

Schoenstatt Shrine
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Open daily 7.00 am to 8.15 pm

Holy Mass Fridays 10 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Fridays after Holy Mass until 8.15 pm

Mondays 7.15 pm to 8.15 pm

Covenant Day

This is held on the Sunday after the 18th of each month. Starting at 3pm, there is a devotion in the Shrine with a presentation or workshop on Schoenstatt.

Spirituality followed by afternoon tea and fellowship.

more info

Why not check these out

- www.schoenstattwa.org.au (W A Website)
- www.schoenstatt.org.au (Australian Web site)
- www.schoenstatt.org (American Web site)
- www.schoenstatt.de (German Web site)

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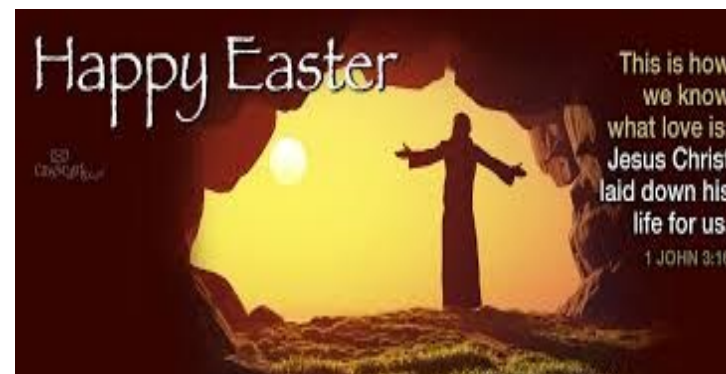
WESTERN AUSTRALIA SCHOENSTATT'S MISSION

**"One Heart in the Father for the
Family of God"**



The moral and religious re-
newal of the world in Christ
through Mary.

The Marian formation of the world
in Christ from Schoenstatt so that a
Marian Kingdom of the Father is
built up on the shores of a new era.



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REPORT FROM EXTRA-ORDINARY LEADERS CONFERENCE HELD IN SYDNEY IN MARCH 2015

This Extra-ordinary Leaders Conference was called to discern what direction the Schoenstatt Movement will go as we start on the next 100 years of the Covenant of Love. Also, as the Schoenstatt Fathers have left Australia, due to lack of vocations, we needed to consider how we can continue to enjoy the development of our very special Spirituality in the years ahead. Schoenstatt is a lay Movement so

we all have a responsibility for our mission in Australia.

Our representatives from W. A. were Sr. Georgina, John & Joy, David & Philomena and Gil & Barbara. Other representatives were from Sydney, Melbourne and one from Queensland. Before the Conference, a questionnaire was sent out to determine how each state was doing. This was compiled and condensed by the CIT. Sr. Elizabeth then presented this to us on the first day

Compared to the other states, we in W.A. are doing quite well. This doesn't mean we become complacent and we shall continue to build the branches.

This brings me to our mission here in Australia. In 1981 our mission statement was formulated as – "One Heart in the Father for the Family of God". We need to know this and act on it. How can we do this? By being loyal to Our Mother, and the Shrine. We also need to educate ourselves, to know more about Fr Kentenich, and by showing our charism to others – the Covenant of Love is Schoenstatt's Charism and is given to us for the benefit of all – to be shared and passed on. Therefore we must be witness and share our experiences, to bring others to know the Covenant of Love.

Sr. Isabel gave a talk on the Covenant of Love. She also explained the letters from Fr Kentenich for the Blessing of the Shrines in Kew on 11 May 1952 and Mulgoa on the 19 May 1968 are important to us as they were written to us in Australia. We need to read these and learn from them.

Sister Georgina gave a talk on her personal experiences with Fr Kentenich. She met him on several occasions and spoke of his knowingness and concern

The question we have to ask ourselves during this Year is if and how we too are open to being challenged by the Gospel?"

"Our founders and foundresses shared in Jesus' own compassion when he saw the crowds, who were like sheep without a shepherd. The Year of Consecrated Life challenges us to examine our fidelity to the mission entrusted to us."

"Living the present with passion means becoming "experts in communion", to embrace the future with hope, amid the uncertainties, which we share with so many of our contemporaries, that we are called to practice the virtue of hope, the fruit of our faith in the Lord of history, who continues to tell us: "Be not afraid... for I am with you" (Jer 1:8)."

"This hope is not based on statistics or accomplishments, but on the One in whom we have put our trust (cf. 2 Tim 1:2), the One for whom "nothing is impossible" (Lk 1:37). This is the hope which does not disappoint; it is the hope which enables consecrated life to keep writing its great history well into the future."

So do not yield to the temptation to see things in terms of numbers and efficiency, meet with other groups from different Institutes,

"Where there are religious, there is joy, "a gloomy disciple is a disciple of gloom". "When I am weak, then I am strong" (2.cor 10:12)"

"It is not by proselytizing that the Church grows, but by attraction" Fundamentally, the strength of the Church is living by the Gospel and bearing witness to our faith."

Extract from the Bulletin of St Thomas Apostle Parish Claremont by Fr. Wayne Davis

Don't Miss Out Like Thomas,,,,, "I can be a Christian without going to church." I've heard it many times from young people and from adults. And I've always disagreed. Why? Because of Thomas. Thomas was gone when Jesus appeared to the Apostles. Then he had trouble believing when the Apostles told him about it. He only believed when he saw Jesus with them.

J. Kentenich, from:
Talk to the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary
May 1, 1941
Trs.: Sr. M. Jane Hoehne



Love is patient and kind, is not jealous or boastful, is not arrogant or rude.

Love does not insist on its own way, is not irritable or resentful, does not rejoice at wrong, rejoices in right,

Love bears all things believes all things hopes all things endures all things.

Love never ends 1 Corinthians 13: 4-8

Excerpts from our Holy Father Pope Francis' letter to those in the Consecrated Life

I am writing to you as the Successor of Peter, to whom the Lord entrusted the task of confirming his brothers and sisters in faith (cf. Lk 22:32). But I am also writing to you as a brother who, like yourselves, is consecrated to God.

I decided to proclaim a Year of Consecrated Life on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church Lumen Gentium, which speaks of religious in its sixth chapter, and of the Decree Perfectae Caritatis on the renewal of religious life.

The aims of this Year are the same ones which Saint John Paul II proposed to the whole Church at the beginning of the third millennium,

Pope said to all those in the consecrated life, **which would include all who have made the Covenant of Love**, “You have not only a glorious history to remember and to recount, but also a great history still to be accomplished! Look to the future, where the Spirit is sending you in order to do even greater things, look to the past with gratitude and reflect on its origins and history,

“Recounting our history is essential for preserving our identity, for strengthening our unity as a family and our common sense of belonging, grasp the high ideals, and live the present with passion, as we listen attentively to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church today and implement, essential aspects of our consecrated life.”

“Every form of consecrated life has been born of the Spirit's call to follow Jesus

for her and all he met.

Father Denis spoke to us about the Principles and Attitudes of Father Kentenich. Father Kentenich told us, be what you are in the best possible way – first human, then Christian, and only then are you fully human. Fr Denis said our task is to become little Kentenich's.

Shirley Hall spoke about our Australian Schoenstatt Mission, “One Heart in the Father for the Family of God”, and also about Schoenstatt's' overall mission which is “The moral and religious renewal of the world in Christ through Mary”. Put simply, our Schoenstatt Mission is To live the Covenant of Love as perfectly as possible and pass it on to others through the Shrine.

Our ideas and suggestions were put together under the following categories

1) Support/Sharing/Communication/Resources

We can work together by sharing our resources; ; using technology to communicate between states; have a national calendar of events; have a more visible presence with banners, posters, name tags etc when at events Talk to people on Covenant Sundays and have a name badge on; bring more people to the Shrine.

2) Building Branches/Leader Training/Formation

We need to build up each of the branches – the Family Groups, Mother's Groups, Women's Groups, Men's Groups, Youth Groups, and the Pilgrim Mother Apostolate. Make sure everyone has a good understanding of “The Covenant of Love” through training. Offer formation and have “Open Days” to give people information about Schoenstatt and our Covenant of Love.

3) Personal Commitment

Personal commitment is important as we can no longer rely on the priests and religious; the laity must learn to take on the responsibility of the Movement.

4) Outreach/Marketing

We need positive marketing so that Schoenstatt **becomes** better known. Promote the Shrine, as a place of grace. Offer simple literature that invites people to learn about the Covenant of Love. Have personal promotion

within our Parishes, advertising through their bulletins. We have a lot to offer the Church as an movement – we need to go to the people, and not expect them to come to us (as the Holy Father said, “go out to the people”).)

One of the great visual treats we had at the Conference was to see a slide show of different Jubilee Celebrations, firstly, here in Australia, then the big celebration in Germany, and the many celebrations in different countries around the world. This was amazing as some of the countries had tens of thousands of people gathered together to celebrate this great milestone in Schoenstatt’s history.



I trust this report creates enthusiasm to build our Movement and inspires us to work as a family together with Our Mother Mary

Written by Philomena Theseira

“A Church that does not go out is a Church of snobs. An ecclesial movement that does not go out on mission is a movement of snobs. To go out means to go out of ourselves. A movement, a Church, a community that goes out makes mistakes. But it is so beautiful to ask on a journey.” for forgiveness when we make mistakes. Therefore, do not be afraid. Go out on mission. Set out on the road. We are on a journey.” (Pope Francis, 25.10.2014)

Dear Schoenstatt Family Members,

I wish you all the many blessings and joys of this Easter season. As we again remember and renew our Covenant of Love on this 18th of the month, I would like to share with you a reflection on Easter and what it might mean for each one of us.

Shirley Hall

“Our Easter joy should consist in seeing and acknowledging the risen Lord in our own hearts, in the hearts of our dear ones, of those entrusted to us and in the hearts of all Christians. We could say very shortly: The man who is filled with the spirit of Easter is he who, in the light of

faith, deeply comprehends the mystery of Easter in its entirety in the life of Christ and of Christians, and who endeavours to carry this into every-day life. JK 22.4.62

*(Meditation about the MTA picture
by Father Kentenich*

We wish to get to know the Blessed Mother.
The child does not tire, of looking at her, time and time again.
We wish to learn to love her. We wish to lose ourselves in her.



In total dependence, we wish to live with the Mother like a child. ...

Everything points to the great two-in-oneness, between these two persons. Both, we might want to say, have one and the same heart beat. Once again, we observe the heart line in the picture, we also observe the two heads inclined to each other, yet remaining at a reverent distance from each other. The holy two-in-oneness is expressed in a most sensuous way. The great two-in-oneness between these two persons should captivate our soul. Through a childlike love for the Blessed Mother our souls very earnestly strive for an ardent, warm love for our Lord,