



## DECLARATION

### ABOUT THE ONLINE ARTICLE IN "DIE TAGESPOST"

Today an article was announced in the "Tagespost", a German newspaper ([www.die-tagespost.de](http://www.die-tagespost.de)) and on the web page [www.katholisch.de](http://www.katholisch.de) with the title "The Founder of Schoenstatt Kentenich under suspicion of abuse", which refers to documents from the period of Pius XII that have recently become accessible. These are events around the year 1950, that is, during the time when the Vatican made a visitation to Schoenstatt. A detailed article will be published tomorrow in the printed edition.

It is known that during the ecclesiastical visitation of the Schoenstatt Work in the 1950's, some people made accusations against the Schoenstatt Founder to the Vatican authorities, which led to the 14-year exile of the Founder. These questions were also taken up and clarified in the process of beatification opened in 1975. All relevant documents and testimonies were then made available to the competent church authorities.

If the doubts about the moral integrity of Schoenstatt's founder had continued to exist, the exile would not have ended and the Vatican would not have been able to issue a nihil obstat to open the process of beatification.

In the name of the General Presidium of the Schoenstatt Work, as an actor in the process of beatification of the founder, Fr. Kentenich.

Fr. Juan Pablo Catoggio

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