

2014

Working Document for the International Jubilee Celebration

This document is the result of the meeting of experts held from 3rd-7th May 2010, and takes into account the changes suggested by the various National Presidia and the General Presidium to translate **Message 2014** into a pilgrimage for 18th October 2014 to Schoenstatt and then to Rome, as well as laying down a unified spiritual preparation for the jubilee for the entire Schoenstatt Family world wide. The aim of the pilgrimage is the renewal of the covenant of love as a missionary and unifying creative force, i.e. internally the renewal of the Schoenstatt Family and externally the shaping of covenant culture.

The core of the jubilee celebration of 100 years covenant of love in 2014 in Schoenstatt and in Rome, as well as its preparation, is the renewal of the covenant of love (united with our father and founder) as an internationally networked creative missionary force (inner process) (mentioned in the following as “*Covenant of Love*” 2014).

The external process, in which this renewal takes place is an international pilgrimage.

As the fruits of the renewal of the covenant of love we expect a renewed Schoenstatt Family (the internal message of renewal) and a covenant culture (the external message of renewal).

The symbolic actions, used to depict the core process of the jubilee, both in Schoenstatt and in Rome, are centred around our MTA picture and missionary cross.

The celebrations in Rome and in Schoenstatt are similar in their symbolic acts and can be seen as the two focal points of an ellipse that form part of the same process. Some secondary elements help emphasise this core process.

The triennium (2011, 2012, 2013) and the jubilee year (2014) together make up a time of internal and external preparation, and are a part of the Jubilee itself.

The layout of the jubilee has been developed in accordance with **Message 2014** to form one celebration that is centred around a core process while maintaining simplicity.

1 The 18th October 2014

1.1 The core of the jubilee celebration

The core of the jubilee, the 18th October, is the renewal of the covenant of love with our father and founder in the original shrine, united as a world wide, intercultural missionary family ready and willing to be sent out anew.

With joy and humility the Schoenstatt Family will gather from every nation, community and generation to renew their covenant of love, “the essence of our family”, “the source of our fruitfulness and the concrete way in which we live and follow Christ.” (Message 2014) This “Covenant of Love 2014” is missionary and international; it creates an international missionary family and a covenant culture around the shrines in ***nothing without you, nothing without us.***

In “**nothing without us**” we bring our covenant gifts in gratitude for all the “fruits Schoenstatt has produced over the last 100 years where it is present”. This is a sign of our willingness to shape this new century of Schoenstatt history through our “*Covenant 2014*”. Our covenant gift is our commitment to work towards a covenant culture expressed in missionary, apostolic projects within the strategic fields of our apostolate: marriage and family life, youth, pedagogy, Church, and society.

In “**nothing without you**” we await with confidence the “*Grace 2014*”, the grace of the renewal of the Schoenstatt Family as a united, networked and missionary family.

1.2 The Symbolic Act

Using an analogy, the renewal of our covenant of love can be compared to the renewal of a sacrament, which always includes words (Communicative change in the world) and actions.

1.2.1 **The Words:** The covenant of love is sealed in a dialogue with our Blessed Mother and our father and founder. The founding action (from) of 1914 and the dialogue between our Blessed Mother, our father and founder and the sodalists will now be repeated 100 years later. Our Mother Thrice Admirable, Queen and Victress of Schoenstatt and our founder will ask us, as they did on 18th October 1914, if our hearts have caught fire and if we as a world wide family are willing to make her missionary task our own.

1.2.2 At the core of **this act** is the re-instalment of **the MTA picture in the original shrine** and setting up (of) **the missionary cross:** “*Let me present the cross and the picture of Mary to the nations as the sign of redemption...*” (Fr. J. Kentenich)

With the renewal of the covenant of love at the beginning of the second century of Schoenstatt's covenant history, the Blessed Mother symbolically re-enters, **in this picture**, the original shrine in this picture.

A missionary cross containing the names of all Schoenstatt members, the mission of all nations and shrines, and all our apostolic projects will be installed near the original shrine. In

this way we are all part of this missionary cross and will be sent out as new Schoenstatt missionaries. To express this everyone will receive a missionary cross, either physically at the celebration, or through the national representatives present at the original shrine.

The original shrine with the graves of the heroes and the *missionary cross 2014* express symbolically our **covenant of love 2014** which the entire Schoenstatt Family will renew in the spirit of the hero sodalists.

We suggest that these elements of the celebration (the re-installment of the MTA picture, the instalment of a missionary cross) be held in a similar wherever the **covenant of love 2014** is being renewed, especially at all daughter shrines. The mission of that particular shrine could then be placed on the cross, along with a visual visible sign of the original shrine (e.g. a piece of roof slate from the original shrine).

Emphasising the missionary aspect, the original Pilgrim Mother (depicting symbolising the return current) will come to the original shrine for the **covenant of love 2014**, to join with the international, pilgrim, missionary family. The inclusion of the Pilgrim Mother also guarantees that for millions of people this jubilee becomes *their* festival.

Explanation of actual gestures in these symbolic acts: the MTA picture and the cross
The **words from of the Founding Document** will play a vital role in the celebration.

The highlight of the 18th October 2014 will be when MTA picture is taken out of the original shrine. She will then be carried through the rows of people present, before proceeding at the renewal of the covenant of love, to take up her throne anew in the original shrine.

The MTA and our father and founder with his Schoenstatt Family will take possession of the original shrine once again.

The missionary cross containing the names of all Schoenstatt people, national missions, communities, shrines, as well as all apostolic projects from the various fields will then be installed. A concrete proposal for this is the Cross of Unity with a specific symbol for our **covenant 2014**.

As a sign of our willingness to be sent out anew, everyone will receive a personal missionary cross.

1.3 The Framework

This core process is embedded in a framework of preparatory and interpretive elements:

- The **Rite of Entry** (Liturgy of the “Holy Door”) is the arrival at the place of grace. All pilgrims should experience the entry into the holy area. Pilgrims will be welcomed by our father and founder and representatives of the Schoenstatt Family at *Schoenstatt’s door of entry*, and led to the original Shrine. Then they bring their national symbol and the gift of their capital of grace for the Blessed Mother into the original shrine.

- The **opening celebration** will take place on Mount Schoenstatt near the tomb of Fr. Kentenich. It will also be here that the Father Symbol after its worldwide tour will have a special significance and role to play.
- A **vigil celebration** will be prepared by the youth. The Father Symbol, the original Pilgrim Mother and the mission cross will be received by them at Father Kentenich's tomb and carried to the original shrine.
- Just as the Schoenstatt Family has been on a pilgrimage to the original shrine, so too Our Lady will go goes on pilgrimage to the people, to the places where we will celebrate, give thanks and pray... This pilgrimage happens through the **original Pilgrim Mother**, emphasising the missionary aspect.
- **"Spiritual Centre"** for adoration and confession.
- **Tents of a Covenant Culture**: These will be places where all the projects from the fields of the apostolate can be presented and experienced. **The actual covenant gifts, which each country brings, are their apostolic projects, which have developed through the covenant of love.**
- Encounter with **Schoenstatt as a holy place.**
- **Encounter with the various communities** in their homes here in Schoenstatt.
- Encounter with **our covenant history.**
- **Holy Mass** on 18th October.
- **Encounter with each other as a family** through cultural exchange, presentation, music...
- **Central Square – La Plaza de la bandera.**

On the 18th of October 2014 the Schoenstatt Family will celebrate its covenant of love. All guests of honour, family and friends are welcome to celebrate with us. There will not be an extra programme for them. However, a special welcome and meal with the general presidium for all guests of honour will be considered.

1.4 The Time Frame

The opening celebration, the Holy Mass and the core renewal of the covenant of love, as well as the family festival, are elements of the programme to be celebrated **by all at the same time.**

Each pilgrim group will go through the Rite of Entry at a designated time as they arrive in Schoenstatt.

Encounters with Schoenstatt as a place, with its history and with the covenant culture, as well as all other offers of encounter (made), can be planned by each pilgrim/group when and if required. It is important that the time required for such encounters, and encounters with each other, be secured.

According to this programme we then have a schedule of 4 days:

	16.10. Thursday	17.10. - Friday	18.10. – Saturday	19.10 - Sunday
a.m.	Rite of Entry Visit to the original shrine as a group	OPENING in the Adoration Church with Holy Mass	Holy Mass Pilgrim Square	
	Encounter with Schoenstatt the place	Encounter with Schoenstatt the place	Encounter with Schoenstatt the place	Encounter with Schoenstatt the place
		Visit to the original shrine	Visit to the original shrine	Visit to the original shrine
	Adoration/Confession	Adoration/Confession	Adoration/Confession	
	Encounter with history	Encounter with history	Encounter with history	Encounter with history
	Tents of a Covenant Culture	Tents of a Covenant Culture	Tents of a Covenant Culture	Tents of a Covenant Culture
p.m.	Holy Mass in language groups		16.00 Jubilee celebration <i>Covenant of Love 2014</i> internationally linked up with a live transmission	Holy Mass in language groups
		Evening Vigil at the original shrine with a procession from Mount Schoenstatt	Family Festival	

2 Rome

2.1 The core of the celebration

At the core of the celebration in Rome is the encounter with the Holy Father and the Universal Church as a world wide Schoenstatt Family, and being sent by him as the official conclusion of our jubilee celebration.

With the same attitude as our founder, *“Dilexit ecclesiam”*, we bring the fruits of the covenant of love to the Holy Father and the Universal Church, with joy and humility: the Schoenstatt Family renewed by the *Grace 2014*, with our “servants of God” and our apostolic projects.

As a worldwide Schoenstatt Family we place ourselves at the disposal of the Church with all that we have: our currents of life, our projects in connection with our covenant culture: *Omnia Matri Ecclesiae*. We will ask the Holy Father to send us out into the second century of Schoenstatt’s history.

2.2 The Symbolic Actions

At the beginning of the second millennium of our covenant history we will present our apostolic projects to the Holy Father, and ask him, under the sign of our mission cross and

MTA picture, to send us out anew into the fields of the apostolate already mentioned: marriage and family life, youth, pedagogy, Church and society – Nothing without us.

The expression of being sent out will be the blessing of our missionary crosses and the crowning of the original Pilgrim Mother (as a preeminent example of the missionary strength of the covenant of love and all apostolic initiatives): Nothing without you.

“Let me present the cross and the picture of Mary to the nations as the sign of redemption...”

Fr. J. Kentenich

In accordance with *Omnia Matri Ecclesiae* the Holy Father will receive a document depicting our apostolic projects, a missionary cross and an MTA picture.

Finally, as a sign of our willingness to be sent out anew into the missionary fields of apostolate with Our Lady in the strength of the covenant of love, we ask him to crown the original Pilgrim Mother.

This event will be internationally networked (e.g. live transmission).

2.3 The Framework

This core process is embedded in a framework of preparatory actions and events:

- The gathering of the Schoenstatt Family, if possible in Belmonte (our international centre in Rome).
- Holy Mass in St. Peter's Cathedral, the centre of the world universal Church.
- Encounter with other movements and communities.
- Encounter with Rome. Vigil in the Vatican Gardens, if possible, in preparation for the encounter with the Holy Father.

2.4 Time Frame

The elements of the programme which we will do **together** as a family (at the same time) are Belmonte, Holy Mass in St. Peter's, the vigil in the Vatican Gardens, the main event with the Holy Father and being sent out by him, as well as the encounter with other movements.

Further elements of the pilgrimage, such as the encounter with Rome itself, with Vincent Pallotti, in the footsteps of our father in Rome, the Cor Ecclesiae shrine, will not be conducted for all at the same time, but in the specific times set aside either by the various countries, communities or individuals.

For this programme we therefore have a timeframe of four days. This is dependent on the given situation in Rome, which determines the structure and possibilities.

23. - Thursday	24. - Friday	25. - Saturday	26. - Sunday
10.00 - 12.00 Belmonte – Arrival as a Family /Holy Mass together	10.00 Holy Mass St. Peter's	11.00 Audience with the Holy Father (Rome 2014)	Departure
	18.00 Vigil in the Vatican Gardens	18.00 Holy Mass in St. Paul outside the walls with other movements. We prepare and include them in this celebration.	

3 The Triennium

3.1 Aim

“A triennium should take place, taking up the **life streams** of our international family.”(Message 2014) Many hopes and longings come together as we look towards 2014 as a Schoenstatt Family. The triennium aims at gathering these hopes and longings, to unite the Schoenstatt Family in the Marian attitude of listening to God and to each other in anticipation of the “grace 2014”.

The aim of the triennium is to prepare (together) as a worldwide Schoenstatt Family to renew the Covenant of Love 2014.

3.2 Form

Internal Process: streams of life

The inner process of this preparation is the common cultivation of the **streams of life** which are alive in the world wide Schoenstatt Family and have a unifying dynamic – our father and his charism, the shrine, missionary vigour, and growing unity.

Through our attachment to our father and founder and his charism,

through our attachment to the shrine in all its dimensions and

through the attachment to our mission with its missionary vigour

- our longed-for unity can grow.

External Process: Covenant Culture

The external process is the development of a covenant culture as we make our way towards the Jubilee 2014: Open for the signs of the time, international, connected, missionary within the five fields: marriage and family life, youth, pedagogy, church, and society.

In this way our intercultural, connected, missionary family and a covenant culture will become our covenant gifts for the Jubilee 2014.

This covenant culture should also be expressed in our working together in preparation for the Jubilee celebration.

During the triennium we can develop a covenant culture together, especially through our apostolic projects.

The Covenant culture is our typical way of living and working, carried by the covenant and creating covenants – how we relate to God, to people, to nature and culture, to the Church and the world.

Accents during the preparatory years

As an international Schoenstatt Family we will conduct the triennium together as:

A year of the Father Stream (18.10.2010 – 18.10.2011),

A year of the Shrine Stream (18.10.2011 – 18.10.2012),

A year of Missionary Stream (18.10. 2012 – 18.10.2013).

The year 2014 (18.10.2013 – 18.10.2014) is our year of grace and jubilee year. It will be our **Covenant of Love Year.**

Then the Blessed Mother can sing her *Magnificat*, with her Family of the Father, at the beginning of a new century.

Opening of the triennium on 18.10.2010

The opening of the triennium has two dimensions: one at the original shrine (the evening of 17th October 2010) and the second at all the shrines worldwide – daughter shrines, wayside shrines, home shrines, work place shrines and heart shrines (18th October 2010).

At the original shrine: On the eve of 18th October worldwide representatives present in Schoenstatt will process from the tomb of Father Kentenich to the original shrine, where they will officially open the 2014 pilgrimage. In the words of Isaiah about Jerusalem we can say: “The nations will come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look around: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons coming from far away and your daughters being carried on the hip. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart will throb and dilate, the riches of the sea will flow to you, the wealth of the nations come to you. Your gates will always be open, never closed, either day or night, for the riches of the nations to be brought you and their kings to be let in” (Isaiah 60: 3-5, 11).

If possible the jubilee motto and logo will also be presented that evening.

At all shrines: Around the globe we set off on 18th October for our pilgrimage, which culminates in our gathering on 18th October 2014 at our Holy Place. From all our shrines we take our first step towards the original shrine: Nothing without you – Nothing without us. As a sign of this first step we would like to pray together for the first time our jubilee prayer.

Responsibility

The responsibility for the execution of the triennium in the above-mentioned form at an **international level** lies with the Team 2014. The team is especially responsible for securing an identity for the jubilee through common signs such as a logo, prayer, hymn etc., which should soon be developed, as well as for comprehensive communication, so that life can flow and be networked.

The team acts in this process in a subsidiary manner.

The responsibility for seeing the triennium through in the above-mentioned form at a **national level** lies with each individual country.

3.3 Possible elements for arrangements on a worldwide basis:

By listening to the signs of the times

- We support each other by paying attention to the signs of the times.
- We consciously use our future conferences and meetings to prepare for 2014.
- We use the anticipated published texts from Father Kentenich's works on the five fields of the apostolate as stated in the Message 2014.

Missionary

- “*ISO 2014*”: Everyone should be encouraged to apply for and receive the *jubilee 2014 stamp* for all their work and projects, old and new, which develop or have developed through the streams of life, and have as their aim the development of a covenant culture.
- The encouragement of all missionary initiatives.

International

- A visible sign of connection with the original shrine in every shrine (Photo of the original shrine, slate from the roof of the original shrine, signage...).
- A common prayer of preparation.
- The celebration of the regular Saturday Holy Mass in the original shrine internationally.
- The accompaniment of the pilgrimage of the Father Symbol.
- Paper with the logo 2014 for our contributions to the capital of grace worldwide.

Network

- Meetings on a local, continental and international basis should be encouraged.
- Representatives could be sent to local and national celebrations.
- National teams should be set up and placed in the network for the preparation of 2014 in every country.
- The information received via the internet should be available to all, and we should help others access this information in order to support this life stream.