

## Covenant Devotion

**Hymn:** Jesus, my Lord, my God, my all, how can I love you as I ought, and how revere this wondrous gift so far surpassing hope or thought?

**Ref. Sweet Sacrament, we Thee adore, Oh, make us love you more and more. Oh, make us love you more and more.**

Had I but Mary's sinless heart, to love you with, my dearest King! Oh, with what burst of fervent praise, your goodness, Jesus, would I sing!

Oh, see upon the altar place, the Victim of Divinest Love! Let all the earth below adore and join the choirs of heav'n above.

- L. O Sacrament most holy, O Sacrament divine,
- A. all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine.
- L. O Lord, our God, our Creator, our Redeemer, and Sanctifier. You love all humankind without measure. What could You do to us with all your love, wisdom, and power, that You have not done already? We want to give You thanks, Lord, our God.
- A. It is truly meek and just, right and helpful for our salvation, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Holy Lord, for all gifts of your love: for joy and grief, for consolation and tribulation. Enlighten us that we may always better recognize your kindness and convert our hearts entirely to You so that we may, in word and deed, always thank You, O Lord.
- L. You have called us to co-operate with You to lead all Christians to a deeper religious life and to bring new members into your kingdom on earth.
- A. We thank You, O Lord.
- L. You have never denied us your blessing and your support.
- A. We thank You, O Lord.
- L. You have strengthened and consoled us in days of tribulation.
- A. We thank You, O Lord.
- L. You have protected us in dangers and supported us with your grace.
- A. We thank You, O Lord.
- L. You are always faithful to the covenant You have made with us, your people. The words that You once spoke to the nation of Israel are also true for us, "I will make you fruitful. I will multiply you. I will keep my covenant with you forever" (Ez 37:26).

A. We thank You, O Lord, and with grateful hearts we give ourselves into your hands forever. We entrust ourselves entirely to You. Do with us according to your divine plans. Work in us and through us. We are born to belong to You, to serve You, and to be your instruments. We need not see. We need not know. We demand nothing but to be used as your instruments according to your most holy will. Your providence leads and guides everything to our own good.

L. Glory be to the Father...

A. As it was in the beginning...

**Hymn:**

**YOU ARE MY REFUGE**

*Maria Apac-Smith*

**Ref. O Lord you are my refuge, o Lord, you are my strength, for in you I find salvation and a peace, which the world cannot give.**

1. Your love is mine, to hold and keep. For in my life, I find my joy and peace in you.
2. When times are dark, you are my light. The brightness of your love shines thru my heart again.
3. And when I fall, through weaknesses, your hand is there to raise me gently to your heart.
4. In you alone, can I find hope. Defend me Lord and call me to your side anew.
5. Take from me all that leads away. Just give me strength and grace to carry on each day.

L. Mother of God, Mother Thrice Admirable, Queen, and Victress of Schoenstatt, we turn our grateful hearts also to you. With your endless, motherly love, you have drawn our hearts to you. You shelter us in your heart and in your shrine. You always proved to be our wise, gentle, and powerful Queen.

A. We dedicate our hearts to you, O Mary, in grateful fidelity.

L. You have erected a throne of grace in your shrine from where streams of graces may flow into the world.

A. We honor you, O Queen, in grateful fidelity.

L. Many have experienced your love in your shrine. You have trained them to be useful instruments in your hands.

A. We give ourselves to you, o Mother, in grateful fidelity.

L. You have revealed to us your glories and your privileges.

- A. We honor and praise you, your dignity and holiness, in grateful fidelity.
- L. The founder generation of our Schoenstatt Movement dedicated themselves to you in a holy covenant of love. We also entered into this covenant and experienced the fullness of your grace and kindness.
- A. The more we lived up to our consecration, to our covenant of love with you, Mother Thrice Admirable and Queen of Schoenstatt, the more we became aware of our covenant with God because the one who dedicates himself to you is God's own.
- L. To Him, the infinitely exalted, the thrice-holy God,
- A. Be praise, honor, and glory now and for all eternity. Amen.

**Hymn:**

**PROTECT US WITH YOUR MANTLE**

*B. Warth, 1939*

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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.

- L. Let us renew and deepen our covenant of love with our Mother Thrice Admirable, Queen, and Victress of Schoenstatt and in so doing draw down her blessings upon the whole movement. We kneel in the shrine of Mary, spiritually united with all Schoenstatt children in the whole world. We call on the deceased of the founding generation, all those who sacrificed their lives in times of persecution, and all members of the Schoenstatt family who gave their lives for the Mother Thrice Admirable and Queen of Schoenstatt.
- A. We recall the words that give us strength and courage in life and in death, "I love those who love me." Again, we hear you tell us: "Prove to me by your deeds and actions that you truly

love me.” Full of zeal, we have come to fill your hands with our little sacrifices. With faith in divine providence, imbued with our mission, and united with your strength, we long to faithfully serve your work for the benefit of our Church. Whatever we do, be it done with you, for you, and through you, for the greater glory of the Triune God.

L. In this spirit we renew our Covenant of Love with our Mother and Queen:

**Hymn:**

My Queen, my Mother, I give myself to you, and to show my devotion to you I consecrate to you this day my eyes, my ears, my mouth, my heart, my entire self without reserve. As I am your own, my good Mother, guard me and defend me as your property and possession. Amen.

L. We take a moment of silence to offer our contributions to the capital of grace, we also offer our prayers and petitions in the silence of our hearts.

*(Moment of silence)*

L. We now go to place the papers with our contributions in the fire.

**Hymn:**

**HYMN TO THE PILGRIM MTA**

*Music: Ode to Joy*

*Lyrics: Sr. M. Anna Astell*

From the shrine Christ’s light is streaming through our Mother, from her hands. Mediatrix, Queen, and Mother, you bring Christ to ev’ry land.

Ref. Queen and Mother, you have called us in the covenant of love! Let us be your true apostles leading all to God above!

From the shrine rich grace is streaming from the shrine, our Mother’s throne! Near to you we find each other, family and holy home.

In the shrine we see your glories offer you our joy and pain. You transform us in your likeness, strengthen us to strive again.

Pilgrim MTA, dear Mother, great apostle from the shrine! With the ros’ry you will conquer hearts for Schoenstatt’s work divine.

Pilgrim MTA, dear Mother, journey on from state to state! For your children need and call you and the vict’ry will be great!

Pilgrim MTA, dear Mother, from the shrine renew the Church! Holy people, holy pastors, in each heart give Jesus birth!

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