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



The Father Kntenich Year has been a time of great blessings. As we approach the high point of the commemoration of Father Kntenich's homegoing, we take time to reflect on some words from Father Walter, from the International Coordination Team, and Father Cattoggio, Chair of the General Presidium.

“Only a few more weeks separate us from the highpoint of the Kntenich Year, the 50th anniversary of our father and founder's return home to eternity. All over the world, the Schoenstatt Family has been preparing for this event. After the experience of grace of October 18, 2014, which brought us back as the Schoenstatt generation of today to the beginning of our founding history, we expect a new “Pentecost” in the celebration of September 15, 2018. This will make us even more "Schoenstatt on the move". Soon after our Father's death, in the week of October 1968, Father Menningen marked that moment with the words: "His going home is not an end, but a beginning in the Holy Spirit" (Fr. Menningen, 17.10.1968).

We ask for a new beginning in the Holy Spirit... as a grace of September 15, 2018, and that our international celebration here in Schoenstatt and worldwide is carried by this Spirit. We will gather here on the afternoon of September 15 with about 2000 Schoenstatters from all over the world at our father's final resting place. Through Schoenstatt live-stream video it will be possible to take part in the celebration all over the world and to follow the celebration on site” (Fr. H. Walter, International Coordination).

As we come closer and closer to September 15, 2018, we reflect on the following words taken from a recent letter sent by Father Cattoggio, president of the General Presidency.

What does our Father and Founder tell us at this moment? In his farewell discourse Jesus left his followers with three commands: “Remain in me as I also remain in you” (Jn 15:4), “love one another as I have loved you” (Jn 15:12), and “I have chosen you so you bear fruit, fruit that will last” (Jn 15:16). Our Founder is a reflection of Christ for us, so we can imagine that he would speak to us in a similar manner.

“Remain in me as I also remain in you” (Jn 15:4) - Creative loyalty to the Founder God has called us together with and in our Founder. We believe in him, in his charism and in his mission. We also believe that through the Covenant of love with the Blessed Mother, God allows us to share in his founding spirit. If “we remain in him”, if we remain attached to him through the Covenant, then he will “remain in us” and his charism will become active in a creative manner and will become fruitful in and for the Church.

“Love one another as I have loved you” (Jn 15:12) - Cor Unum in Patre. Just as Fr. Kntenich emphasized the autonomy of each of the communities he founded, he also promoted and demanded the unity and solidarity of the respective communities and branches of our federally structured Family among themselves. What he envisioned that God planned for his spiritual family was a great community of hearts: "That seems to be the purpose of God - to hold this fusion of hearts as the foundation for the next 50 years throughout the Family ... not just for the next 50 years, but for all times to come"(Fr JK Dec 25, 1967). The Cor Unum in Patre - One heart in the Father - should find expression today in the

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concrete solidarity among the various communities and national Schoenstatt Families on a worldwide and multicultural level. We need each other. This solidarity should be an expression and the beginnings of a fruitful covenant culture.

“I have chosen you so that you will go and bear fruit, fruit that lasts” (Jn 15:16) - Schoenstatt on the Move. Fr. Kentenich contemplates with joy the strong missionary current that inspires the Family today. Borrowing an expression of Pope Francis, we want to be a “Schoenstatt on the move”, a missionary Schoenstatt that gladly wants to pass on the gospel message filtered through Schoenstatt for the Church and world of today. The Covenant becomes a mission, the Covenant becomes a culture. In all areas of life: youth, family, education, Church, in all areas of society and culture (cf. Pentecost Memorandum 2015). “May a new world arise in the power of the Covenant of Love, and wherever we live and act, may we bring forth a covenant culture” (Prayer for Fr. Kentenich Year). “We need grace from above and we get it when we believe in our Covenant of Love. You can be sure that a multiple charism is associated with our Covenant” (Fr. JK November 25, 1965).

Our Founder’s Dilexit Ecclesiam - He loved the Church - that he chose to put on his tombstone, is a legacy that guides us and urges us to commit ourselves.

Calendar of Events

Sept. 1	8:00 a.m.	Morning with Mary Meditation: The Assumption of Mary into Heaven
Sept. 6	7:00 p.m.	Marian Devotions and Benediction at St. Dennis Parish
Sept. 9	2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Sion Circle Prayer for priestly vocations in the Founder Shrine.
Sept. 15	2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	50th Anniversary of Father Kentenich’s Homegoing Please join us for this special celebration. Holy Mass will begin at 2:20 p.m. Location: Holy Cross Church and Schoenstatt Shrine, 5424 W Bluemound Road, Milwaukee
Sept. 18	8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration in the Founder Shrine
Sept.		NO Covenant Sunday

During the month of October: Each Monday & Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Rosary Devotions in the Shrine (except Oct. 4 and Oct. 18). 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. 4	7:00 p.m.	Marian Devotions and Benediction at St. Dennis Parish
Oct. 6	8:00 a.m.	Morning with Mary Meditation: The Finding of Jesus in the Temple
Oct. 12-14		Leader’s Convention Schoenstatt International Center in Waukesha
Oct. 14	2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Sion Circle Prayer for priestly vocations in the Founder Shrine.
Oct. 18	8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration in the Founder Shrine Closing Benediction at 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 18	6:30 p.m.	October Covenant Celebration Please watch for details to be available soon.
Oct.		NO Covenant Sunday