Nicaragua

Today from the Original Shrine, we unite with the Schoenstatt Family in Nicaragua. Nicaragua is a small Central American country whose history is marked, since the earliest times by: civil wars, uprisings against dominant groups, struggles for the native people's freedom and later of the mestizos. These conflicts are a bloody mark that crosses the centuries until the present time. Until a few weeks ago, we had only some very imprecise information about Schoenstatt in that country, and nothing of it was known in the neighboring countries. We only know that there some people in Nicaragua who constantly visit our schoenstatt.org. These people are now connected live through schoenstatt-tv. Last week they communicated through Internet and related: in 2008 a man learned about Schoenstatt through his relatives in Miami, and he took a Pilgrim MTA to Managua. A year later, a large picture of the MTA was enthroned in the Chapel of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and many people sealed their Covenant of Love. Since that year October 18th, has been a great feast day, and this October 18, 2011 along with the International Schoenstatt Family, the Year of the Shrine current will open in this Managuan chapel.

Intentions and projects

We pray for:

- the pilgrimage of the International Schoenstatt Family on the road to the jubilee of the Covenant of Love
- for the Schoenstatt Family in Nicaragua and for everything that emerges from its apostolic spirit
- in memory of the anniversary of Joseph Engling's death, on Tuesday, the 4th: for his intercession, his spirit of being "all things for all men" for our International Family, and for the gift of renewal as a Family in the spirit, vigor, and the youthful dynamism of the founding generation
- for the anniversary of the Shrine in Bonn, on Monday
- the Schoenstatt Family from Ciudad del Este, in Paraguay, that is recalling the anniversary of the inauguration of its Shrine, today.
- the Schoenstatt Family delegates' workshop in Peru
- for all the sick of our family, especially for Father Jonathan Niehaus
- for everyone who sent their petitions to the Original Shrine this week through
 <u>schoenstatt.org</u> from Argentina, Brazil, United States, Mexico, Nicaragua, Spain,
 Paraguay, Puerto Rico, Scotland and Ecuador.

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