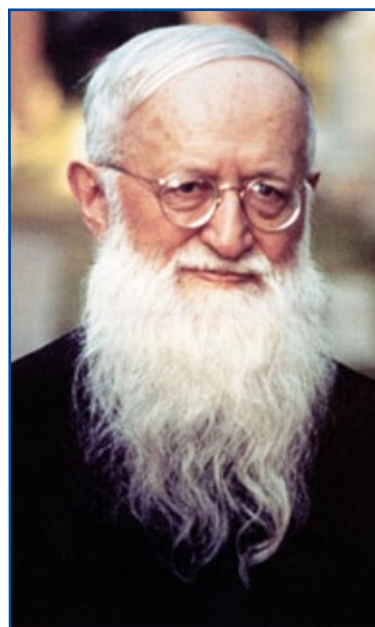


## THE FOUNDER – Father Joseph Kentenich



“Our real humanity shows itself in being a bridge for others to the Divine.”

J. KENTENICH

- 1885 Born in Gymnich near Cologne, Germany
- 1904 Entrance into the Pallottine Missionary Community
- 1910 Priestly Ordination, First Assignment as teacher
- 1912 Appointed Spiritual Director in Schoenstatt
- OCTOBER 18, 1914 Founding of Schoenstatt
- 1941-1945 Imprisonment by the National Socialists in Koblenz and the concentration camp of Dachau.
- 1946 - 1949 Overseas Travels
- 1951 - 1965 Exile, Milwaukee WI, USA
- 1965 – 1968 Last years of life in Schoenstatt, Germany
- SEPTEMBER 15, 1968 Death in the Church of the Blessed Trinity, Schoenstatt
- SEPTEMBER 20, 1968 Buried at his place of death
- 1975 Opening of the beatification process



“God’s grace only needs one person to fulfill great things in the Church and in the world. The history of the humble Marian shrine in Schoenstatt teaches this to us which has given its name to a worldwide spiritual movement.”

POPE FRANCIS

“Father Kentenich... his life, his words and his deeds illuminate, giving direction to our lives.”

POPE BENEDICT XVI



“May love for Mary, which filled Father Kentenich, give you the courage and enthusiasm you need in order to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus anew.”

POPE JOHN PAUL II



The burial place of Father Kentenich can be found in the Church of the Blessed Trinity on Mount Schoenstatt. His tomb is inscribed with the words “DILEXIT ECCLESIAM” – HE LOVED THE CHURCH. People come from all over the world to entrust their petitions to God through his intercession. Petitions and answers to petitions acknowledging his intercession may be sent to the address given below. Your intentions will be remembered in prayer at this place of grace:

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## The Pilgrim Mother

SCHOENSTATT ROSARY CAMPAIGN

The Pilgrim Mother, also called the Schoenstatt Rosary Campaign, is an apostolate within the International Schoenstatt Movement.

It originated in Brazil in 1950 by Servant of God Deacon John Pozzobon, a Schoenstatt member. The campaign fosters prayer, evangelization, and helps to strengthen a personal relationship with Our Lady and her son, Jesus.



Millions of people throughout the world welcome the Pilgrim Mother Thrice Admirable (MTA) of Schoenstatt into their homes, schools, hospitals, offices and wherever she is invited. She brings graces and blessings of renewal and cares for the needs of all she encounters.

“When my turn to host our Pilgrim MTA came around, I took her to my parents’ house. My family is not as involved in Schoenstatt as I am, except my brother, but they were still glad to have me bring home our Pilgrim MTA and set up a temporary little “home shrine“ in our living room. We prayed the rosary together as a family in the presence of Our Lady’s picture, and she prayed with us. Sometimes I know Our Lady must be smiling!” L.S.,USA

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What is  
Schoenstatt



## A Place

Schoenstatt is a part of the city of Vallendar, near Koblenz on the Rhine River in Germany.

### A PLACE OF GRACE

In October of 1914, Father Joseph Kentenich and a small number of students gathered together in a little chapel. There they sealed a "COVENANT OF LOVE" with Mary. A new place of grace came into existence! Today, people flock from all over the world to visit it. The stream of grace has since overflowed; to date, nearly 200 replicas of this "ORIGINAL SHRINE" exist worldwide.



## A Movement

Schoenstatt is an international Movement in the Roman Catholic Church. It is a spiritual family composed of priests, laity, families, and youth. In over 90 countries, millions of people have come in contact with the Schoenstatt Movement.

## A Way of Life

By living the covenant of love with Mary we conquer hearts for Christ and build a culture of love for a new Christian society.



## Historical Development

In 1912, Father Kentenich was appointed Spiritual Director in the Pallottine minor seminary. His educational goals were clear: the young men were to become strong, free, leader personalities who aimed at holiness in everyday life in the world. He inspired the young people to achieve this goal through self-education, encouraging them to turn to Mary as a MOTHER AND EDUCATOR.



On OCTOBER 18, 1914, he dared to take the first step in founding the Schoenstatt Movement. Gathered with some of the students in their small chapel, they consecrated themselves to Mary, an act that has since come to be known as the "COVENANT OF LOVE". They petitioned Our Lady to be especially active from this chapel as an educator and to make it a place of grace from where many people can find

their way to God. The young people wanted to live a radical life of Faith and contribute to this goal through prayer, deeds of love and personal witness.

A daring request; an insignificant beginning! Nonetheless, the Founder was convinced that the covenant with Mary would become a source of life and blessing for many.

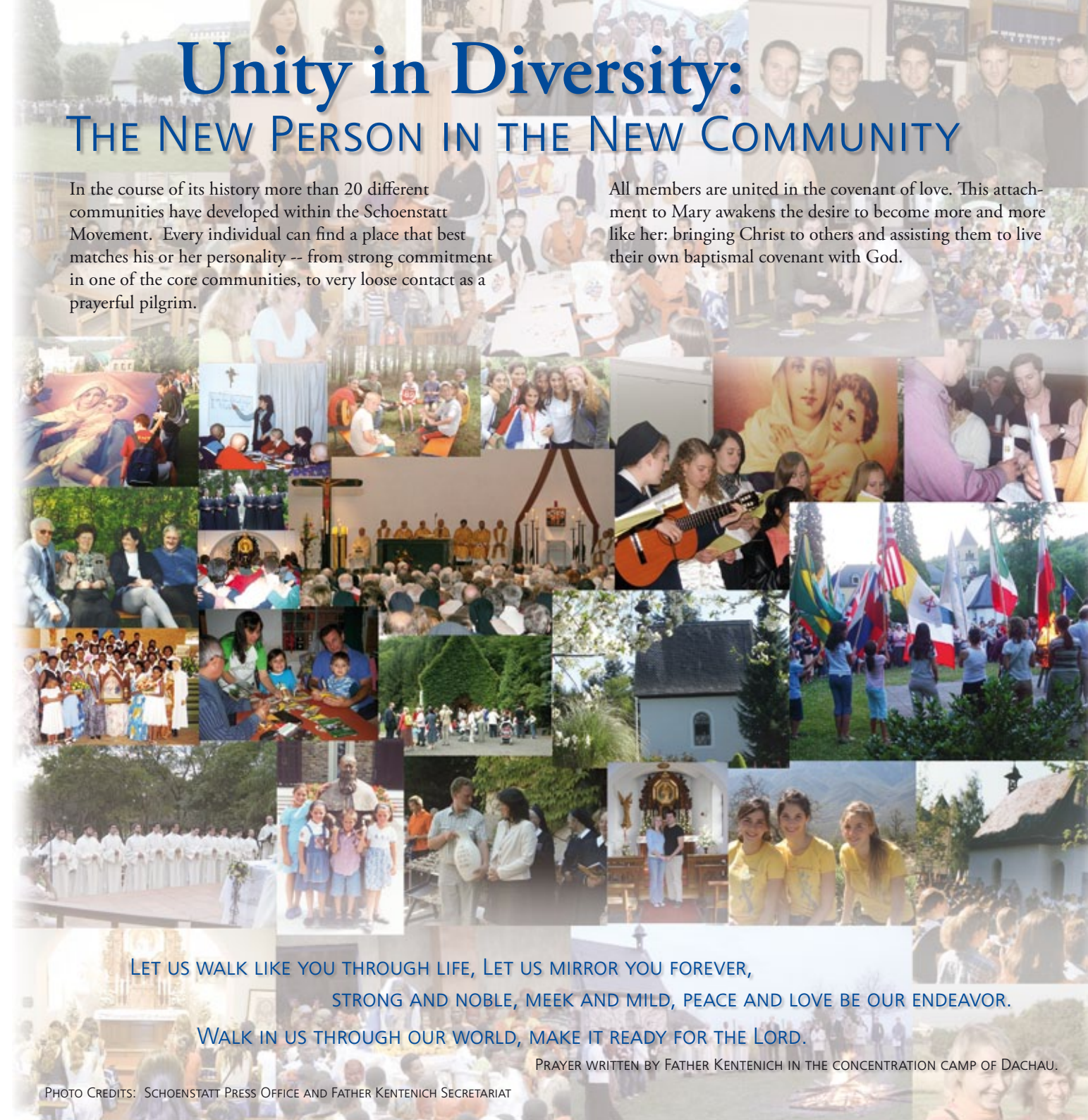
Since October 18, 1914, people from all over the world have entered into it.

The covenant of love is a mutual exchange in which Mary completely gives herself. Whoever responds by offering his or her life entirely to Our Lady -- love and suffering, prayer and work, gratitude and confidence, success and failure will experience: I am not alone! Mary, the Mother of Jesus is also my mother.

# Unity in Diversity: THE NEW PERSON IN THE NEW COMMUNITY

In the course of its history more than 20 different communities have developed within the Schoenstatt Movement. Every individual can find a place that best matches his or her personality -- from strong commitment in one of the core communities, to very loose contact as a prayerful pilgrim.

All members are united in the covenant of love. This attachment to Mary awakens the desire to become more and more like her: bringing Christ to others and assisting them to live their own baptismal covenant with God.



LET US WALK LIKE YOU THROUGH LIFE, LET US MIRROR YOU FOREVER,  
STRONG AND NOBLE, MEEK AND MILD, PEACE AND LOVE BE OUR ENDEAVOR.  
WALK IN US THROUGH OUR WORLD, MAKE IT READY FOR THE LORD.

PRAYER WRITTEN BY FATHER KENTENICH IN THE CONCENTRATION CAMP OF DACHAU.

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## Spirituality

"GOD IS LOVE" (1 JOHN 4:16)

### Covenant of Love

The essential message of Holy Scripture is that God is love and he offers his covenant, time and again, to humanity. This truth is a fundamental facet of Schoenstatt's spirituality. Salvation history reveals many such covenants. They find their culmination in the New Covenant -- the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. God calls every person to enter into this covenant -- to accept His love and to extend it to others.

Mary can be a model for us in this regard. In her, we see a person who is totally open for God and who exemplifies a covenant commitment: she was chosen to be the mother of the Redeemer.

From the cross Jesus speaks to us: "BEHOLD YOUR MOTHER!" (JOHN 19: 27) Like Mary and united with her, we yearn to become new people who live by this fundamental power of love.

"WE KNOW THAT ALL THINGS WORK FOR GOOD FOR THOSE WHO LOVE GOD." (ROMANS 8: 28)

## Faith in Divine Providence

Schoenstatt came into existence through attentive discernment of God's Providence and a humble, courageous acceptance of His will. Faith in the God of life and history -- who is also active today -- has shaped the life of the Movement from the beginning. Father Kentenich calls this "practical faith in Divine Providence". One learns to discover God's will via the discernment of providential signs shown in daily experiences, events, and encounters. The response given to God is an answer of love. This is a contemporary way of holiness for everyday life.

"AS THE FATHER HAS SENT ME, SO I SEND YOU." (JOHN 20: 21)

## Mission Consciousness

Just as Jesus sent his disciples out to spread his Gospel, so also today he continues to call people to bring his message into the world. God could save the world by his own power, but he does not wish to do so. St. Augustine observed, "Without God, we can do nothing. Without humanity, God desires to do nothing." In Schoenstatt, this idea is expressed in the short covenant motto: Nothing without you -- Nothing without us. All who make the covenant of love allow themselves to be used as instruments by God and the Mother Thrice Admirable. They wish to be witnesses of Divine love and mercy-- in their family, at work, in the parish or through other missionary and social projects.

