer in the Shrine.
Jan. 28	9:30 a.m.	<b>Covenant Sunday</b> Theme: TBD

## 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. Pilgrimage options: **July 24 to August 8, 2018**, (English) or **September 6 to September 20, 2018**, with three separate groups (Spanish, English, and youth). **Please call Sister M. Catherine at (608) 222-7208 if you are interested in additional information.**

## 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 three cans in November totaling **\$58.43**. This brings our total for the year to **\$615.05**. If anyone needs a new penny can, they can pick it up at Schoenstatt Heights. Thank you for your support!

