

Dear Schoenstatt Family,
I hope that these “snippets” have been helpful to you in coming to a better understanding of the meaning of the Father Eye (Father Symbol), so that when the symbol arrives in Perth on April 3rd you will be able to share in the joy of this visit.
God bless,
Sr. Georgina Heger

An invitation to all Schoenstatters to come and welcome the Father Symbol.

Fr Prabhu will be flying on **Qantas flight QF577 on Wed 3rd April, arriving in Perth at 15.40pm.**

Fr. Prabhu will bring **the Father Symbol, which is on an international pilgrimage in preparation for the Jubilee in October, 2014.**

You are ALL invited to welcome the Father Symbol either at the airport and/or at the Shrine!! We would be pleased if as many as possible can take part in the welcome ceremony.

1. After Father's arrival, he would be transported to Armadale to deliver the Father Symbol to Our Lady in our Shrine at **about 5 pm.**
2. We greet the Symbol and have it displayed in the Shrine for prayers, meditation and song.
3. At about **5.45 pm we will have Benediction**, followed by a break and private prayers in the Shrine or saying the rosary.
4. **7 pm Holy Mass**, followed by a **Shared Meal in Emilie House.**

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Introduction: The Father Symbol is a reminder to us that our **spiritual journey** should ultimately **lead us homewards to the Heavenly Father.** To help us on this journey we have Our Blessed Mother together with her Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.



We come to know the Heavenly Father through the teachings of his Son, Jesus, and also through **those who by their example reflect here on earth the qualities of a father –natural fathers and spiritual fathers.**

Reflection: Father Kentenich emphasised often that the order of nature is the order of being. **This phrase means that how God made something is the way it should be used.**

“The LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.” (Genesis 2:7)

A man becomes a father when he is a source of life. There is natural life, spiritual life, and supernatural life. We call Fr Kentenich the Father of the Apostolic Schoenstatt Family. Father Kentenich gave supernatural life to the students in the seminary in Schoenstatt through encouraging them to educate themselves **to be “firm, free, priestly personalities”.**



During his life time as a priest and Father of the Schoenstatt Family, Father Kentenich was not only an educator, but for many became a caring, kind and wise father through whom they could receive, and in whom they could see, the fatherly love of God. And he always led them to the Covenant of Love with our Blessed Mother which gave them supernatural life.

Practical Resolution:

How can I see in Father Kentenich a transparency of God, the Father? Do I believe that he is still active as Father and Educator? Do I entrust myself, my intentions, worries and complexities of life to him?

Spiritual Preparation:

You might like to place yourself spiritually in the Shrine or with your Pilgrim Mother and reflect on how Father Kentenich has been a source of life for you.

Prayer:

As we prepare for the visit of the Father Symbol, and in union with our Schoenstatt Family here in Australia, we pray our pilgrimage prayer for 2014:

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!