

# SCHÖENSTATT NEWS

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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## ***Celebrating Schoenstatt's Jubilee Year: Your Covenant – Our Mission***

Dear Schoenstatt Family,

Greetings for this 18<sup>th</sup> of the month. I wish you all many graces and blessings from the shrine as we continue our journey towards our centenary celebrations on 18<sup>th</sup> October. As we are now within the last 100 days of our pilgrimage to the Jubilee celebrations, I believe it is appropriate that we thank to Our Mother Thrice Admirable for all the many graces and blessings she has bestowed on Schoenstatt and on each of us from the original shrine, and from all her

Schoenstatt shrines since the 18<sup>th</sup> October 1914. Father Kentenich said:

*The covenant of love with the Blessed Mother offers us the best guarantee for taking the covenant of love with our Lord and with the eternal God and Father seriously.... Let us repeat, we never turned our back to our Lord, to the Holy Spirit, to God the Father. It is exactly the other way around. If anything provides us with an apologetics of genuine, sound Marian devotion, then it is Schoenstatt's history. That's our pride. Actually it is understood that if we have such a unique mission, we will never abandon and forsake the root of the whole family tree. What is this root? The definite covenant of love with the Blessed Mother in the above sense. (From: "In Covenant with the Blessed Trinity", 1.5.1966)*

### **A question to ponder:**

*As we fast approach our Jubilee celebrations, what gift do I want to give Our Blessed Mother during this coming month to make the covenant more real and practical in my life?*

United in our covenant,  
Shirley Hall

Dear Friends of Schoenstatt,

How are you?

I am writing this email to you to see if you would like **to participate in building a house of Solidarity in Paraguay** in the name of our Australian Shrine in Western Australia.

If you read the attachment you will see what a wonderful endeavour this is for the people of Paraguay – giving those most in need of a home - a house in which to live. The aim of the Schoenstatt families is to build 100 homes (or more) as a gift for our Father and Founder for Schoenstatt's Centenary 2014 – such a wonderful gift!

If you read the attachment till the end you will see a list of names showing which Shrines from around the world have donated for a house – and our name is not yet among them! – would it not be wonderful to be able to have our Shrine listed there – ‘Schoenstatt Family Western Australia’! People will say: “Oh there is a Shrine in Perth/Western Australia!” I have been in touch with the Schoenstatt members who are in charge of the operation and they have told me that the cost of a house (or for the solidarity part of the house) is 200 Euros // 293,20 AUD which seems very reasonable to me and if several people make small

donations then a house can soon be paid for.

Sr Elizabeth is very supportive of our participating in the scheme in the name of our Australian Shrine and we have decided that the best and most efficient way to collect the donations would be for the money to be paid into the Sisters' Bank Account (which I will list below) with the reference name of PARAGUAY so that the money can be identified and once all the donations are in we can send the whole amount over to the organisers.

As we in Western Australia we are lagging behind NSW and Victoria, I like to suggest that we Sisters in Armadale facilitate the collection of the money. We will need to put a final date on which donations can be made and we thought that perhaps **SIX WEEKS** would be a long enough to enable people to save the money – **let us say all donations need to be in by the THE END OF AUGUST**. The account into which the money should be paid can be obtained from the Schoenstatt Sisters in Armadale.

I do so hope you will be able to help with this great gift – as I have stated, it need not be a large amount, every little bit will add up to a large sum! and will bring great joy into the life of some families in Paraguay.

In the Covenant of love

Yours,

*Sr. M. Georgina Heger*

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**Please keep in your hearts and prayers the families and friends of people tragically killed in Malaysian Airline flights MH 370 and MH17 - we are so, so sad, we send our love, we send our support .... the world mourns, is shocked and stands with you in grief !**

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"BUILD FROM HERE A WORLD PLEASING TO THE FATHER!" Joseph Kentenich

Dear Friends,

This is a recent up-date of some the ideas other people & countries had regards building "Jubilee Houses" in Paraguay. Perhaps the Schoenstatt Family world-wide can raise 100 more houses already for the next century!!!

<http://www.schoenstatt.org/en/news/2031/53/100-Years-100-Houses-100-Families-A-Network-of-the-Covenant-of-Love-in-Solidarity.htm#.U8TazehoZSs.email>

Greetings from our Shrine,

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## Schools Contributions to 100th Year of Schoenstatt.

On July 2nd over a hundred students, teachers, parents and friends of Schoenstatt gathered at the Shrine to present the stained glass window to Our Mother Thrice Admirable (MTA). The stained glass window has been worked on for months, by school students for their respective schools, Schoenstatt branches and members of Schoenstatt.

Fr. Brendan Sia, who came to know of our MTA through the Pilgrim Mother Apostolate and spent time in the Shrine while discerning his vocation to become a priest. He spoke lovingly of Our Lady and how she can live in our hearts. He celebrated Benediction and the whole group then processed to the Shrine to present the window to our MTA. They all returned to Emilie House where a celebration was held, where the Jubilee cake was cut, a sausage sizzle was served and specially made cup cakes for the occasion were distributed.

Taken from report to The Record dated 9th July by Lina Woodbrook.

(For a full report and lots more photos see our website Schoenstattwa.org.au)

## Gratitude Page

**O Holy Spirit wash every fibre of our being so that our daily song, as people of The Great Southland of the Holy Spirit, may be one of joyous Praise and with an attitude of Gratitude. Amen.**

.....For everything, yes for everything, let me give heartfelt thanks, clinging to you, Mother, with tender love, What would have become of us without you, and without your Motherly care. Because you delivered us from great need and bound us to yourself in faithful love. I will give thanks , be grateful forevermore and dedicate myself to you with undivided love. Fr J Kentenich page 146 Heavenwards.

....."You say grace before meals. All right. But I say grace before the concert and the opera, and grace before the play and pantomime, and grace before I open a book, and grace before sketching, painting, swimming, fencing, boxing, walking, playing, dancing and grace before I dip the pen in ink" G K, Chesterton (1874-1936)

....."To speak gratitude is courteous and pleasant, to enact gratitude is generous and noble, but to live gratitude is to touch Heaven." Johannes A. Gaertner (1912—1996)

Vs 1....We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land, But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand, You send the snow in Winter, the warmth to swell the grain, the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.

**Refrain**—All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above, we thank you Lord, we thank you Lord for all your Love.

Vs 3 ..We thank you, our Provider, for all things bright and good, The seedtime and the harvest, our life , our health, our food, No gifts we have to offer for all your love imparts, But that which You most welcome, Our humble thankful hearts!

**Refrain** — All good gifts ..... Mattias Claudius (1740—1815)



### NOVENA FOR JUBILEE YEAR

1st Friday each month at 7.30pm

Please join our Novena in joy and thanksgiving for the Jubilee Year. It will be on the first Friday of every month from February to October at 7.30pm followed by refreshments.



