



# Schoenstatt Family News

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



*Father Kantenich reached out in the spirit of ecumenism long before it became a popular term. The following witness explains how he saw everyone in their individual value and worth as a person, regardless of their religious or political views. Father Kantenich's charism as a father shone forth to people of all backgrounds.*

An interesting fact is that the first people who publicly called him "father" were the communists. The Family - as we have said - had always experienced him as "father", but this experience had remained personal, private.

Due to the new situation that came about through January 20, Schoenstatters recognized publicly: he is our father and our lives are intimately linked to his. But they still call him "Herr Pater" (Reverend father); they do not say "Vater" (dad) to him.

In the concentration camp, some communists were the first to call Father Kantenich "Vater" in public, because they really felt that way. These communists were his friends in Dachau, who saved his life many times. Father Kantenich displayed a very deep and authentic relationship of paternity with them, expressed humanly. They were attracted by his welcoming attitude, by his respect.

Before a man like him, everyone felt the need to open up. Father Kantenich helped one of those communist leaders a lot and talked with him for several years. He was very fatherly with him and yet he never spoke to him about religion. He served him where he needed it, based on the concerns his friend had.

Only at the end, when it was time to separate - for they would soon be freed from the concentration camp - Father Kantenich told him: "I am going to ask you for one thing as a sign of our friendship all these years: that when you return home, please read the Bible in memory of me and see if what is said there is of any interest to you."

Like this man, Father Kantenich had many Communist or Protestant friends in Dachau. Everyone was attracted to him by the strength of his personality, regardless of his religious convictions.

*Taken from "La historia del Padre Kantenich" of Father Hernan Alessandri M., Page: 160f*

## Schoenstatt Family Festival – August 5

**11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Children's Carnival Games & Prizes, Cash Raffle & Basket Raffle  
Sloppy Joes, Ice Cream, Homemade Pie & Cake  
Bake Sale, Shrine Tours, Live Entertainment

# Calendar of Events

<b>June 2</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning with Mary</b> Meditation: The Visitation of Mary
<b>June 3</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Corpus Christi Sunday in Waukesha</b> Join our Wisconsin Schoenstatt Family in celebrating Corpus Christi Sunday. Americans (English-speaking), Hispanics, Germans, and Filipinos will be represented with altars for benediction during our Eucharistic procession to the International Shrine after Holy Mass. Dinner is available afterwards at \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children ages 6-15. Tickets can be purchased upon arrival.
<b>June 7</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Marian Devotions and Benediction</b> at St. Dennis Parish
<b>June 10</b>	<b>2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Sion Circle</b> Prayer for priestly vocations in the Founder Shrine.
<b>June 18</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Eucharistic Adoration</b> in the Founder Shrine
<b>June 20</b>		<b>Founder Shrine Dedication Anniversary</b> Make a personal visit to the Shrine to spend time in quiet prayer.
<b>June 24</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Covenant Sunday</b> Theme: <i>Omnibus omnia!</i> (All things to all)
<b>July 5</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Marian Devotions and Benediction</b> at St. Dennis Parish
<b>July 7</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning with Mary</b> Meditation: The Institution of the Eucharist
<b>July 8</b>	<b>2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Sion Circle</b> Prayer for priestly vocations in the Founder Shrine.
<b>July 18</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Eucharistic Adoration</b> in the Founder Shrine
<b>July 22</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Covenant Sunday</b> Theme: Spiritual Pilgrimage to Germany and France

**Julia Anderle de Saylor** would like to offer presentations about her thesis regarding Father Joseph Kentenich's pastoral outreach to the German community at St. Michael's Parish in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on the following dates. Each presentation will start at 3:30 p.m. A snack will be served. Before each presentation, everyone is welcome to join the Sisters for adoration from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. followed by a prayer service.

**July 15**      The St. Michael's German Community, Part III  
*Looking Heavenwards, looking to our Heavenly Home in face of past trauma and current hardships*

In 1953, as the Founder Shrine was under construction, Father Kentenich encouraged seminarians from Madison, Wisconsin, with the following words:

"It is our mission to nationalize and to Americanize Schoenstatt, but this does not mean that we may water down its ideas. Rather, it means that we let Schoenstatt with all its great ideas take root in our hearts in order to embody a genuine American member of Schoenstatt who lets the great central ideas of the family kindle his heart and guide him like the Star of Bethlehem."

"You must see the whole world before you. You have to realize that the Blessed Mother wants to enter in Madison as the great leader, as the great educator for the U.S. She wants to assist us in fulfilling our great mission."

Source: "You are the Seed for a New World", pgs. 46 & 23

With these words I wish to thank you for allowing me to be part of the mission of the Blessed Mother here in Madison over the past 10+ years, especially over the past 1 1/2 years when I was privileged to work with our adult Schoenstatt Movement. The Blessed Mother's mission is great – and she needs each of you to be her instruments to spread it throughout the diocese and beyond. I pray for you and offer my capital of grace for this important intention.

United in the covenant,  
Sister M. Catherine Ditto