



Schoenstatt Family News

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



On January 20, 1942, our founder made the far-reaching decision not to undertake any further actions to prevent him from being sent to the concentration camp. This decision set its stamp on the whole of Schoenstatt's history. In the prelude to this important event something happened in connection with Christmas Eve 1941: The origin of the "Mariengarten" (Garden of Mary).

Sister Mariengard wrote a letter to the child Jesus and sent it to Fr. Kentenich. Father reacted playing the role of the Child Jesus.

Herewith is a little part of that written exchange between Father and Sister. It reveals the unity of hearts and lives of the permanent head of the Schoenstatt Family and his followers and among the members of the Schoenstatt Family.

My dear little Mariengard,

You have understood me well! In the past you used to think that you would have to remain an orphan all your life. Are you now convinced of the opposite?

Now set to work soon with your other little sisters and lay out the Mariengarten carefully. I will come soon... And when I am satisfied with all the flowerbeds, I will carry out your wish and send your father back to you – well prepared for new work and new battles...

That also happened. There you see the first period. Do you know what came alive after that? The key thought is this: an extraordinary strong reciprocal interweaving of destinies, and an extraordinary strong sense of responsibility. We usually say that this is a vital, deep, and effective covenant of love with one another.

Now I have to tell how much strength this awakened. It was not just a covenant of love with the Blessed Mother, between heaven and earth, but also a covenant of love between the permanent head and his followers, a covenant of love between the followers themselves. They really worked heroically all those years because of the one thought: The miracle of the Holy Night must first happen in us, then it will also happen for the head.

*Source: 15th Conference of the "October Week 1950"
Kentenich Reader, Volume I, Page 231*

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.

- March 18** The St. Michael's German Community, Part I
The root of Homelessness in the Heimatklänge Newsletters
- April 15** The St. Michael's German Community, Part II
Tensions between the Old and New Home, the Immigrant Experience
- May 20** The St. Michael's German Community, Part III
Looking Heavenwards, looking to our Heavenly Home in face of past trauma and current hardships

Calendar of Events

Mar. 1	7:00 p.m.	Marian Devotions and Benediction at St. Dennis Parish
Mar. 3	8:00 a.m.	Morning with Mary Meditation: The Crowning with Thorns
Mar. 11	2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Sion Circle Prayer for priestly vocations in the Founder Shrine.
Mar. 18	8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration in the Founder Shrine
Mar. 24	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Women's Day of Reflection Mary's noble heart - An image for women today Cost is \$30 and includes lunch and snacks. Attendance is limited to 35. Please register by March 19. Call the Sisters at (608) 222-7208 or send an email to schoenstattheights@schsrsmary.org . Check the schoenstattwisconsin.org website for additional details.
Mar. 24	9:30 a.m.	Men's Group Meeting The meeting starts with prayer in the Shrine.
Mar. 25		No Covenant Sunday Mass
Mar. 25	2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Adoration for Covenant Sunday Palm Sunday. We will have adoration in the Founder Shrine and Covenant Renewal at the closing.
Apr. 5	7:00 p.m.	Marian Devotions and Benediction at St. Dennis Parish
Apr. 7	8:00 a.m.	Morning with Mary Meditation: The Resurrection of Our Lord
Apr. 8	2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Sion Circle Prayer for priestly vocations in the Founder Shrine.
Apr. 14		Tour of St. Paul University Catholic Center Time to be determined. Watch for details coming soon.
Apr. 18	8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration in the Founder Shrine
Apr. 21	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Spring Work Day Help the Sisters prepare for summer by raking leaves, washing windows, putting out lawn furniture and toys, removing fallen branches, etc. Some indoor, sit-down work will also be available. Lunch will be served at noon. Please call the Sisters at (608) 222-7208 so we know how much work to plan and food to prepare.
Apr. 22	9:30 a.m.	Covenant Sunday Pilgrimage of Father Traces in Madison – Watch for details coming soon.
Apr. 28	9:30 a.m.	Men's Group Meeting The meeting starts with prayer in the Shrine.

Lent Striving – Penny Power Project

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We encourage everyone to write petitions to Father Kentenich each day of Lent. Petition sheets and answers to petitions sheets are available at Schoenstatt Heights.

We also invite everyone to continue supporting the Penny Power Project. Place a penny power bank in your home shrine and add pennies or other change as you make sacrifices during the season of Lent. You will help to fill the "Capital of Grace" along with serving the needs of the people of the Dominican Republic, a poor island country in the Caribbean Sea. You may bring your petitions to the Father Room during Lent and return the bank to Schoenstatt Heights when it is full.

