



September 29th 2013

Historic Handing Over of the Key

On the afternoon of 22 September the historic handing over of the key took place in the Original Shrine in Schoenstatt before a small gathering. "The donation of the chapel of grace in Vallendar, Schoenstatt by the community of the Pallottine Fathers to the Schoenstatt Movement was celebrated today within the framework of praying Vespers," the Pallottine website announced. The celebration of Vespers served as the solemn act and official presentation of the Marian Shrine to the Schoenstatt Movement for the centenary of its foundation in 2014, which had been decided on 22 May 2013 during the Pallottine Provincial Assembly. The gift includes the adjacent Pilgrims' Place. Later in the evening, the immense jubilee gift of the Original Shrine - a dream and longing of generations - was celebrated in the framework of a Holy Hour (article coming soon). Around the world, Schoenstatt members and friends gathered in the Shrines, parish chapels, wayside shrines, and home shrines to congratulate the Blessed Mother for this gift and thank the community of the Pallottines for their generosity (coming soon).

<http://www.schoenstatt.org/en/news/1669/53/Historic-Handing-Over-of-the-Key.htm>

Priests who go out to the peripheries – First Course of the Federation Priests in India

On the Blessed Mother's feastday, 12 September 2013, the first course of candidates for the Priests' Federation in India, and hence in Asia, set out on its way. There are eight diocesan priests between the ages of 33-54. Together with the Pilgrim Mother they travel to the peripheries. These are priests who in their parish in Northern India have a 100% attendance of all the Faithful at Holy Mass ..., because all 28 come. These are priests who work with very ordinary people, and priests who occupy influential posts as Vicars General, or Secretaries to the Nuncio. These are priests who are not shy of asking visitors from Germany for money for suffering families - who are not Christians - in their parish. These are priests who, in the strength of the covenant of love, want to be shepherds of their people according to the heart of Pope Francis.

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Our Jewel, Damaged

On Saturday, September 21st, a powerful storm caused severe damage in many areas of Paraguay. "It has been unusual. My generation has not experienced a deluge that lasted so long. Each hailstone was larger than an orange. An enormous number of roof tiles were broken in a very populated area of Paraguay," commented Father Antonio. The National Schoenstatt Shrine in Paraguay suffered severe damage.

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"Viva il santuario! – Evviva!" Belmonte joins in the celebration of handing over the Original Shrine

A wonderful late summer's day. The doors of the shrine "of all of us", MATRI ECCLESIAE are wide open. In the international shrine at Belmonte we join in the handing over of the Original Shrine by the Pallottine Society to our worldwide Family. Schoenstatters from the first Federation group in Rome, young adults and the family groups of the Eternal City are represented, as are the missionaries of the Pilgrim Mother, and pilgrims from Casalotti and the parish of St Gemma, the Sisters of Mary from the COR ECCLESIAE shrine, and of course, our Brazilian Sisters, members of the Institute of our Lady of Schoenstatt, and our Czech custodian family, young and old, big and small. As representatives of the Movement, and at the same time as representatives of the international Family, we are in Belmonte where the charism of our Movement is increasingly being recognised in the heart of the universal Church.

<http://www.schoenstatt.org/en/news/1672/53/Viva-il-santuario-Evviva-Belmonte-joins-in-the-celebration-of-handing-over-the-Original-Shrine.htm>

Founding of the Schoenstatt Women's Apostolic Federation in Chile

The founding of the Schoenstatt Women's Apostolic Federation in Chile became a reality with the consecration of the first course. Isn't this news worthy of being known to Schoenstatt worldwide on the road toward Jubilee 2014? A letter to the Schoenstatt Family of Chile (published in the "Vinculo"

Magazine) reads: "With great joy we share the happy news of our Consecration as a Founding Course of the Schoenstatt Women's Apostolic Federation on August 15, 2013."

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In Covenant Solidarity: Our Covenant of Love Does Not Remain Merely an Idea

During our last Covenant Sunday the Schoenstatt Family in the diocese of Aachen was gathered in its Missio Patris Shrine. There the idea of the Working Document for 2014 was taken up to renew the covenant of love in its international network and with its missionary formative power. Some of those present explained the project: "Each shrine its house" with great enthusiasm.

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Youths Alive. Hearts Afire – Testimony on the Catholic Missions in Ciudad del Este

"Do you know the land so warm and dear which Eternal Love itself has built: where noble hearts beat with affection and bear with each other in the joy of sacrifice; and flow as one into the heart of God; where streams of love well forth with might to quench the thirst of the world for love? *This wonderland is known to me - It is the meadow radiantly lit by Tabor's sun, where our Three times Admirable Lady reigns in the midst of her favorite children, loyally rewarding each gift of love with the manifestation of her glory and immeasurably abundant fruitfulness: It is my home, my Schoenstatt Land!*" (Heavenwards) Do you know what I like best about this prayer? That it completely describes what one experiences in the missions, whichever one it might be, and that in a PROVIDENTIAL way, it emerged from our beautiful Santuario del Terruño (Homeland Shrine) in Ciudad del Este. What a joy it is for all of us to feel this prayer as our own, as if it were speaking to each one of us! Don't tell me you did not feel the way it says in this prayer while you were on the missions!

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In the World Day for Peace , Italy crowns His Queen

"I decided to call for the whole Church , September 7 , a day of fasting for peace in Syria and around the world ... From 19:00 to 24:00 hours we will gather in prayer and in a spirit of penance to invoke this gift of God. Humanity needs to see gestures of peace. I therefore ask all communities to organize some liturgical act according to this intention. I'll be waiting." Yes, that's the day Sept. 7. Divine Providence wanted to combine the feast day of the coronation of the Virgin Mary in Belmonte with a day of fasting and prayer which Pope Francis wanted, to implore God for the gift of peace.

<http://www.schoenstatt.org/en/news/1670/53/In-the-World-Day-for-Peace-Italy-crowns-His-Queen.htm>

A New Way of Living a Lay Fatherhood

Not long ago, the Men's Branch of Chile celebrated the 40th anniversary of Blessed Mother's crowning. On a somewhat cool morning, the Meeting began for men from Tuniche, a rural section near Rancagua. Very early, at 8:30 A.M., the first ones arrived from Nuevo Belén (Santiago), then the group from Abba, from Campanario (Santiago), from de Viña - Los Pinos, from Quillota, and from Bellavista.

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