

Dear Schoenstatt Family Members,

We are getting closer to the great event of the visit of the Father Symbol in Perth, WA. I hope and pray that the individual preparation is going well. I pray for you all in our Shrine.

Sr. M. Georgina Heger

Schoenstatt Father Symbol – Information Snippet No. 5

Introduction:

The Father Symbol can be seen as a sign of the love of God for all his creation. It can be a symbol that reminds us that:



“God is Love”

Spiritual Preparation

You might like to place yourself spiritually in the Shrine or with your Pilgrim Mother and reflect on this scripture quote:

***“Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love.....
We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us.”***

John 4: 8,16

Reflection:

God reveals his love for us through the wonders of his creation. One of the gifts that Father Kentenich had, was being able to see how all these gifts that God has given us in creation – the nature around us – the birds and plants and flowers and animals – our physical gifts – our feelings, thinking and freedom to choose – are all connected.

Father Kentenich used the word ‘organic’ to describe these living connections in creation. He also used the phrase to describe the loving care that God has for all his creation by saying that God does everything:



“out of love, through love and for love.”

Dear Heavenly Father, we ask for the grace through the Shrine of growing deeper in our relationship with you and with your Son. As Mary helped Jesus with the work of redemption, we want to serve the Church through our involvement in Schoenstatt.

We thank you for giving us Father Kentenich who believed that everything created and all that comes about is part of God’s eternal plan of love for all his creatures and creation.

Practical Resolution:

Each day I want to try to find God, the Father's love either in nature, in the people around me or and in the events of my day. I want to bring to God my gratitude by saying "thank you".

We pray together:

Dear Mother Thrice Admirable,
With great joy we are on pilgrimage to your shrine.
The faith of our Father and founder Fr Kentenich
inspired you to set up your home in Schoenstatt.
In the shadow of this shrine a family was born,
a new spiritual way within the Church, a charisma
in the midst of our time.
We want to fill the capital of grace with our gifts; with our
gratitude and repentance, with our surrender and longing.
With every step we take on our pilgrim way we ask you:
Enkindle in us anew the fire of love for you, for Father
Kentenich and for our family.
Mother, give us the strength to spread a covenant culture
in our world today and educate us to be your true
missionaries for this century.



Your covenant - our mission!