



# Schoenstatt Family News

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Fear not, Proclaim  
the Father's Love!



## Father Joseph Kentenich: A Letter from God to Us

The life of our father and founder is our letter from God. The book of his life is our book written by God.

God is a God of life. This is how [Father Kentenich] experienced God's reality at every moment. I have never experienced a person of whom I was so convinced that at every moment he was listening intently; he listened to God, and was therefore a deeply obedient person.

As the father of a developing community he entered into the covenant of love with the Mother Thrice Admirable, and then, as the herald of the consecration to Mary, he called untold numbers of people into this historically significant renewal of God's covenant, which had been made in the Old Testament by the fathers of faith and completed in the New Covenant in the Blood of Jesus Christ.

He wanted to help form the new man in the new community, both of which are borne by the fundamental power of love. In opposition to the massman, who is torn out of all the God-willed attachments, who is demoralized and de-spiritualized, who is brutalized, even demonized, he wanted to create the man of God transfigured in Christ, who is firmly rooted in all the God-willed attachments, in whom nature and supernature have unfolded harmoniously, and who is fully moral and spiritual.

What will the Church say of him one day? This question is put to us all. ... Our lives will decide what the Church will one day say of our father and founder. The Church will read the letter from God which he wished to be from the way we live it.



## Joseph Engling: The Lived Founding Document

Fr Joseph Kentenich noted shortly after Joseph Engling's death, that Joseph Engling was "the lived Founding Document," and he started to publish parts of Joseph's diary and letters in the "MTA" magazine.

Joseph Engling is one of the founder generation of Schoenstatt; he was born in a village in eastern Prussia (at that time Germany, now in Poland), and was a student in the Pallottine College in Vallendar, Schoenstatt.

He was not present when Fr Kentenich and a group of older students entered into the covenant of love on October 18, 1914, in the ancient Chapel of St Michael, today the Original Shrine. However, he assimilated this event in all its fullness and made Schoenstatt the content of his life. His notes clearly mirror every inspiration Fr Kentenich gave to this young foundation. He managed to grasp the thrust of the capital of grace that enabled him to make sense of his physical limitations, his successes and many failures in the apostolate, his self-education and the hardships of a soldier's life at the front in World War I. For him everything was valuable, because it contributed to Schoenstatt's growth. On May 11, 1918, he offered his life to the Blessed Mother for this intention. He died on October 4, 1918, near Cambrai, France.

For many Schoenstatters, in particular the youth, Joseph Engling is still today a friend and companion on the way to the full depth and creative force of the covenant of love.



Source: Excerpted from the homily of Auxiliary Bishop Tenhumberg at Father Kentenich's funeral, found in the book "Dilexit Ecclesiam."

Source: <http://www.schoenstatt.org/en/covenant/2016/04/an-important-step-in-the-beatification-process-of-joseph-engling/>

# Calendar of Events

**During the month of October: Each Monday & Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Rosary Devotions in the Shrine** (except Oct. 5). Our Blessed Mother would be happy to see many of her children together in the Founder Shrine for Rosary Devotions in October. Consider taking time to join us to pray the rosary at the Shrine.

<b>Oct. 5</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Marian Devotions (with rosary) and Benediction</b> at St. Dennis Parish
<b>Oct. 7</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning with Mary</b> Meditation: "He has come to the help of His servant Israel for He has remembered His promise of mercy,"
<b>Oct. 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>Oct. 9</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Young Mothers' Group (new group forming)</b> This month's meeting will begin with rosary in the Shrine. Even if you did not attend the September meeting, please feel free to join us this month.
<b>Oct. 18</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Eucharistic Adoration</b> in the Founder Shrine
<b>Oct. 22</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Covenant Sunday</b> Theme: Introduce the new motto
<b>Oct. 28</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Men's Group Meeting</b> For any men (married or single) interested in a monthly meeting format to grow in their faith and learn about Schoenstatt's spirituality for men. The meeting starts with prayer in the Shrine.
<b>Nov. 2</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Marian Devotions and Benediction</b> at St. Dennis Parish
<b>Nov. 4</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning with Mary</b> Meditation: "the promise He made to our fathers, to Abraham and His children forever."
<b>Nov. 4</b>	<b>10:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Fall Retreat – Father Kentenich Year</b> For those who knew him, Father Kentenich was a priest, a prophet, and a father. At our fall retreat, we will encounter our founder and learn about his person, life, and mission. The cost is \$32 and includes lunch and dinner.
<b>Nov. 9</b>	<b>11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Invitation to Parish Priests – Schoenstatt Encounter Day</b> Please consider sending an invitation to your parish priest for this special gathering. Our Schoenstatt Fathers would like to share a meal with brother priests close to the Diocese of Madison's only Marian Shrine. Contact the Sisters at (608) 222-7208 for details and a printed invitation.
<b>Nov. 11</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Fall Workday</b> Help the Sisters prepare for winter by raking leaves, washing windows, 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.
<b>Nov. 12</b>	<b>2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Sion Circle</b> Prayer for priestly vocations in the Founder Shrine.
<b>Nov. 13</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Young Mothers' Group (new group forming)</b> Even if you did not attend the previous two meetings, please feel free to join us this month.
<b>Nov. 18</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Eucharistic Adoration</b> in the Founder Shrine
<b>Nov. 25</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Men's Group Meeting</b> The meeting starts with prayer in the Shrine.
<b>Nov. 26</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Covenant Sunday</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. The first will be July 24 to August 8, 2018 (English). The second will be September 6-20, 2018 (Spanish). There will be a second English pilgrimage over September 15; the exact dates are yet to be determined. Additional details will be available soon. Please save the dates!