

JANUARY COVENANT DEVOTION

HYMN: THERE STANDS A HOUSE IN GLORY

There stands a house in glory, which looks upon the land.
It's built as gate of heaven by God's almighty hand
God, we worship you; God, we honor you,
O bless us in the shrine; from there renew our time.

The house has walls and towers, built strong with sacrifice.
And high above is gleaming the holy Cross of Christ.
God, we worship you; God, we honor you,
O bless us in the shrine; from there renew our time.

Though storms may rage in fury and enemies abound,
the house shall stand forever; it rests on sacred ground.
God, we worship you; God, we honor you,
O bless us in the shrine; from there renew our time.

- L O Sacrament most holy, O Sacrament divine,
A All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine.
- L Lord Jesus Christ, present here on the altar in the Blessed Sacrament, we adore You.
A We adore You, O Lord, under the form of bread. It is your great love that urges You to remain always with us. We thank You for this great love that keeps You so close to us at all times.
- L We adore You, O Lord, here in the shrine of your and our Mother. With her love she draws our hearts to herself so that they may receive your love and graces.
A We adore You, O Lord, here in this shrine of our Mother Thrice Admirable, Queen, and Victress of Schoenstatt. We thank You that she has drawn us here to You to love and worship You and to give ourselves to You more deeply.
- L We adore You O Lord, together with all who are present here, all our brothers and sisters who are united in your sonship before the Father. You have redeemed us from the slavery of Satan and brought us into the light of the children of God.
A We adore You O Lord, as one community united in the bond of love with the Mother Thrice Admirable, Queen, and Victress of Schoenstatt. As loving children of our Mother and Queen, we want to sing your praises and thank You for all the blessings You have bestowed upon us.
- L O Sacrament most holy, O Sacrament divine,
A All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine.

HYMN: PROTECT US WITH YOUR MANTLE

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.

Accept our self-surrender. Take our hearts as the price
that from the seed 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 We greet you, Mary, our dear Mother Thrice Admirable, Queen, and Victress of Schoenstatt. We greet you here in your chosen place where you have erected your throne in a special way and where you draw our hearts to your heart with the power of your love.

A We love you, our Mother and Queen. We thank you that you have called us to be your children.

L We come to you out of the hustle and bustle of this world. We would like to be filled with your peace and tranquility, but we are still so restless and easily drawn away from God. Therefore, we ask you to captivate our hearts for God. Draw them to yourself with the power of your love. Keep them always close to your heart. Help us to remain with you in spirit even when we cannot be here physically.

A Draw us to you, O Mother. Give us your peace. Give us your calmness. Make us your true children. You do not want to keep our heart for yourself. You only want to give them to your Son.

L Let us become yours, O Mother, in an always deeper way. Help us that we do not stray far from you anymore. Aid us to preserve your presence amid all the pressure and the noise of life and work. It is so easy for us to get entangled in all the many affairs of this world and to lose sight of you. Help us to often gaze at your loving image, especially when temptations beset us, and the devil tries to lure us into his sinful ways.

A Give us a home here in your Shrine. Give us the peace which this world cannot give, the peace that comes from God alone. Help us to return spiritually to you here many times, so that we may often taste your love and nearness and be filled anew with the happiness of your love and care.

L Glory be to the Father...

A. As it was in the beginning...

HYMN: TO YOU I HAVE GIVEN

To you I have given all that I have, and all that is yours I receive.
Mother, here is my heart with its love then I am yours for eternity.

What I possess is no equal to your goods
for yours are treasures, which never cease to be. To you...

Direct my thoughts to the one who brings me joy.
Your only Son your delight and our gift. To you...

My heart is yours take, and place it in your own.
Just give me yours full of warmth and purity. To you...

L. Dear Mother Thrice Admirable, as Mother of the Church, you are concerned about all the members of the Mystical Body of Christ. Your motherly heart searches also for those who do not yet belong to your Son or have fallen away from Him. You would like to use us as your instruments, who bring the message of your love to others.

A Make us useful instruments in your hands, O Mother, who pass on to others the experiences of your motherly love and concern, so that they also may be drawn deeper into the life of your Son.

L Fill our hearts with your strength, so that we have the courage to lead others to you. We know that the longing for God is implanted in every human heart, so that it takes often only a little spark to enkindle this fire.

A Fill our hearts here in your Shrine with an untiring zeal for the kingdom of God on earth. Enkindle us with the fire of the Holy Spirit, so that we may spread your message which you have given us in Schoenstatt.

L Let us renew and deepen our covenant of Love with our Mother Thrice Admirable, Queen, and Vic-tress of Schoenstatt, to draw down her blessings upon the whole Schoenstatt Work. In doing so, we are spiritually united with all Schoenstatt members and all those who gave their lives for the fruitfulness of Schoenstatt (Moment of silence)

A My Queen, my Mother, I give myself entire 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 Dear Blessed Mother, again and again we hear you say: "I love those who love me" and "prove to me by your deeds and action that you truly love me." We will therefore fill your hands with our contri-butions to the capital of grace and beg for new zeal in this critical time.

(We take a moment of silence to offer our contributions)

With faith in Divine Providence, imbued with our mission, humbly united with your strength, we will faithfully serve your work for the benefit of our Holy Mother Church. Whatever we do, be it done with you, for you, and through you, for the greater glory of the Triune God.

A Amen.

L Glory be to the Father...

A As it was in the beginning...

(We proceed to the fire bowl to burn the papers with the contributions to the capital of grace and the petitions that have been brought to the Shrine)

HYMN: O QUEEN OF EARTH AND HEAVEN

O Queen of Earth and Heaven, o Queen of ev'ry zone,
from far and near we gather at your most royal throne.
Presenting crown and scepter, we praise you, Glowing Sign,
for you our hearts are beating in Schoenstatt's holy Shrine.

O sun of radiant splendor, with God's own light imbued!
In you, great Sign of Promise, the world will be renewed,
our hearts and eyes are captured by you, the purest light.
Though hostile powers threaten, we trust your royal might.

The earth may rock and tremble, but we stand firm and strong.
By holy consecration accept us as your own.
We pledge our life and being to you, O Mother Queen,
your love and faithful keeping will make us strong and free.

We are victorious dying. We conquer for we stand.
Your crown and your great kingdom shall never find an end.
We greet you, Schoenstatt Lady! You reign, beloved Queen,
till your own glorious kingdom In ev'ry heart is seen.