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BREAKING NEWS!!

On May 22nd, we received the extraordinary news that the Pallottine Fathers had given us the Original Shrine. The news spread throughout the world like a great wave of joy. Oh Happy day!

The formal transfer of the Original Shrine to Schoenstatt Movement will take place on September 22, 2013.

We invite you to gather at **every Schoenstatt Shrine, Home Shrine and Wayside Shrine on September 22, 2013** to express gratitude to the Lord and the Blessed Mother for placing the custody of the Original Shrine in our hands. We are especially grateful for the generosity of the Pallottine Fathers, and we pray for their mission and their works. Dear brothers/sisters, this gift at the threshold of the Schoenstatt Jubilee, **commits us more** to continue to work for the Blessed Mother's mission from her Shrine at the service of the new evangelization for a Covenant culture.

Your Covenant, our Mission!

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09. Revealing the mystery of Mary

Perhaps the most fervent and comprehensive self-revelation made by Fr Kentenich is found in the following short quotation, which brings our collection of autobiographical texts to a close.

It is taken from an address given in the Exile Shrine in Milwaukee on the occasion of his 73rd birthday in 1958. When we consider the difficult circumstances surrounding his birth, these words shed all the more light on his belief, which grew over the years to become a conviction, that he had already been called in his mother's womb to proclaim the "mystery of Mary" to the world.

This text can also be found in J. Kentenich, *With Mary into the New Millennium* (Waukesha 2001), p. 160 f.

During the last few weeks we have heard on several occasions those words that God spoke to the Prophet Isaiah, "Before you were conceived in your mother's womb, I had chosen you and called you by your name: You are mine!" (cf. Jer 1,5; Is 49,1; 43,1). Those words apply in a unique way to

today, to the celebration that has united us today in the shrine. What does that mean, “I have called you by your name: You are mine”? It means, first of all, that God called me into existence. We believe that God spoke those words seventy-three years ago today. He said, I have called you out of nothingness into existence! Seventy-three years ago he called me by my name and said: You are mine! What does that mean? He said: You are mine, with your original character and with your original mission.

When we examine St Paul to see what mission he had been given, he would say: I was given the mission to proclaim the mystery of Christ to the world – Christ the Redeemer, the Mediator, the Head of his Mystical Body. Involuntarily we ask ourselves today: What was the mission that was handed over to me seventy-three years ago? With a side glance at St Paul, I think I may say that it was and is my mission to proclaim the mystery of Mary to the world. It is my task to make the Blessed Mother known, to reveal her to our times as the permanent helpmate of our Lord in his entire work of redemption, as the Co-redemptrix and Mediatrix of Grace; as Mother of God, deeply united with our Lord – a two-in-oneness – with her specific mission from her Schoenstatt shrine for our present times.

(Taken from Schoenstatt’s Kentenich Reader. Chapter 9 of the Autobiographical Texts).

For Schoenstatt enthusiasts, this is a must read and gives one a very profound insight into the teachings and thinking of Fr. Kentenich.

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It brought so much sadness to our hearts

.....we heard of Ted's passing! We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Jan, their sons and families, and all Peters family on the very sudden death of their beloved Ted/Dad. Ted was a great friend of Schoenstatt and an even greater friend of our Schoenstatt Sisters both here and in Mulgoa, NSW. Ted, your hand and heart is visible everywhere in Schoenstatt and gosh, how very dearly we will all miss you!!! Welcomed into the warm and loving embrace of Father God, who is ALL LOVE.....our eyes are fixed Heavenwards.thank you, thank you, thank you Ted, we are so gratefulgoodbye mate! Rest in Peace.

Tentative arrangements

Rosary for Ted will be led by our Schoenstatt Sisters on Wed 25th at Four Seasons Funeral Home, Albany Hwy. Requiem Mass on Thursday 10:30am at St, Francis Xavier Parish, Armadale ...please note these are only tentative arrangements, it is advised to call **Four Seasons Funeral Parlour on Wednesday 25th to confirm.** Thank you.



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But the task remains: we move forward with prayer and works of peace



“But the task remains: we move forward with prayer and works of peace. I invite you to continue to pray so that the violence and devastation in Syria may cease immediately.” "The search for peace is long and demands patience and perseverance!" In an urgent call at a time of fervent prayer for peace in Syria, the Middle East and the whole world, the Holy Father highlighted, before the Angelus, to Catholics and pilgrims from different parts of the world - that "this Word of the Lord affects us closely, and fundamentally it says: there's a deeper war we must fight, all of us! It's the strong and brave decision to renounce evil and its seductions, and to choose good, fully prepared to pay personally: that's following Christ, that's taking up our cross! This means, among other things, this war against evil means saying no to fratricidal hatred, and to the lies that it uses; saying no to violence in all its forms; saying no to the proliferation of arms and their sale on the black market. These are the enemies we must fight, united and coherent, following no other interests but those of peace and of the common good." Yes, the task continues after the prayer vigil in St. Peter's Square on 7 September, which simultaneously took place at a network of cathedrals, parishes, shrines, and wayside shrines throughout the world where everyone participated as living and committed members of Francis' Church. Including many Schoenstatt shrines, and the Original Shrine, of course. The task remains even as on Monday the mountains moved and the political landscape is timidly turning towards a solution

which a few hours earlier had seemed all but humanly impossible. After the Angelus, Pope Francis made another urgent call: "I would like to thank everyone who, in various ways, joined in the Vigil of Prayer and Fasting yesterday evening. I thank the many people who united the offering of their sufferings. I express my gratitude to the civil authorities, as well as to the members of other Christian communities and of other religions, and to men and women of good will who have undertaken, on this occasion, periods of prayer, fasting and reflection. But the task remains: we move forward with prayer and works of peace. I invite you to continue to pray so that the violence and devastation in Syria may cease immediately and that a renewed effort be undertaken to achieve a just solution to this fratricidal conflict. Let us pray also for other countries in the Middle East, in particular for Lebanon, that it may find its hoped-for stability and continue to be a model of peaceful co-existence; for Iraq, that sectarian violence may give way to reconciliation; and that the peace process between the Israelis and Palestinians may proceed with determination and courage. Finally, let us pray for Egypt, that all Egyptians, Muslims and Christians, may commit themselves to build up together a society dedicated to the good of the whole population. The search for peace is long and demands patience and perseverance! Let us keep praying for this!"



A ray of light

It may only be a ray of light, like the light of one of the hundreds of small candles that Christians at the Basilica in Bonn/Germany - Catholics, Evangelicals, Orthodox - placed in front of the large cross while they prayed for peace for two hours, in unity with the 100,000 people in St. Peter's Square and the thousands upon thousands of people around the world. An ultimatum presented by the United States Secretary of State, which was later pushed aside as "rhetoric," stated that military intervention could be avoided if the chemical weapons were to be handed over to the international community. In an unexpected turn of events, after this ultimatum by Washington was given to Damascus, the Kremlin also asked for the destruction of the chemical weapons in order to avoid an attack by the United States. Syrian Foreign Affairs Minister Walid Muallen stated that Syria was open to Russia's proposal for Damascus to cooperate with the international community in the control of the chemical weapons and their total destruction....



Pope Francis' words during the emotion-filled night in St. Peter's Square resound:

"Is it possible to walk the path of peace? Can we get out of this spiral of sorrow and death? Can we learn once again to walk and live in the ways of peace? Invoking the help of God, under the maternal gaze of the Salus Populi Romani, Queen of Peace, I say: Yes, it is possible for everyone! From every corner of the world tonight, I would like to hear us cry out: Yes, it is possible for everyone! Or even better, I would like for each one of us, from the least to the greatest, including those called to govern nations, to **respond: Yes, we want it!**"



Yes, we want it: Night Vigil in Madrid/Spain

Yes, we want it: Lima/Peru

From nine in the morning on 7 September various groups from the Movement visited the shrine in La Molina. It was a day of prayer and fasting with the whole world, especially for peace in Syria and the countries imprisoned by human misunderstanding. We know that in Schoenstatt, the Blessed Mother always looks after the details. Here at the shrine in La Molina, we couldn't have Adoration because we do not have a Father or Sister to take the necessary responsibility. We had spoken with several priests and even though they wanted the Blessed Sacrament exposed for the vigil, they could not be present because they all had commitments at their parishes for the same intention, so our time of prayer would be without the physical presence of Jesus.

Imagine our joy and surprise when right at the start of our prayer, Daniel Chávez - coordinator - arrived carrying the monstrance with the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ! All thanks to

Fr. Paul, a Diocesan priest who sealed his Covenant of Love, and is a friend and spiritual director!

All the plans were immediately changed - we heard emotion-filled voices singing hymns to Jesus. In a spirit of sacrifice, Edith Chang led the Adoration. The Family League sang the rosary. The coordinators prepared a meditation based on Pope Francis' request and we sang "Yes, Jesus, I am here. We want peace, love and self-sacrifice." We prayed the Divine Mercy Chaplet, while another group prayed João Pozzobon's rosary. There were personal prayer intentions, followed by three hours of contemplation, and loud applause when the physical presence of Jesus left us.

Peace will come

Meanwhile, the final moments from the time of prayer and Adoration echo in our ears:

Peace will come, if you believe that it is stronger than weapons, if you believe in the power of a hand extended in friendship, if you believe that the things that unite mankind are stronger than the things that divide them.

Peace will come if you believe that being different is a treasure and not a danger, if you know how to look at your neighbour with love, if you prefer hope to suspicion.

Peace will come if you know how to take the first step towards the other, if you can rejoice in your neighbour's happiness, if a child's glance can soften your heart.

Peace will come if the injustice of others injures you as

much as your own pain, if you allow the other to show you an act of kindness, if you believe that forgiveness is far more important than vengeance.

Peace will come if you know how to sing another's joy, dance and celebrate with him, if you can listen to the misery that takes up time and always have a smile on your face.

Peace will come if you know how to accept criticism without taking offense, if you believe that others can help you to change, if you are not scandalized by the Gospel.

OUR SPRING FAIR!

Springtime reminds us that our Spring Fair is on our doorstep! We are so very grateful for your generosity of time, talents and spirit in the past, thank you! Now once again we ask for assistance in making this event a huge success. Please offer your help. Thank you.

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