



Schoenstatt Family News

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Guided by the Holy Spirit, our new motto for 2018 - 2019 is:

Like Father, dare to offer ourselves for the Church.

"Whoever wants to overcome the frightful needs of our time, must acquire the genuine God-made image of the human person, and so teach and live it. Perhaps only now is the time when people will understand fully why Holy Scripture several times in close succession and in an unmistakable manner announces the great truth: the human person is an image, a likeness of God [cf.Gen1:26-27] (Father J. Kentenich, *Marian Instrument Piety*, pgs.111-112).

The early Fathers of the Church explained this concept of likeness by stating that 'according to the image' we have an intellect and a free will. But, 'according to the likeness' we are capable of resembling God in our virtues, in reaching the perfection of our aspirations (John of Damascus).

To say that we want to imitate Father Kentenich, our father and founder, in his love for the Church, is to call his noble aspirations for the Church our own. Father Kentenich looked to Mary in order to practice a sacrificial and loving surrender to the Body of Christ, here on earth. Just as Mary dedicated her whole life's strength to the growing Church since the day Christ came to earth, so too, we look up to our father and see him dedicating his whole life's strength to the Church since the day Schoenstatt came into existence. We are here for the Church! Do we dare to give our all for it? Do we dare this especially in a time when it is unpopular to be Catholic?

With our minds we are not able to grasp everything. But, in faith, especially through our practical faith in Divine Providence, we are able to engage our mind and our will, our hearts and our emotions and embrace the ideal image of the Christian soul today. That is to say, through our practical faith in Divine Providence we are able to embrace the genuine God-made image of the human person as formed by our Catholic principles. In the covenant of love with the MTA, we also find many practical ways to live out of this clear image.

When we take time to renew our covenant, to share the richness of our bond with Mary, when we offer our contributions to the capital of grace, or when we embrace the daily sacrifices of everyday life with a joyful attitude as well as when we emphasize the greatness of our Catholic identity, we move toward the perfection of Mary's image in us. We resemble Father Kentenich's way of loving the Church.

Faced with countless opportunities to offer ourselves for the Church in everyday life, we let ourselves be inspired by our new year's motto: **Like Father, dare to offer ourselves for the Church!**

Calendar of Events

Nov. 3	8:00 a.m.	Morning with Mary Meditation: The Crucifixion
Nov. 8	7:00 p.m.	Marian Devotions and Benediction at St. Dennis Parish
Nov. 10	9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Fall Workday 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.
Nov. 11	2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Sion Circle Prayer for priestly vocations in the Founder Shrine.
Nov. 14	11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Invitation to Parish Priests – Schoenstatt Encounter Day 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. Printed invitations are available at Schoenstatt Heights.
Nov. 18	8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration in the Founder Shrine
Nov. 24	9:30 a.m.	Men's Group Meeting The meeting starts with prayer in the Shrine.
Nov. 25	9:30 a.m.	Covenant Sunday Theme: New Motto
Dec. 1	8:00 a.m.	Morning with Mary Meditation: The Birth of Our Lord
Dec. 6	7:00 p.m.	Marian Devotions and Benediction at St. Dennis Parish
Dec. 9	2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Sion Circle Prayer for priestly vocations in the Founder Shrine.
Dec. 15-23	7:00 p.m.	Shelter Seeking Novena Please join us (and invite others) for Holy Mass at 7:00 p.m. in the Founder Shrine each night of the Shelter Seeking Novena. On December 15 cookies and cider will be served and on December 23 a Filipino meal will be served following the Mass. There will not be food on the other nights of the Novena.
Dec. 18	8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration in the Founder Shrine
December		NO Covenant Sunday
Jan. 6	10:30 a.m.	Christmas Party Holy Mass in the Family Room, covenant renewal, potluck lunch, and program.

Final 2018 Festival Report

Gross Receipts	\$6,097.74
Expenses	\$(1,500.92)
Subtotal	\$4,596.82
Other Income—Matching Funds:	
Catholic Order of Foresters	\$1,253.00
Catholic Financial Life (Ch. 88)	\$500.00
Net Income	\$6,349.82

Our gratitude and thanks to:

- Catholic Order of Foresters St. Bernard Court No. 1785 for their time and assistance in obtaining matching funds.
- Catholic Financial Life Chapter 88 for their time volunteering at the Festival and securing matching funds.
- Sister M. Deanne and her team from Waukesha, including the Tousignants, Wycklendts, and Rameys who organized the games and for those who came to staff the game tent.
- Everyone who worked so diligently to make the 2018 Festival a wonderful success and fun for all who attended!

The winners of the \$100 Raffle Prizes were: Sharon Bartosch, Viola Buechner, Mike Arndt, Mary Ann Rayworth, and Ramon Cruz. We thank everyone who purchased raffle tickets.