



Schoenstatt Family News

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Fear not, Proclaim
the Father's Love!



Father Kentenich Year

Father Joseph Kentenich entered eternal life on September 15, 1968. In 2018 we will remember the 50th anniversary of the death of the father and founder of the Schoenstatt Movement. To prepare for this anniversary, the members of the General Praesidium have called for a Father Kentenich Year starting on September 15, 2017, and ending on September 15, 2018. Throughout this year we will learn more about our founder's person, life, and mission to prepare for this anniversary. **Please join us on September 15, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. to open the Father Kentenich Year at Schoenstatt Heights united with the entire Schoenstatt Movement worldwide.**

We share an excerpt from Father Juan Pablo Catoggio introducing the Father Kentenich Year:

"Let us focus on our father and founder for one year: on his thinking and message, on his interesting and varied biography, and on the answers he has given to the challenges of the Church and the world and still wants to give through us today. This year gives us the opportunity to deepen our relationship with Father Kentenich, so that his charism can be reawakened in us. Let us invite many people to meet Father Joseph Kentenich for the first time or to rediscover him as a prophet of our time!"

Diocesan Leadership

This past spring, after a time of prayer and discernment, our Schoenstatt Movement in Madison elected its new diocesan leadership team for the next three years. Jamie McCarville has accepted the task to lead the women's column (mothers, single women, girls' youth), and Jim and Patty Raskob together with Bob and Nancy Arntz will co-lead the family column. Together with Father Francisco and Sister M. Catherine, these individuals will make up the new diocesan leadership team beginning on September 1, 2017, until September 1, 2020.

We pray in thanksgiving for the leadership of the last four years from the past team, Bob and Nancy Arntz and Jeff and Barb Brochtrup. Jeff and Barb will be helping in various other capacities and spending more time with their growing "second set" of children. Please join us in praying for them in gratitude. As a spiritual gift, we encourage you to offer a rosary for Jeff and Barb on September 18, if possible in the Founder Shrine.

Family Retreat in Waukesha – October 27-29, 2017

All families are invited to attend the Family Retreat being held at the International Retreat Center in Waukesha the weekend of October 27-29. The Family Retreat would be a perfect opportunity to spend time together with other Schoenstatt families. The weekend begins with Holy Mass at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and ends at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday. The cost is \$85 per adult, \$40 for the first child, and \$20 for each additional child. Children 5 and under are free. Please register in advance by calling (262) 522-4300. Early registration is encouraged. Scholarships are available, please inquire.

Calendar of Events

Sept. 2	8:00 a.m.	Morning with Mary Meditation: "He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent away empty"
Sept. 7	7:00 p.m.	Marian Devotions and Benediction at St. Dennis Parish
Sept. 10	2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Sion Circle Prayer for priestly vocations in the Founder Shrine.
Sept. 11	7:00 p.m.	Young Mothers' Group This is a new group forming for any mothers interested in a monthly meeting format to grow in their faith, learn about Schoenstatt's spirituality for mothers, and exchange thoughts with other mothers of young children.
Sept. 15	6:30 p.m.	Opening of the Father Kentenich Year This gathering will replace our fall movement meeting and be an opportunity for formation. Father Mark Niehaus will join us to open the Father Kentenich Year. We will start with prayer in the Founder Shrine.
Sept. 18	8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration in the Founder Shrine
Sept. 19	7:00 p.m.	Follow-up meeting for the Schoenstatt Family Festival All leaders are encouraged to join us to share feedback from this year's festival and to make initial suggestions for next year.
Sept. 23	9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. At 4:30 p.m. a Sunday Anticipatory Holy Mass will be available.	Couples Retreat Day: Better Together, Forever! This Retreat Day is being planned for couples interested in Schoenstatt. Current members are encouraged to invite a new family to attend! Cost is \$60 per couple and childcare will be provided. Please register by September 18. Call the Sisters at (608) 222-7208 or send an email to schoenstattheights@schrsmary.org .
Sept. 24	9:30 a.m.	Covenant Sunday Theme: Father Kentenich Year
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.		
Oct. 5	7:00 p.m.	Marian Devotions (with rosary) and Benediction at St. Dennis Parish
Oct. 7	8:00 a.m.	Morning with Mary Meditation: "He has come to the help of His servant Israel for He has remembered His promise of mercy,"
Oct. 6-8		Leader's Convention Schoenstatt International Center in Waukesha
Oct. 8	2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Sion Circle Prayer for priestly vocations in the Founder Shrine.
Oct. 9	7:00 p.m.	Young Mothers' Group (new group forming) 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.
Oct. 18	8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration in the Founder Shrine
Oct. 22	9:30 a.m.	Covenant Sunday Theme: Introduce the new motto

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. 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!