

**RENEWAL OF THE
COVENANT OF LOVE IN MAY**

Song Lord, our God, to you be glory,
ruler over land and oceans,
stars and planets run the course
which your law ordained for them.

Love and thanks to you be rendered
Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
to our God on heaven's throne
praise through all eternity.

L Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, born of the Virgin Mary,
mysteriously present in the sign of bread.

A We adore you.

L You have come down to earth to renew the covenant between God
and humanity and to seal it forever in heaven. Out of love for us you
have gone the way of redemption.

A In you, the unending love of God has come to us. You are the living
joyful message of the Father for us people. We thank you for your
immeasurable love.

L Raised up on the cross, you have drawn all people to yourself, in
order to draw us home to the Father and to grant to us forever the
blessings of the covenant. In your blood this new and eternal
covenant is sealed.

A You were obedient unto death in order to lead us in the covenant of love to the freedom and splendor of the children of God. You have died for us in order that we may have life to the full.

L Here in the Blessed Sacrament you are among us with the fullness of your divine and human life. You desire to remain with us always in order to share with us the riches of your love.

A We adore you and ask you: Open our hearts for you and your love. Let us discover you more deeply and always live in you. Grant that our lives will always be an answer to your and the Father's love.

Song You chose us, Father in your Son
for the salvation of the world
as seed, as leaven, and as light,
as true disciples for his realm:
One with his spouse, the sign of heaven,
to vanquish Satan's might and power.

Send forth the Spirit of your Son
and let creation be renewed:
The Schoenstatt realm, the state of God,
the image of God's city here.
Where genuine love will be victorious,
and truth and justice reign forever.

L Dear Three Times Admirable, Queen and Victress of Schoenstatt, today on this covenant day, we come to you with thanksgiving and joy. You have received in yourself the grace of God, as no other human being has ever known it and have answered this grace with glowing love.

Response: With heartfelt love we thank you, Mother dear.

L Representatively you have given yourself for us in the new covenant. The Fiat of your love has opened for us the door to the life out of a covenant of love with God.

Response: With heartfelt love we thank you, Mother dear.

L Still today you have only one longing: to transform our hearts through the power of your love in order that we may be more and more enabled to receive the love of God and to live with him in a covenant of love.

Response: With heartfelt love we thank you, Mother dear.

Sp Dear Mother and Queen, through your activity from the shrine since October 18, 1914, we may newly experience the covenant faithfulness of God. In a time when more and more people turn away from God, you draw the hearts of countless people to yourself and bind them again to him. Again and again we may say, from our own experience and from the experience of others: the covenant of love with you is the greatest gift of God for our day and age.

Rt In the covenant of love, you seek us out when our lives have gone astray and you lead us to him who himself is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Lt In the covenant of love, you give us the gift of the community with you, with our father and founder and with one another; a community that opens us up for the experience of a deeper community with God.

- Rt In the covenant of love, you form us after the image of a living shrine, which radiates the presence and love of God.
- Lt In the covenant of love, you give us a share in your mission to win many souls for God. With this you give our lives an illuminating goal and a deeper meaning.
- L Let us always live with you, Mary, in the covenant of love. Help us in love to always give a free yes to God's wish and will. Go with us through our world, make it ready for the Lord that many people may find him and be more deeply united with him.
Form our hearts into a shrine. Let our love glow so that many hearts will be drawn to you through us. May our lives become fruitful, that many others will consecrate themselves to you and follow the way of God's love.
- Sp Dear Mother and Queen, in the covenant of love you have given us the gift of Fr. Kentenich as the father and founder of the Schoenstatt Movement. He takes us with him into his same faith in your goodness and power. He gives us a share in his hope in your intercession and faithfulness. And he inflames our hearts with his love for you.
His decision of January 20, 1942, to go to the concentration camp, and his return home on May 20, 1945, is for us a tremendous confirmation for the blessings of a covenant with you.
This experience urges us on again and again to give our all that many people may find their way to the covenant of love with you and encounter its blessings. Therefore we ask you:
- Rt Prove yourself as the all-conquering, profound power of love which captures many people for the love of God.

- Lt Draw all hearts to yourself who come within the radiating atmosphere of your shrine and grant them your light.
- Rt Form us into your living shrines so that all who meet us, meet you.
- Lt May all people who come in contact with you through the Pilgrim Mother, experience that you are with them, that you accompany them and that you want to use them for your great mission.
- Sp Dear Blessed Mother, today we give ourselves to you anew and we ask you: grant that rich blessings may go out from our covenant for all peoples with whom we are united, especially for the citizens of our nations. Accept us anew in the covenant of love for our people.
- L "Dear Three Times Admirable Mother, Queen and Victress of Schoenstatt!
With gratitude we remember today, that on October 18, 1914, you had offered the covenant of love through Father Joseph Kentenich in the Original Shrine at Schoenstatt. With all us before his eyes and representatively for us, he spoke his yes and offered his life as a ransom as the father and founder of the Schoenstatt Family. Following the will of God, he was elected through your motherly love to be the instrument of a new era.
- A For all times and from many places, you have drawn many people to yourself from our land and awakened their love. Because of this our people could always experience your grace-filled activity in our history. You have entrusted the covenant of love to our times and have opened a stream of grace in the shrine from Schoenstatt. In the midst of our people it should become evident that you are fulfilling your task within the plan of salvation.

- L As Schoenstatt family we give ourselves to you in the covenant of love on behalf of our nation. We offer ourselves as instruments at your disposal with everything that we are and have. We follow the way of faith which our Founder went before us and dedicate ourselves to you, united with the Holy Father and our bishops, for all the people of our country.
- A You are the Mother of our People! We give ourselves entirely to you. As a sign of our surrender we dedicate to you, our eyes, our ears, our mouth, our hands, our hearts, our lives and our work. We entrust to you all our people as your property and possession.
- L Grant us the spirit of our founder, his creative faith and his love for all humanity. We ask you to form us into the image of your Son as an example to them; then we can say with our father and founder: "I sanctify myself for them." Just as Joseph Engling and the founding generation, we want to offer ourselves, through our faithfulness to the covenant of love and the readiness of our lives, so that you will always be present among our people and always remain among us.
- A 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.
- L We share in the fears and concerns, but also the hopes of the people of our nation. Be for all us the Mother and Educatress that we may find God anew out of a life in the covenant and work together for a new Christian culture of love and peace. In this new epoch, bless the direction of our people and the peoples of the world.

A With you, our Mother and Queen, we long to create in our surroundings, an atmosphere of trust. We know that we are in solidarity with all those who want to offer themselves for a new beginning in the history of faith of our people. Show us where we should serve this life in the Church and world. Send us to men and women, to families, to young people, to those who must bear suffering and need help; send us to homes, to work places, to parishes and public life.

Mother with your Child divine
Make our country wholly thine,
Help that it will never cease,
to follow you and gain God's peace.
Mother and child united in love,
will restore it in grace from above. Amen.
(Dedication prayer of the Schoenstatt Family from 10/20/84)

P Even in storms and dangers

A you will always remain faithful
to the covenant you have sealed with us
and enriched with countless graces.

L Three Times Admirable Mother, Queen and Victress of Schoenstatt,

A pray for us, protect our country and bless the world.

Song: Protect us with your mantle, Lady of Victory, ter admirabilis Mater, the tower of ivory. You ark of the new dispensation, in storms you remain in view. The ages will see you conquer, we shall never fail with you.

We bear your name undaunted, Mother and Virgin in one. You purest of all women, you image of the Sun. You beacon to ships in danger, in storms you remain in view, the ages will see you conquer, we shall never fail with you.

Accept our self-surrender, take our hearts as the price. That from the seeds of Schoenstatt abundant fruit may rise. You, Sign of a loving Father, in storms you remain in view; the ages will see you conquer, we shall never fail with you.

Protect us with your mantle, noble and gracious Queen! Ter admirabilis Mater, you are our guard and shield. We trust and believe in our mission, in storms we will set our sail; the ages will see you conquer, with you we shall never fail.