

# SCHOENSTATT NEWS

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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## October 1914—2014 October.

Dear Mother and Mother of our Lord,  
With great joy we start out on our pilgrimage to your shrine.  
Father Kentenich's faith 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  
charism in the midst of our time.

We want to fill our jars with our gifts, with our gratitude and repentance, with our surrender and  
longings.

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.**

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### **Fr Kentenich's Silver Jubilee (8th July 1935):**

For Father Kentenich the jubilee was an opportunity of thanksgiving on many counts.  
Addressing the member and co-workers of his Movement he said: 'You may ask me why I give  
thanks? Whom shall I thank? I thank all Schoenstatt's children, I thank the dead, I thank the  
living, I thank the generations to come! Our dead are not dead, they are with us today. What  
has been done here is also the achievement of our co-workers. One cannot think of me without  
including you. The whole Movement cannot be explained without your personal involvement  
and closest collaboration. Before all else that applies to our dead.....

But I must say a word of thanks to the living. I am thinking especially of all those who have  
joined their destinies to mine for twenty-five years or a large portion of it .....Try to find  
another community at this present time which is so much a part of the life and thinking of its  
members. Or am I exaggerating? No, I am convinced that everything that has come about is  
your work as much as it is mine .....Allow me to try to outline your part in the work. Once, after  
I had said that the lectures were not to be passed on, someone jokingly remarked: "He got it all  
from us anyway". That is true. The book that I have read is the book of the times, the book of  
life, the book of souls. If you had not revealed your souls to me so unreservedly, most of our  
spiritual results would never have been achieved. You cannot learn that from books, only from  
life .....But that is not all. What I was privileged to read in your souls indicated to me the  
direction we should take towards the next stage we set for ourselves.....for the individual  
stage which had to be arrived at, the identification of these stages and the enlightened efforts  
to reach them, all of that, my dear Schoenstatt Family, is simply unthinkable without you. This  
is where the profound connection begins between acting and willing, living and loving  
.....Community means the harmony of hearts .....

But I must also express my thanks to those who do not yet exist, those who are still to come.  
What will become of Schoenstatt if the coming generations are not gripped and penetrated by  
the same spirit? Surely this must remain a law for all times in the Family: *Each generation must  
conquer Schoenstatt for itself* .....It is my hope that God, who has protected us so far, and Our  
Lady, who has stretched out her hands so kindly over our Family, will continue to favour us  
with grace and goodness, I hope that for the sake of the loyalty with which we have striven to  
hand on our inheritance to the coming generations, God will always send people who will give  
their heart's blood for Schoenstatt. I would like to thank future generations too....

The gratitude which has been shown towards me during these days, and which I rightly directed to you, must be taken up by the whole Family and directed to the heart of our dear Mother Thrice Admirable and Queen of Schoenstatt .....What has come about, through me, through you, has come about through our dear Mother Thrice Admirable of Schoenstatt. First of all let me say this: she has personally shaped and moulded me from the age of nine onwards. ....when I look back I can say that I know no human being who had a more profound influence on my development. A million people would have gone to pieces if they had been left to themselves in the way I was .....I know I am saying a great deal .....But I also know that Our Lady put her almighty power of intercession and her mother's heart at my disposal in a unique way. You have experienced this yourselves and were able to verify it in history: from the moment she made her abode in our shrine she placed her power and her mother's heart at my disposal for the work I was called to do. It is she too who gave you to me as my co-workers .....

In conclusion : Do not imagine that our effectiveness has reached its end. The goal we have in view is something surpassingly great; we want to help create a new type of man such as the Church needs, who is able inwardly to overcome the terrible upheavals. We want to help create a family of a new kind—a holy community. Our Movement must produce holy people. Woe to us if we become superficial, if the members of the Family begins to be God-talkers instead of God-bearers. We must strive for real holiness.”

taken from 'A life for the Church' by E. Monnerjahn.

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**11th October 2013 | Germany |**

### **Brother Sun and Sister with rain on the way towards Schoenstatt**



### **Pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Freiburg on the pilgrimage to Schoenstatt (Photo: Wehrle)**

**HBRE.** Between 3 to 5 October 2013, a team of about 30 pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Freiburg pilgrimage towards the Schoenstatt continue. The pilgrims were traveling from Mannheim Worms and Alzey up to Upper Hilbersheim. From there, the route continues in the coming spring. In two further stages of the Schoenstatt Movement in the Archdiocese of Freiburg will continue to Pentecost 2014, the pilgrimage to the Original Shrine in Schoenstatt Vallendar. Pastor Luke Wehrle tells of some experiences of the pilgrims traveled stage.

**Welcome home - starting with coffee and cake**

Luke Wehrle. We leave early and meet us at the Shrine in Mannheim. A sunny day of German Unity invites to pilgrims. Many already know from previous ways other venture the way for the first time

We had come to Mannheim in May, here we start. And so warm as it was then adopted, we are greeted welcome now. On the table are coffee and cake. Good people make sure that we feel at home with each other and with the Mother of God, even before we left. This community will support us in the coming days.

### **The soul goes on foot - even on the highway**

On the A 6 at Sandhofen we cross the Rhine towards Ludwigshafen - on the median strip of the highway. A bicycle and pedestrian path leads through the cars speeding by. The contrast could not be greater: the soul goes on foot, step by step through the cars speeding by. The pilgrims days on the noisy highway, on the idyllic banks of the Rhine and the romantic vineyards of Rheinhessen help us in any case, that the soul enforcement. Too often it is driven and hunted in the busyness of our everyday life. Now they must go on foot. Pilgrimage means: have time for the soul.

### **An altar of jolt lands on the Rhine (Photo: Wehrle)**



### **An altar of backpacks on the banks of the Rhine**

We celebrate the Eucharist on the day of German unity. Since there are no major stones on the shore, we successive layers of the backpacks and build a beautiful altar, not the lack of jewelry with flowers and flags. Our rucksacks to the table, our load to the place where the sky meets the earth, and God is very near. The Gospel tells of the release of the 72 disciples, who are allowed to take nothing on their way - except one, who mitpilgert, for the Lord always sends two together. We are not 72, maybe about half, but we do not want to stop half way, we passed our inventory on this altar to the Lord and accept each other as valuable food for the pilgrimage.

### **Allows an objective look at - the Cathedral of Worms**

The first day's destination is visible: the Worms Cathedral. We are tired that first night, it was a long day. Our souls breathe as majestically presented the goal before us, and the cathedral is visible. "Bless the Lord my soul and bless his holy name ..." singing we move on and tune in the cathedral, the "Great God, we praise you" to. In the hostel we find a good neighborhood. It's good to have a hostel. A

goal that you see gives you new strength and can breathe a sigh of the weary soul.

### **Traveling with Francis**

On Friday morning we celebrate St. Nicholas Chapel of the Cathedral of the Holy Eucharist on tight. Francis. Spiritually connected with another pilgrim who comes on that day on the way to Assisi, our Pope Francis. The texts of the liturgy speak of the wounds of Christ, that we can find in our own lives. This also will discuss Francis Pope in Assisi. The weather forecast announced rain. But then the weather is better than expected. We make ourselves the spirit of St.. Francis ready not only the sister sun, but also the brother to embrace the rain.

### **Have a wish free - Testimonies awaken our faith**

Every day is someone from the group of pilgrims a short testimony about his faith and his life from the Covenant. On two days Sr. Josegund pilgrimage from Mannheim to us by her and her kindness we learn the "apostolate of greeting." It tells of an encounter she had as a young woman with Father. Abruptly she was asked of him: "Do you have a wish?" They knew then as soon no answer. We also take our time and go in silence. In silent pilgrims grow our desires and our hopes



are concrete. It is good to have a fellow pilgrim Father who is already at the destination. He understands our needs, they are in good hands with him

### **Rain also brother wants to be accepted**

A long pilgrimage day, leads us through beautiful vineyards. Klaus on the mountain we find in the Michael Chapel an inviting resting place. In the evening we are quite tired on arrival in Alzey all. Thank God, this time we have a van there, which makes it possible that individuals can make a piece of "pilgrimage". At night, the brother already reported rain and waiting for the "Hug" by the pilgrims. And he no longer differs throughout the day from this embrace. It seems as if our St. Francis convey something of the perfect joy. There remains no choice: the rain must be assumed. Only if it is accepted, it can be a brother.

### **"The soul goes on foot": panoramic views (Photo: Wehrle)**

## **Request concert in the rain - singing helps further**

Eventually, as the moisture from your feet and slowly increases her up, someone makes the proposal for a request concert go. Songs are sung, composed verses to sing along as best we can ... "You dear God, when I look at the world you created through your omnipotence word ... then rejoices my heart you great ruler to how great you are ..." Yes, singing helps and assists us in rainy weather, the beautiful not to lose sight of.

## **The Eye of God - "Providence" concrete**

We stop for lunch. Then this day she is especially longed for. In the pre-planning had shown that we can settle down to us in a vineyard where there is not only a good wine, but also a hot coffee. How attentive God had planned, we would have found out there is no dry place. The winery owner proudly shows us the Evangelical church, which-as he says-something particularly shows a great eye of God upon the altar. God looks lovingly at us, even when it rains. He always looks ahead, he foresees. His providence does not make mistakes.

## **People along the way - everyone is out**

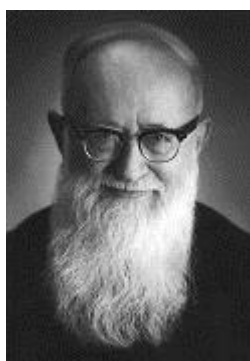
Again and again we meet people along the way who are curious, or touched by what we do: the truck driver, who on 3 October has rest and for worship on the banks of the Rhine joined to the old man standing on the road and the tears come in view of the pilgrim shrine, he was often in Schoenstatt and is pleased with this meeting, the owner of the vineyard, the us His church is full of joy, even if it is not a big churchgoer. We feel everyone has their own way, each is performed.

## **The disciples return and celebrate Thanksgiving**

We are happy to have reached our destination and celebrate the completion in Upper Hilbersheim the St. Fair. The Gospel of the day told of the 72 disciples, the return and report what they have experienced on the road. The harvest altar of the Church invites us to celebrate the harvest of our pilgrimage. We put on the altar again all concerns that we supported and for which we are gone. Then when they all come, we arrive at the Shrine in the pitcher. On the way home in the warm coach we help our gratitude together. Moving testimonies make clear once again how precious it is that we have each other, to share our faith and other companions are on the pilgrimage of faith. We express our gratitude to the one who leads us and cares for us, rain or shine.

## **More**

See [www.pilgerwege-schoenstatt.de](http://www.pilgerwege-schoenstatt.de)



## **JUBILEE CELEBRATION reminders!**

Good evening,

Happy feast of the most Holy Rosary!

Thank you for your email. Regarding events for the coming 12 months - at this point in time I do not have any definite dates for young women events.

Shrine Time is a set event on the 4th Sunday of each month and should continue into next year. You can include this if you wish, however the young adults will be reminded electronically - emails; facebook and our W A website I usually update regularly.

Yours in the Covenant,  
God Bless you!  
Sr. M Rebecca.  
Caritas Christi urget nos!

Our Dear Schoenstatt Community .....

On page 3 of this newsletter we read words of Fr Kentenich in 1935 .....

“But I also express my thanks to those who not yet exist, those who are yet to come .....”

...WE, my fellow Schoenstatters, are those people mentioned! Are we gripped and penetrated by that same Schoenstatt spirit? Can you and I help create a family of a new kind? Can we BE that family of a new kind...?? ARE we that family of a new kind?

...what can WE do to make this Jubilee Year a celebration ..to remember, to give thanks, to be renewed (mission consciousness)?

Could we stay close this Jubilee Year?

**Your Covenant, Our Mission!**



## **SPRING FAIR**

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3RD**

### **UPDATE!**

Good morning everybody,

The Spring Fair is on November 3rd. This is a request please for all of you who can help in anyway to respond. For those of you who have not been in Schoenstatt for sometime please come on the day and support the Sisters. As usual we are looking for preloved items which you can take to the Sisters shed or call me to pick up. One of the most exciting events of the day will be the drawing of the big raffle. There will be a lucky winner who can choose to fly to Europe next year or take the cash. By now hopefully you have sold and purchased some of the tickets. I am being a little presumptuous in making out the following list of duties for the day, but without your help it will not happen.

As usual we will set up on Saturday morning from 8.30 onwards.

**Bookkeeping** Huxtables.,

Books Theiseira Family.

Cake Stall/ Morning Tea Leeann, Barbara, Jan, Joy, Marg, ?Bee.

International Food served from the Kitchen area Sandra Vaz and her team.

BBQ Maryann Bailey and family

Preloved Items Peter De San Miguel, Mary Mclean, Barbara, Leonie.

Gold Rush Tooleys, Coles.

Plants Joe

Chocolate Wheel/ Raffles John, Mary, more helpers please.

There may be some local people selling their vegetables as in previous years.

Hopefully I have not forgotten anything. Please support the Sisters by baking at least one item and asking your friends to bake. If you have anything that you would like to donate as prizes for the raffles, like wine, toys, movie tickets, or craft items we would be very grateful.

We wish Lina and Brad, and Monica and Ralph, happy holidays and our sincere thanks for all their work over the years at the Fair. We hope you can join us again next year.

There is little time now until the Fair so lets work together to make it a success. Hope to see you all at the celebrations on the 18th.

Thank you for listening,

Mary Mclean 0400553140.



