



# Schoenstatt Family News

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One in the Father's heart:  
*Omnibus omnia*  
(All things to all)



As we begin 2018, we want to consider Father Kentenich's thoughts from a talk in August 1935 at a celebration recognizing the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. In the talk, Father Kentenich thanked the founding generation for the many sacrifices made for the growth of the Schoenstatt Movement. The excerpts shared here were selected to inspire the members of the post-founder generation to be "set on fire" anew for the future of the Schoenstatt Movement in our time. We want to thank our dear Blessed Mother for entrusting her great work of Schoenstatt, through our founder, to our generation.

"I know and have experienced how our family celebrations have strengthened our family bonds and nurtured our loyalty to our common cause, to our Mother Thrice Admirable, but also to one another. Have we realized that we need the obligation of this profound community membership even more than before, because the circumstances of our times rend people apart to such an extent, and because the dark and difficult future will most probably give rise to further thunderstorms? It could well be that difficult times are approaching. And it is true, the more difficult the times, the more closely we must be united, the more we must form a single, large Family that has been called by God, if we are to consume ourselves in hard times for God's Church, for the kingdom of our Blessed Mother."

"Community implies the harmony of hearts. If you can say that the Family is distinguished by the deep, inner community of the individual members, it means that to a very large extent this is because most of you have contributed your very best to the Family as a whole. I would like to ask each of you individually to admit honestly and humbly ... what you have contributed of your heart's blood to the life of the Family. If you want to thank me for anything, it can only be for one thing – that I have tried to take up everything that was developing in you, to open up the way for you, and once it had come alive in the community to some extent, to proclaim it as a motto."

"I must also express my thanks to those who have not yet been born, those still to come. Yes, what will become of Schoenstatt if the coming generations are not gripped and permeated by the same spirit as we are? Must it not remain a law of the Family for all the times to come – each generation has to conquer Schoenstatt for itself? Unless my gratitude to the coming generations in the coming centuries is given a foundation in the development of the times to come, we can more or less bury our Family. Unless God awakens people in every age who are prepared to use the same means and the same ways to attain the same goals, we will have built a work that is just a dayfly; it will not last for all eternity. I hope, however, that the God who has protected us until now, that the Blessed Mother who has spread her hands so lovingly over the Family until now, will accompany us with their grace and love. For the sake of the loyalty with which we have tried to pass on what we have inherited to the coming generations, may they always send us people who will give their heart's blood for Schoenstatt."

"Faithfulness to our dear Mother Thrice Admirable! Don't you think ... that we owe the fruitfulness of our Family, and the amazing fact that despite the chaos of our times we could develop as organically as we have until now, to our childlike faithfulness to our Mother Thrice Admirable of Schoenstatt? We want to promise once again to remain true to her."

# Calendar of Events

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> <b>Theme:</b> "the Father's Heart"
Feb. 1	7:00 p.m.	<b>Marian Devotions and Benediction</b> at St. Dennis Parish
Feb. 3	8:00 a.m.	<b>Morning with Mary</b> Meditation: The Presentation of the Child Jesus
Feb. 11	2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	<b>Sion Circle</b> Prayer for priestly vocations in the Founder Shrine.
Feb. 15	7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	<b>Madison Schoenstatt Family Movement Meeting</b> We will begin with prayer in the Founder Shrine.
Feb. 18	8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	<b>Eucharistic Adoration</b> in the Founder Shrine
Feb. 18		<b>Valentine Dinner in Waukesha</b> Watch for more details available soon.
Feb. 24	9:30 a.m.	<b>Men's Group Meeting</b> The meeting starts with prayer in the Shrine.
Feb. 24		<b>Girls Youth Rally Day</b> Watch for more details available soon.
Feb. 25	9:30 a.m.	<b>Covenant Sunday</b> Theme: TBD
Feb. 26	6:30 p.m.	<b>Festival Meeting</b>

## 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. **The deadlines to register for these pilgrimages are coming up soon. The July deadline was extended to March 1, and the September pilgrimage deadlines are also March 1.**

## 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 five cans in December totaling **\$43.80**. This brings our total for the year to **\$658.85**. If anyone needs a new penny can, they can pick it up at Schoenstatt Heights. Thank you for your support!

