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Celebrating 100 Years of the Covenant of Love

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Schoenstatt Begins A Jubilee Year

The international Schoenstatt Movement finds itself at the beginning of a Jubilee Year after three years of intensive preparation. On Friday October 18, the Schoenstatt Shrine at Mt Richon, Armadale was one of the first of the 200 Shrines all over the world to begin its Jubilee celebrations. A crowd of over 200 braved a chilly evening and slight drizzle to attend an outdoor Holy Mass celebrated by Father Peter Whitley, Perth's Vicar General at the Shrine's forecourt. Among those present were Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary; Schoenstatt couples; mothers and families; regular pilgrims from a number of local parishes, Schoenstatt friends and supporters.

From October 18, 2013 till October 18, 2014 the Schoenstatt Movement is celebrating 100 years of its founding. At the heart of their jubilee celebration is the renewal of the Covenant of Love with the Mother Thrice Admirable Queen and Victress of Schoenstatt, the founder Father Joseph Kentenich, in the Original Shrine. This Covenant of Love with Mary is an expression, medium and safeguard of our Baptismal Covenant with the Triune God.

Priests Father Kazimierz Stuglik; Father Andrew Lotton; Father



PHOTO: Michael Shepherd: The Record

Emmanuel Tv Dimobi, Father Ken Asaba and Father Cyprian Shikokoti came to concelebrate with the Vicar General. These priests frequent the Shrine either to celebrate a Pilgrims' Holy Mass on Fridays or assist with the monthly event Shrine Time Holy Hour for young adults.

After Father Peter's homily Fiona Nottle, parishioner at St Francis Xavier Parish, Hilbert, sealed her Covenant of Love, after praying a hand written consecration prayer. Mrs Nottle has had a great devotion to Our Lady since she was eight years old and said she felt called to the Covenant of Love especially on this day. "More people need to come to the Shrine," Mrs Nottle said. "It is a very special place of grace and my life has truly been blessed by it."

Philomena Theseira, from the Schoenstatt families said: 'It was a wonderful night. Schoenstatt's Jubilee Year is about celebrating 100 years of

the Covenant of Love, so one of the true highlights for me was to see someone make their Covenant of Love with Our Lady tonight.' Local fireworks went off at the end of the celebration and added to the joy. Peter de San Miguel from the Schoenstatt families said: 'It was unbelievable! It seemed like they went off on queue!'

At the close of Holy Mass, Father Peter announced the news that Pope Francis has granted a plenary indulgence to all members of the Schoenstatt Movement and to the faithful who participate in any of the Schoenstatt Jubilee Year celebrations or come to visit any of the Shrines throughout the world, to which the crowd joyfully applauded. The plenary Indulgence can be obtained from October 18, 2013 until October 26, 2014.

The evening concluded with a communal supper shared by all in Emilie House.

Sr Rebecca Sampang

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Schoenstatt in Johannesburg celebrates the international opening of the jubilee year

His Grace Archbishop Buti Thlagale, Frs. Simon Donnelly, Kevin Bugler, Tony Daniels, Ronald Houreld, Francis Manana and Ronnie Cairns, concelebrated Holy Mass with 120 members and friends of the Apostolic Schoenstatt Movement on Thursday evening 17th October 2013 at Schoenstatt Bedfordview, in celebration of the international opening of Schoenstatt's Jubilee Year and to re-crown Our Blessed Mother as Queen of Africa.

During his homily, His Grace, encouraged movements like Schoenstatt to ensure that Our Blessed Mother's profile is raised in South Africa by creating heightened awareness of her feast days and highlighting them with pilgrimages and celebrations.

Before the offertory, symbols of the strivings and projects which have been made by the local Movement as part of its apostolic mission in the four decades since its establishment in the Archdiocese of Johannesburg were presented to Our Blessed Mother. These represent the Movement's response to Our Blessed Mother's requests and the Covenant of Love we made with her. They also espouse the ideals and vision of Schoenstatt's founder, Fr. Kentenich, to spread the Gospel on every continent and in every aspect of our religious and everyday life under Our Lady's education and guidance and in honour of the Triune God.

These projects, the fruits of our Covenant Culture in the fields of marriage and family life, youth, pedagogy, Church and society were presented to Our Blessed Mother together with completed Novenas and Prayers as a spiritual bouquet to Her as Our Mother and Queen of Africa.

Before the final blessing, in a very moving and poignant service, His Grace led the congregation into the Shrine where Our Lady was re-crowned as Queen of Africa.

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The Jubilee Year is Open

“The Jubilee Year is open” - these words spoken by Fr. Heinrich Walter in different languages brought a great cry of joy from the 2000 pilgrims gathered from all over the world outside the Original Shrine on the evening of the 18th October.

There was an incredible atmosphere around the Original Shrine the whole day.

The renovations, completed at the last minute, caused people to take a step back and look once again. The view to the pilgrim square, with the many chairs and benches, the stages, lighting, cameras and equipment were just the outward sign of what was to be a great and joyful celebration of a family gathered from many nations.



The first pilgrim of the year

At 8pm there was complete silence and anticipation as Fr. Michael Marmann, Rector of the Original Shrine went out to meet the “first” pilgrim of the jubilee year, Cardinal Stanislaus Rylko. A greeting - then the music began.

It was amazing to see the flags of 72 nations coming forward following that first pilgrim toward the Original Shrine. A welcome from Fr. Heinrich Walter, a word of joy from the Cardinal to be sharing this moment with the international family and the opening ceremony began.

I trust your might...

Now - I have to add this - but it is just a part of my personal experience - I hope many will share theirs. The opening we could share with many throughout the world (and I know that not everyone could benefit from this - something we are working on) because we transmitted the ceremony live in 142 countries and through the internet through our collaboration with EWTN, domradio.de and especially schoenstatt-tv. You have no idea how many times that day I had to run to the Original Shrine and just keep repeating, “I trust your might....” and, if you had been at the rehearsal the night before - you would know how we all felt Our Lady’s hand over things - even over the weather.

When the Church searches for Christ, she always knocks on the door of Mary and asks: “Show us Jesus.”

But back now to the message of the feast - just two moments for now.

First words of Pope Francis spoken in Aparecida: “When the Church searches for Christ, she always knocks on the door of Mary and asks: “Show us Jesus”. The Cardinal knocked three times and the Door was opened.

The second moment - “The jubilee of the covenant of love with Mary is therefore for us a new decision for Christ. It is a fundamental decision, the most important of one’s life – a decision that concerns our entire existence and our destiny. Blessed John Paul II said: “The person who wants to understand himself thoroughly [...] must with his unrest, uncertainty and even his weakness and sinfulness, with his life and death, draw near to Christ. He must, so to speak, enter into him with all his own self, he must ‘appropriate’ and assimilate the whole of the reality of the Incarnation and Redemption in order to find himself.”

We came to knock on Mary’s door, we entered in as we are, we gave thanks with 100 roses for what has come about over the last 100 years, we heard the call to face the challenges of faith in the world today and we celebrated.

Just as a footnote - there were fireworks too...

If you missed out you can see events on Schoenstatt-tv.de and [photos here](#) – from all over the world we are getting echo’s of how great it was to be involved...live... A taste of things to come...

Fr. Andrew Pastore. www.Schoenstatt.org 2013-10-19

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Opening of the Jubilee Year in Milwaukee

The Schoenstatt Family in the United States opened the jubilee year 2013-2014, by opening the door of two very significant shrines: the Exile Shrine and the International Shrine of the Father Kingdom. The celebration took place during the weekend of the leaders’ convention, on Saturday, October 11 at night.

“I do not have words to express the atmosphere I was able to breathe in the Shrine, as we walked and renewed the Covenant of Love upon opening the jubilee year. How blessed we are to belong to this most beautiful family!” expressed Sister M. Isabel.

Waukesha: During the Leaders` Conference

The opening of the jubilee year at the International Center in Waukesha, Wisconsin, started with a procession from the entrance of the retreat center to the holy area of the Shrine. To everyone’s surprise, fireworks were being launched from the neighbor’s property.....The first stop was by the Father statue near the International Shrine of the Father Kingdom. Upon the arrival by the Father statue, the fire was lit and one hundred roses were brought forward, which symbolized the one hundredth anniversary this month begins.

“Once the door opened everyone squeezed into the Shrine with the hope of landing right inside the Shrine for the renewal of the Covenant of Love”,

someone shared in a report used for this article.

After reading parts of the First Founding Document, the traditional “My Queen, my Mother,” was sung followed by the prayer of consecration in German and in Spanish...

Milwaukee: October 18

The second celebration of the opening of the jubilee year was at the Exile Shrine, on October 18 at night.

The university young women and some of the young men from Milwaukee took the initiative to enhance the usual celebration of weekly Holy Mass on the 18th of each month in the Exile Shrine by using the ceremony and prayers for the opening of the jubilee year. With flags, candles and beautiful music the jubilee year began in the nearness of Father Kentenich in the Exile Shrine, which turns 60 years on October 18, 2014.

During the ceremony Father Francisco Rojas, Schoenstatt Father, knocked at the door for the second time, the door opened from the inside, quite promptly. Mr. and Mrs. Horn had been inside waiting for the congregation. This small detail seemed like a sign from Father Kentenich himself, since Mr. and Mrs. Horn are known for their deep attachment to and their many anecdotes and experiences with him.

As the door of the Exile Shrine was opened, the people who had gathered out in the cold in front of the Shrine began to find their way into the little chapel. It seemed the walls of the Shrine expanded. “I counted close to 65 people inside the Shrine,” someone remarked the next day. There were so many people and from so many different parts of the world: a group from the mothers’



league from Florida, the Hispanic Schoenstatt members from Milwaukee, the youth, a young woman from Germany (who played the keyboard most beautifully!, and another one from Poland. (Both young women are staying at the International Center.) Outside one could see even more people. The many sisters who were present braved the cold weather outside the Shrine. All in all, it was outstanding to see the Exile Shrine so full.

Everyone wanted to make sure that they celebrated that first Holy Mass of the jubilee year in the Exile Shrine very close to Father.

Rosario Santos, Sr. M. Isabel Bracero. www.Schoenstatt.org 2013-11-16

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Schoenstatt Annual Spring Fair 3rd November

Each year the Schoenstatt Family and the local Parishes and community come together in Emilie House to enjoy our Spring Fair.

This year Sunday 3rd November was no exception with a large crowd enjoying the delicious food, and purchasing from the various stalls. The community spirit and the fellowship are the most important aspects of the Fair. As you will see from the table below each of the stalls made some money for the Sisters.

The Schoenstatt Family worked hard on Saturday and Sunday to make our Fair a great success and one to be enjoyed by all. Thanks to all the people involved for your time and dedication.

A special thanks to the Sisters for their help and support always during this busy weekend. Most importantly people were able to visit the Shrine during the day. We thank Our Mother Thrice Admirable for watching over our Schoenstatt Family, because without her none of this would be possible.

Mary Mclean.

Schoenstatt Fair 2013

STALLS	
Books	\$229.65
Cakes	\$383.80
Preloved	\$535.40
Plants	\$331.55
Wooden toys	\$639.20
Chinese Chicken	\$135.00
International Food (inside)	\$721.00
Piety	\$380.70
Coffee Shop	
	\$489.75
New Items	
	\$1,416.00
BBQ/Hamburgers	\$283.00
Chocolate Wheel	\$458.80
Gold Rush	\$217.00
Tree Raffle	\$414.00
Lenora Shop	\$238.50
Donations	\$221.00
TOTALS	\$7,094.35

Schoenstatt Grand Raffle

Prize winners for the Grand Raffle drawn at the Fair were

1st Prize (\$5000): 4258 - Theodorus Hartanto

2nd Prize (\$2000): 5514 - Andrea Johnston

Consolation Prizes (\$100 gift voucher)

0053 - Joe Wisolith; 4900 - Susanna Cocivera;

4591 - Elton Fernandes; 4779 - Kirsty Morskate;

4117 - Jaye Wilkie; 1536 - Patricia Lim;

0087 - Brendan de San Miguel; 3990 - Norma Cooper;

3927 - Boggon; 2473 - C Littieri.

Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all for your fantastic support!!

Jubilee Prayer

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.



