



***of the International Schoenstatt Movement  
Rome, 2 June 2006***

**An Hour in the Cenacle at Andrea della Valle**

Admission at 7.30 p.m.

*Candles can be bought at the entrance of the church. A short singing practice will take place before the vigil.*

***The Church of Sant' Andrea della Valle where we meet for our Cenacle Hour***

*"Sant' Andrea della Valle" (St Andrew in the Valley) has been named after the lower ground on the left bank of the Tiber and a Roman family that had property there. The early Baroque interior of the church is one of the largest of the inner city of Rome and is crowned with the largest dome after that of St Peter's. The church contains a number of religious, historical and artistic items of particular interest. For centuries it has been the site where the head of the Apostle St Andrew, the first of the apostles to be called, was venerated until Paul VI finally returned it to the Greek Orthodox Church. It also contains a number of grave monuments (among others that of Pope Pius II) and important frescos of Raphael's student Dominichino.*

*For us, the Schoenstatt Movement, Sant' Andrea della Valle is particularly important because it was here and in the surrounding area that St Vincent Pallotti worked. In particular, the so-called "Epiphany Octave" took place here. It was a sort of religious week in which the members of various religious communities, laypeople, and representatives of various rites and liturgical traditions met for prayer and celebration, in order to place themselves as the service of the Church's universal apostolic mission ("Catholic Apostolate").*



*Vincent Pallotti chose this church when the Epiphany Octave was flourishing because Orthodox Christians had a special relationship to it, but also because of the size of the interior and its central position in the inner city.*

*Pope Pius IX attended some of the events of the Epiphany Octave, and in 1847 preached to between 8-10 thousand faithful who were attending it. The religious week was a great event for the Church of Rome and can be compared to the early dawn of a Church filled with the Holy Spirit, in which everything is placed at the service of evangelization. We may be sure that from heaven Vincent Pallotti and our father and founder will guarantee a fruitful meeting in these days. In conjunction with our Schoenstatt shrines in the Eternal City we are reminded by the places connected with Vincent Pallotti of our founder's total concept of our Family:*

*"Let us believe in Schoenstatt and Pallotti ..."*

*Fr Lothar Penners*

Start 8.00 p.m.

Entrance of priests, speakers and those carrying the MTA picture

Organ prelude

(Fr Josef Treutlein at the organ)

## **I. Opening and Welcome**

Liturgical opening by Monsignor Dr. Peter Wolf

Celebrant: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

All: Amen.

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all,

All: And also with you.

Welcome:

Benvenuti a tutti. Benvenuto a todos. You are welcome. Herzlich willkommen.

A warm welcome to all of you to the Church Andrea della Valle. We have been invited by the Holy Father to celebrate the feast of Pentecost in Rome. We are happy that so many from so many countries have answered this invitation. Together we welcome our Mother Thrice Admirable and Queen of Schoenstatt here in our midst.



## II. We welcome the Blessed Mother

*The international picture of the Pilgrim Mother, which has been carried in in the procession, has a place of honour in the sanctuary. To welcome her candles are placed at the picture while the response is sung.*

Ref. A - ve Ma - ri - a, gra - ti - a ple - na,  
Do - mi - nus te - cum, be - ne - dic - ta Tu.

Hail Mary, Virgin and Mother.

You conceived Christ by the Holy Spirit

And you gave birth to the Saviour of the world for us.

Response

Hail Mary, Bride of the Spirit.

The Holy Spirit descended upon you

and you received power from on high.

Response

Hail Mary, Mother of Christ's disciples.

You gathered with the disciples in the Cenacle at Jerusalem

and prayed with them for the promised Holy Spirit.

Response

Hail Mary, loving heart of the Church.

With your love you were in the midst of Jesus' disciples

and prayed with them in the fervour of your heart.

Response

Hail Mary, Mother of the Church,

Jesus entrusted his disciples to you from the Cross.

Glorify yourself also today as the Mother of the Church.

Response



Hail Mary, radiant shrine.  
You fill the Church of your Son with your light.  
Let the beauty of being a Christian shine out to the world today.  
Response (*in conclusion as a canon*)

### III. Reading

*We listen to the reading from the Vigil Mass of Pentecost in four languages:*

Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 1,12-14 in Spanish

Lau - da - te om - nes gen - tes, lau - da - te Do - mi - num. Lau -  
da - te om - nes gen - tes, lau - da - te Do - mi - num. Lau -

Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 1, 12-14 in English

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayers, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Laudate omnes gentes

Reading from the Acts of the Apostles in Italian

Laudate omnes gentes

Reading from the Acts of the Apostles in German

Laudate omnes gentes



## IV. Homily

*Fr Heinrich Walter, Superior General Schoenstatt Fathers and Chairman of the General Presidium*

*Organ improvisation to Veni creator spiritus by Fr. Josef Treutlein, Würzburg*

## V. Prayer for the Holy Spirit

Sung invocation: Kyrie using a melody from the Ukraine

Ký - ri - e e - léi - son, Ký - ri - e e - léi - son,  
Chri - ste e - léi - son, Chri - ste e - léi - son,

Ký - ri - e e - lé - - - i - son.  
Chri - ste e - lé - - - i - son.

We come from many countries, yet we are one Family.  
Grant that we may discover and appreciate one another with the gifts  
that God's Spirit in our midst has given us.

We set off for Rome from many countries of the world.  
Give us the grace to get together with many Movements  
and arrive at the heart of the Church together.

We know that you have called us by name.



May we increasingly recognize the greatness and uniqueness of our calling

and courageously contribute it to the life of your worldwide Church.

We have become your disciples

and know that we have been entrusted to your Mother.

May we bear the Gospel to all people;

send us as messengers of the covenant of love even to the ends of the earth.

In the Eternal City we are following the footsteps of our father and founder.

May we love the Church as he did

and carry on his mission for the future of the Church.

We are living in a city of martyrs and saints.

Let us experience their presence and their powerful intercession, and on this feast of Pentecost give us the spirit that filled them.

We are at a place which Vincent Pallotti once experienced as a Cenacle.

Grant your Church a new togetherness of all apostolic forces and let them become fruitful for a new Pentecost in the Church.

Hymn for the coming of the Holy Spirit:

**Veni Sancte Spiritus** (*sung invocation with descant from Taize*)

The musical score is written for a single melodic line, split between a treble and a bass staff. The key signature is G major (one sharp) and the time signature is 6/8. The piece begins with a piano (*pp*) dynamic. The melody consists of a series of eighth notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The final note, G4, is held over with a fermata. The lyrics 'Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.' are written below the notes. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

*While this is being sung, young people bring the light from the MTA picture to all in the church. The flames of our candles remind us of the flames that separated and came down on Mary and the Apostles in the Cenacle.*



## VI. Testimonies

*Testimonies from the life of the international Schoenstatt Movement in the last few years are presented. They show what God's Spirit has awakened in our midst, and what we are bringing with us on our way to Rome.*

Om- ni- a, om- ni- a ma- tri ec- cle- si- ae!  
Om- ni- a, om- ni- a ma- tri ec- cle- si- ae!  
Om- ni- a, om- ni- a ma- tri ec- cle- si- ae!

(Elisabeth Neiser)

### Testimony of Missionaries from Portugal and Spain

We are Nacho and Pablo, two young men from Madrid. We are representing the students of the world in carrying out a dream, or perhaps it would be more true to say, a prophesy of Fr Kentenich. We go out in groups of three missionaries to spend a semester or a year in another country. Our only goal is to awaken new life wherever the Schoenstatt Family needs this tiny spark. Our goal is always the same – To give what has made us rich. We want to give the Blessed Mother to the world, and help to found and develop the Schoenstatt Youth Movement.

We are part of the returning river, which is coming powerfully to Europe "like the fire of the Apostles", following in the footsteps of the young people of Latin America. The "mission in the spirit of 31 May" began some years ago in places like Milwaukee, Mexico and Cuba. Then the young people began to knock at the doors of Europe by opening missions in Madrid and Lisbon. They inspired us Portuguese and Spanish youth to start a new project in Rome – the Pietra Nuova.

"Why are there no Schoenstatt Youth in Rome, the cradle of the Church?" This question burned in our hearts and gave rise to the dream to be the seed that dies. To be what we should be in order to set the world ablaze. To be guardians of tomorrow. To be a rock on which the future Schoenstatt Youth and the Schoenstatt Family in Italy can build. To turn the dream into reality required a death-leap into the Father's



hand. In September we set off for Rome. Yet to move from our plans into God's plans required a further death-leap, and we are learning how to do this. The reality was very different from what we had imagined. Yet step-by-step we are trying to make our original contribution through our joy and our songs. You can see this through very different activities, for instance, we prepared an international Mass for students from all over Europe, gradually the people came to the shrine to pray, and in Holy Week we had our first mission to students in Sicily.

We have discovered that our mission consists in spreading fire, seeing to it that the hearts of the people of Rome fall in love with the shrine. We have discovered that the Church needs us, that Schoenstatt has to be a young, vital and daring answer to those needs. Dare the death-leap!

Sung response: *Omnia Matri Ecclesiae*

### **Testimony to the work of the Pilgrim Mother in Italy**

My wife, Gianna, and I, Pietro, and our children Marta and Andrea. We have come from the Matri Ecclesiae shrine in Belmonte and are missionaries of the Pilgrim Mother of Schoenstatt. As a family we started to pray together at home, which is something we only did at Mass in the past. We turn off the TV and leave aside a few other pleasures, in order to devote some of our time to prayer to the Blessed Mother with the gentle melody of the Rosary – a custom our grandparents loved, but which we had lost for senseless and incomprehensible reasons.

Everything is going very well. In Italy about 5000 families from Sicily to Venice receive the Pilgrim Mother, and in some parishes the 18<sup>th</sup> of every month is kept as a day dedicated to her. The shrine in Belmonte is a place of peace for us. As we watch the International Centre going up, we are sure that the Blessed Mother will allow us to grow personally, as a family and as a community.

(Gianna): For me, as a mother, she has become a new friend to whom I can talk wherever I am and work, at home or in the office. I tell her everything I have in my heart.

(Marta): She is my friend, she caresses my heart when I am afraid.

(Andrea): We are doing something similar to St Paul. He went out as a missionary and proclaimed Jesus. The only difference is that we do it through and with the help of the Pilgrim Mother. So we are also missionaries, but in Italy!



Sung response: Omnia Matri Ecclesiae

## **Testimony to the new collaboration of the Movements**

Dr Gertrud Pollak, Mainz – Institute of our Lady of Schoenstatt

At Pentecost 1998 Pope John Paul II asked the spiritual movements to collaborate more closely. As fresh spiritual forces with strong life they have to become visible beyond national boundaries within the Church and be felt as sources of new life generated by the Spirit. Chiara Lubich, the foundress of the Focolare Movement, felt a special responsibility to carry out this commission. She looked for like-minded people and found them in our Movement. Already in June 1999 she visited Schoenstatt with Andrea Riccardi of the Community of San Egidio. As the group stood at the tomb of our founder there was an almost tangible realization that here they were united by the "Dilexit ecclesiam".

Within Europe the seed of this beginning in Rome and at the meeting in Schoenstatt has continued to grow. In May 2004 it became public in Germany. The leaders of more than 170 Christian Movements and communities came to Stuttgart. The subject of the meeting: "To discover and share the richness together" answered their objective very precisely.

In these days it was truly the source of great happiness to see what God's Spirit has worked today in these very different people and in so many different ways. I was equally impressed by the unconditional openness and the joy we found in one another, as well as by the reverence for our differences you could feel in the way we encountered one another – tangible traces of God's presence, gifts that the Spirit worked in our midst! Many members of the Schoenstatt Movement were present, and we may be sure that our father and founder was there with us as well, because he wanted all apostolic forces to unite.

However, such spiritual strength many not just be at work behind Church doors. Spiritual Movements have to set their stamp on the society in their countries. The final day in Stuttgart showed this aim clearly in the motto: "Together for Europe". So that many countries can be united by Christian values; so that Europe has a soul and the whole world a motherly heart!

Sung response: Grenzenlos geliebt, gemeinsam gesandt ...



1)  $\text{C}$   $d$   $G$   $\text{C}$

Gren-zen - los ge - liebt, ge - mein - sam ge - sandt.

2)  $\text{C}$   $d$   $G$   $\text{C}$

Gren-zen - los ge - liebt, ge - mein - sam ge - sandt.

3)  $\text{C}$   $d$   $G$   $\text{C}$

Gren-zen - los ge - liebt, ge - mein - sam ge - sandt.

4)  $\text{C}$   $d$   $G$   $\text{C}$

Gren-zen - los ge - liebt, ge - mein - sam ge - sandt.

## Testimony of a Chilean Schoenstatt Family

We are Jaime and Alejandra, parents of six children between the ages of 10 and 23 – four girls and two boys. We received our faith from our parents and the Blessed Mother called us to Schoenstatt from her shrine in Montahue in Southern Chile.

We have pastoral tasks in the communities to which we belong – with friends, teaching catechism in the French school, and in the Business Mission in Conceptcio, where business people of the region have come together to study Christian social teaching with a view to applying it in their businesses.

Our first task is the education of our children. The ideal of our marriage is "to education Christian men and women for the world". We firmly believe in education through and for freedom, and in educating through our own example. We make demands on our children, show them their responsibility and their abilities to serve their neighbours. Yet we leave them their freedom.



Once a week we meet in our home shrine. In a prayerful atmosphere we tell one another what is happening with each of us; we bring everything to God and the Blessed mother, and ask for help. Here we pray for God's grace to solve the problems, inconsistencies, hurts, despondency caused by everyday life. We believe that if, as parents, our lives are permeated by prayer, God will break into the lives of our children. A year ago Jaime had an accident that nearly cost him his life. He was in a coma for nine days. The prayers of an incredible number of people were answered and Jaime is with us today. This trial became an invitation to many of our friends to be converted.

God has given us everything. Our own efforts and abilities cannot explain what we have. We experience the twenty-five happy years of marriage, our six children, our work, our friends, and all that we are, as gifts from God.

We experience that we are loved and enriched; we have been called as St Alberto Hurtado said, to love to the limits of pain. We want our family to be a gift to the Church, and pray that God will show each one of us what he wants of us. Many thanks.

Sung response: Grenzenlos geliebt, gemeinsam gesandt ...

### **Testimony of life in the home shrine**

Mr and Mrs Lipp from Germany

Our home shrine is a place of life and love for us and for many

In many of his allocutions, our great Pope John Paul II repeatedly spoke about the importance of the domestic Church. These words of our Holy Father have been realized in an original way in the Schoenstatt home shrines. Since we unite our lives completely with the grace of the shrine, the covenant of love, we are "the church in miniature". Our home shrine is a place of encounter – we encounter God, we encounter others, no matter how they live their lives.

Our home shrine is a place where Mary's yes is repeated.

Mary, the Mother of the Lord, has come to us just as she entered into the house of Elizabeth and Zachary, who experienced salvation and blessing. In everyday life we experience that Mary is powerfully and effectively at work; we experience that our imperfections, faults and limitations, indeed death itself, are not the end, but that the hope of making a success of our lives can repeatedly break through. We experience that



Mary repeats her "yes" each day in our "yes" to one another. She helps us to live our yes to each other faithfully "for better or for worse, in sickness and in health".

We placed Theresa, our daughter, in our home shrine when she we adopted her as a newborn in a Moses basket. We received her gratefully and happily from God's loving, fatherly hands. For us it was a moment when heaven and earth met.

Our house is a subsidiary of the presbytery. It has become a drop-in centre for many. No aspect of human life is excluded. We discuss bigger and smaller parish projects in our home shrine. We practice with the altar servers and pray the Stations of the Cross with adults and children. We knot Rosaries with the First Communion children and teach them the joys of praying the Rosary. In this way many people come to experience our friendship with Christ, which gives us joy and strength.

The covenant of love as a source of strength has not been given to us to keep to ourselves. We have a home and many possibilities to collaborate with others in the community of the Schoenstatt Family League. We work from the family for families – this has become a great value to us, and we want to pass it on. This happens in many ways, including marriage team seminars, where we can pass on our founder's vision of marriage and family life.

Spanish hymn for the coming of the Holy Spirit Collection  
*(While this is being sung, a collection is taken for the costs of the vigil)*

## **VII. Pater noster**

Let us pray as the Lord has taught us to pray: *(we pray the Our Father in our mother tongue).*

## **VIII. Blessing**

Celebrant: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All: Who made heaven and earth.

Celebrant: Through the intercession of the Mother Thrice Admirable, Queen and Victress of Schoenstatt and Blessed Karl Leisner, may Almighty God bless you – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.



All:            Amen.

*The young people bring the MTA picture to St Peter's Square. They invite all who can to meet with them at the obelisk in about half an hour. As we did at the vigil before the blessing of the Matri Ecclesiae shrine, we want for form a "shrine of lights" there and renew our covenant of love as we look at illuminated St Peter's. It is their hope that other groups and Movements will also meet there.*

## **IX. Concluding Hymn: Protect Us with Your Mantle**

1. Protect us with your mantle, Lady of Victory!

Ter Admirabilis Mater, the tower of ivory.

You, ark of the new dispensation,

In storms your remain in view;

The ages will see you conquer,

We shall never fail with you.

2. 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 your remain in view;

The ages will see you conquer,

We shall never fail with you.

3. Accept our self-surrender,

Take our (two notes) hearts as the price

That from the seeds of Schoenstatt

Abundant fruit may rise.

You, sign of a loving Father,

In storms your remain in view;

The ages will see you conquer,

We shall never fail with you.

**4. Protect us with your mantle,**

**noble and gracious Queen!**

**Ter Admirabilis Mater,**

**(English and all)**



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**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.**

*During the concluding hymn the procession leaves the church down  
the centre aisle.*



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## On St Peter's Square

*Meet at the obelisk. The young people will have cordoned off the outline the shrine with a rope. We collect inside with our candles. The MTA picture is in the centre.*

As on the eve of the blessing of the MATRI ECCLESIAE shrine, we form a shrine of light with our candles on St Peter's square. We are united at this moment with our Holy Father, Pope Benedict, and all the bishops throughout the world. We share our father and founder's longing for a new Pentecost for the Church. We pray with his words:

**All:** Use us as you will.  
Through Schoenstatt may the vast halls  
of our holy Church be filled once more,  
and your praise resound to your throne.

You may use us to work,  
you may send us the cross and suffering and need;  
whether we find success or failure,  
we want to proclaim your love.

Gathered around the picture of our Mother Thrice Admirable we renew our covenant of love with her and with the whole Church. Each of us prays the little consecration in his or her own language:



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All: My Queen, my Mother, 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, myself without reserve. As I am your own, my good Mother, guard me and defend me as your property and your possession. Amen.

Celebrant: Nos cum prole pia.

All: Benedicat virgo Maria.

Closing Hymn:

O Triune God, receive eternal praises  
For all your great and wondrous gifts and graces,  
For choosing Schoenstatt as our Mother's throne,  
There to unite us deeply with your Son.

Our thanks to you, in Mary you are giving  
To ev'ry man the pattern for his living.  
She is of all your creatures baring none  
The only jeweled mirror of your Son.

With joy we offer you the jubilation,  
The burning love and praise of all creation.  
In Jesus' name with Mary we adore  
You, Blessed Trinity, forevermore. Amen.