

## FEBRUARY DURING LENTEN SEASON

### COVENANT DEVOTION

#### HYMN:

- L. Praised and adored without end,  
A. Be Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament!
- L. We come to you, Lord Jesus Christ, in humility and contrition. We adore you and ask for your mercy on us your sinful children.  
A. When we say: we have no sin we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not within us (cf. 1 Jn 1:8).  
L. Who could say: My heart is pure; I am without guilt?  
A. All of us have sinned, and no one is just, not even one.  
L. Must we not speak as Peter once did after the plentiful catch of fish, when he became cognizant of your divine dignity: "Depart from me, O Lord, for I am a sinful man!" (Lk 5:8)  
A. We humbly acknowledge that we have not lived up to our calling as Christians.  
L. Lord, you alone can free us from all our sins and guilt. How often did you say during your early life: "Go in peace, your sins are forgiven!" How often have you welcomed sinners back into your grace, the thief on the cross even in his last hour. With the tax collector we ask you full of confidence:  
A. Lord be merciful to us sinners!  
L. As a sacrificial lamb for our sins you have made your dwelling among us in the tabernacle. From there you offer us the graces you have merited for us on the cross.  
A. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us!  
L. And if we continue to sin, you, O Lord, are our mediator in heaven.  
A. Have mercy on us, O Lord, whom you have purchased with your precious blood!  
L. Lord, hear our prayer,  
A. And let our cry come unto You.  
L. Let us pray: Eternal Father, hear our earnest prayer. Look not upon our sins but on the atonement which your only begotten Son has offered to you on the cross and which He renews daily in the sacrifice of the Mass. Grant us pardon and peace, through Christ, our Lord.  
A. Amen.

#### HYMN:

- L. Mother of the Lord! We must also remember you under the cross! No one was as close to your Son in that hour as you, his mother. You have endured his humiliation and his pain as Simeon had predicted it:

- A. You yourself shall be pierced with a sword (cf. Lk 2:35).
- L. Implore for us, O Holy Mother, a deep compassion of the suffering of your son.
- A. Holy Mother, pierce me through, in my heart each wound renew of my savior crucified.
- L. Let us pray: Lord Jesus Christ, when you were in pain and agony, the sword of suffering pierced the heart of your Holy Mother, as Simeon had predicted. Grant us, through her intercession the grace to obtain the merits of your suffering. You who live and reign without end.
- A: Amen.

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- L. Holy Mother, the Lord gave you as Mother to all of us from the cross when He said to John:
- A. "Behold your Mother" (Jn 19:27).
- L. Therefore, we come to you with childlike confidence in this time of trials and worries. Implore for us from the shrine the graces we need, to be able to bear our cross and suffering with Christ, your Son.
- L. Dear Mother and Queen, on this covenant day, and at the beginning of this Lenten season. We gather spiritually united in the original shrine with all Schoenstatt children all over the world; we hear once more your words, from the founding hour of Schoenstatt: "Diligently bring me, contributions to the capital of grace. By fulfilling your duties faithfully and conscientiously, and through an ardent life of prayer, earn many merits, and place them at my disposal. Then it will please me to dwell in your midst and dispense gifts and graces in abundance. Then from here, I will draw youthful hearts to myself and educate them, to become useful instruments in my hand." (*First Founding Document, Oct. 18, 1914*)
- A. In this spirit and with childlike confidence, we offer you all that the past month has brought us; joys and pains, success, and failures. We place all and everything at your disposal for the capital of grace, so that from the shrine many graces and blessings may flow to reach the hearts of many people.
- (We take a moment of silence to offer our contributions)*
- L. My Queen, my Mother,
- A. I give myself entirely 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. Glory be to the Father...
- A. As it was in the beginning...

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