CELEBRATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL OPENING OF THE JUBILEE YEAR

with

Stanisław Cardinal Ryłko,

Rome, President of the Pontifical Council of the Laity

and

Father Heinrich Walter,

Chairman of the General Presidium of the International Schoenstatt Movement

Father Stefan Strecker

Leader Zentralteam 2014

19:30 h

OPENING PROGRAMME FOR THE ARIVAL OF PILGRIMS

HYMN Choir / All

Aprite le porte a Cristo / Open your doors for Christ

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IMPRESSIONS

Journey of the Father Symbol for the Original Shrine

Dear Pilgrims from all over the world, dear guests, dear brothers and sisters in the covenant of love, We welcome you all very warmly here at the Original Shrine. Many are still on the way; many have joined us via Schoenstatt TV. We are here as an international community and we know that at this hour many people in many places in the world are united with us. Right around the globe we are a living network from shrine to shrine. At the centre is our Original Shrine where everything started. In 2011 we began the great Advent leading to Jubilee 2014. Now, on this 18 October 2013, we may say: We have got there! Our great jubilee begins today.

We are entering a year of gratitude for the immeasurable fruits of the covenant of love. It is a year of looking back on the hidden start in 1914, and the miracle God has worked all over the world from this little shrine at the intercession of the MTA. It is a year of renewal of our first love for the shrine, for the Blessed Mother and for our Father and Founder. It is a year in which to renew the covenant of love with all our hearts. Once again; Welcome as a pilgrim to the shrine! Welcome to this, our celebration!

HYMN Choir / All Aprite le porte a Cristo / Open your doors for Christ

MEDITATION

It is our jubilee celebration already today: a great pilgrimage of the people to the shrine of the Mother Thrice Admirable, Queen and Victress of Schoenstatt. Here at the Original Shrine and throughout the world the doors of all shrines will be opened on this 18 October 2013 for the jubilee pilgrimage. We take our places in the procession of people and nations that have gone on pilgrimage to the Temple in Jerusalem for thousands of years in order to meet God. We take our places in the long pilgrimage of the Church. We are united with the many people who have come on pilgrimage for a hundred years to the shrine in our midst, in order to bring their hopes and wises, their joys and sufferings, to the Mother of God. Together with the faithful of Israel we ask ourselves:

"Who may climb up to the mountain of the Lord?" "Those with clean hands and a pure heart." That is why, at the start of our celebration, there will be a Rite of "purifying our hearts".

HYMN Choir / All

Aprite le porte a Cristo / Open your doors for Christ

"Open the door for Christ, the Redeemer" – open for HIM the door to the new millennium. For many it was an unforgettable moment when Pope John Paul II knelt at the threshold of the Holy Door of St Peter's and opened the Holy Year 2000. The Holy Door: an image of Christ who said of himself, "I am the door" (Jn. 10,9), the door to life and salvation. Cardinal Ryłko will later open the door of the Original Shrine and in this way open our jubilee year. When

we consciously walk over the threshold into the shrine, it will be more than an outward rite. It is a sign of our profession of faith that Christ is the Lord. It is a decision to live the covenant we entered into at baptism, and deepened in the covenant of love.

HYMN Choir / All Aprite le porte a Cristo / Open your doors for Christ

Fr. Kentenich once described the 18th October 1914 very graphically in these words: Because of her great longing to give the Redeemer to our times once more, the Blessed Mother walked through the world searching for a place "from where she could exercise her educational work for present-day humanity in a unique way. She searched everywhere, but was turned away on countless occasions. In 1914 we opened the door, as it were, to the pleading of the Blessed Mother; we asked her, and we declared that we were ready to accept and accommodate her in our shrine, but as the great educator of the people, and we offered ourselves to her as her instruments." (20 November 1966) Whenever we renew our covenant of love, we again open the door with Fr. Kentenich to the pleading of the Blessed Mother, and carry "the firebrand of the covenant of love" into the time to come. Today, at midday, representatives of our worldwide Schoenstatt Family gathered with Cardinal Ryłko in the Founder Chapel. We will now look at part of this celebration.

HYMN *Choir / All* **Veni sancte spiritus** (Come, Holy Spirit) *M : J. Berthier, Taizé*

In the meantime the place around the Original Shrine here has filled with pilgrims from all parts of Germany and all over the world. Fr. Penners, the leader of the German Schoenstatt Movement, will now greet the guests of honour in our midst.

Welcome of the guests

Fr. Penners

Greeting

Alois Glueck Chairman of the Central Committee of Catholics in Germany

20:00 h

CELEBRATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL OPENING OF THE JUBILEE YEAR

Cardinal Stanislaw Ryłko, Fr Heinrich Walter, and representatives of the countries gather at the entrance to the Pilgrims' Place Fr. Michael Marmann, Responsible for the Original Shrine goes to meet Cardinal Ryłko from the shrine.

SOLEMN ENTRANCE PROCESSION

Cardinal Ryłko carries a pilgrim's staff

HYMN Refrain/All

Ich freute mich, als man mir sagte

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We sit down.

FR HEINRICH WALTER WELCOMES CARDINAL RYŁKO

WORDS OF GREETING FROM CARDINAL RYŁKO

RITE OF "PURIFYING OUR HEARTS"

We approach God as a large, worldwide Family. We are filled with gratitude for the graces we have received in the last hundred years: For the Mother of God, our dear Mother Thrice Admirable, Queen and Victress of Schoenstatt; for the shrine in our midst; for our Father and Founder, Fr Joseph Kentenich, to whom God gave the charism of the covenant of love. We are standing before the door to our shrine where great things happened a hundred years ago. Before we pass over the threshold of our shrine to renew the covenant of love, let us prepare ourselves inwardly.

Three representatives of the General Presidium of the international Schoenstatt Movement:

Msgr. Dr. Peter Wolf,
General Director of the Institue of Schoenstatt Priests
"Who may go up to the mountain of the Lord"
Who may stand in his holy place?"

Family Hans und Gertrud Zier,

Council Members of the Family Federation

The clean of hands and pure of heart,

who have not deceived, who have not sworn falsly.

Sr. M. Aleja Slaughter,
General Superior of the Sisters of Mary
They will receive blessings from the Lord,
and justice from their saving God." (cf. Ps 24, 3-5)

Cardinal Ryłko

Let us ask God, our merciful Father, to purify us from all that was not good. We do so with Mary's humility, so that we may also confess with her, "He has looked upon the lowliness of his handmaid ..." (Lk 1,48)

Msgr. Dr. Peter Wolf

Lord, we hand over to you mercy, and the kindness of our heavenly Mother, all that has decreased or sullied the river of grace from the shrine in the past hundred years.

ANTIPHON Choir / All

Misericordias domini in aeternum cantabo.

M: J. Berthier, Taizé



Family Zier

We bring before you the guilt of our communities and all our failures against the spirit of the covenant of love with one another.

ANTIPHON Choir / All

Misericordias domini in aeternum cantabo.

Sr. M. Aleja Slaughter

We ask you, look with mercy on all our failures in our personal covenant history, and on all that fell short of our great mission.

ANTIPHON Choir / All

Misericordias domini in aeternum cantabo.

PERSONAL MOMENT OF SILENCE

Cardinal Ryłko

May the Lord, whose love knows no bounds, forgive you all your guilt. May he give you the grace of a new beginning, and strengthen you on the path of your mission.

All: Amen.

As an expression of our faith and trust that God has accepted our confession in the covenant of love, and sends us with purified hearts into this Jubilee Year, we are now sprinkled with water from the shrine.

HYMN Choir / All Magnificat





We sit down.

MEDITATION "COVENANT OF LOVE"

On this Covenant Day we enter upon the celebration of the Jubilee Year, which should become for us a Year of the Covenant of Love with Mary. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI said, "The covenant of love with Mary – these words contain within themselves one of the key concepts of the Sacred Scriptures: the word covenant, which contains the entire hope of Christendom, because it implies that we have not been left alone in the world with unknown forces and powers we cannot understand and ultimately control, but that He who holds everything in His hands, who knows us and love us, has initiated a connection with us. ...

The covenant of love you enter into as followers of Fr Kentenich is nothing else than making personal the great covenant events of salvation history."

Brief silence

Let us listen to a reading from the Gospel of John: "Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home." (Jn 19, 25ff.)

INDIAN RITE OF BLESSING

HYMN Choir

Open Heaven

T: Barbara Chmielewska (Polen); M: B. Chmielewska, G. Wackerbauer

Refr.

Let the heaven descend to our hearts, let our hearts be taken to heaven.
We are one in the shrine, we are one in the cross, we are one in Father's love.

THE COVENANT OF LOVE IN SCHOENSTATT

Meditative Music: Grave aus der Suite II in d-Moll von Caix d' Hervelois

Autumn 1914: First World War
Everywhere covenants of destruction
War and hatred, death and suffering
"The lights of Europe have gone out"
(British Foreign Minister)

Autumn 1914:
Far from the great stage of the world another hears those words,
"Behold your Mother!"
In an insignificant, little cemetery chapel God enkindles
a new light
Grace for a new world
the COVENANT OF LOVE with Mary

From the shrine the jubilee torch that had been lit in the Founder Chapel is carried forward and set up in the darkness.

A light
a flame
a fire
that enkindles hearts until today
for God
for others
for a great mission

Pilgrims from various countries take the light from the torch and light the candles of all the pilgrims.

HYMN All Shine, Jesus, shine

T+M: Graham Kendrick

 Lord the Light of Your Love is shining, in the midst of the darkness shining, Jesus light of the world shine upon us, set us free by the truth You now bring us. Shine on me. Shine on me. Refr.
Shine Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory, blaze, Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy, send forth Your word, Lord and let there be light.

- 2. Lord I come to Your awesome presence, from the shadows into Your radiance, by the blood I may enter Your brightness, search me, try me, consume all my darkness. Shine on me. Shine on me.
- 3. As we gaze on Your kindly brightness.
 So our faces display Your likeness.
 Ever changing from glory to glory,
 mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.
 Shine on me. Shine on me.

COVENANT CULTURE

The covenant of love has the power to change the world, to heal cultures and to sanctify. What Pope Francis said to the young people at the World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro we experience in the covenant of love, "The Gospel is for everyone and not for just a few. It is not only for those who are closer to us, who seem more receptive. It is for everyone. Do not be afraid to go out to bear Christ into every milieu. ... The Lord is seeking everyone, he wants everyone to feel the warmth of his mercy and love." (28 July 2013) Schoenstatt – a contribution towards inculturating the Gospel on every continent and in every milieu. On our way to Jubilee 2014 we concentrated our apostolate on five fields. In this jubilee year we are bringing with us the fruits of a covenant culture: in the field of marriage and family life, youth, pedagogy, Church, Society.

TWO TESTIMONIES

We listen to the testimonies of Fr. Deogratias Marahukiro from Burundi and Family Jensen from Chile who share — in representation of so many — their missionary initiatives.

Father Deogratias Marahukiro, Burundi (french)

Shortly after gaining independence, endless confusion and wars broke out between the different ethnic groups. Since the arrival of the Sisters of Mary, the Shine of Trust has sowed seeds of trust thanks to the covenant of love. In 1993 the murder of Burundi's President, Melchior Ndadaye, gave rise to an unprecedented uproar.

The Schoenstatt Fathers' shrine on Mount Gikungu was dedicated in 1994. War was raging and the shrine was built at a place where the rebels and the army regularly attacked each other. To pray for peace we decided to start a crowning current for the Blessed Mother as Queen of Peace and Reconciliation. This campaign soon became a current of crowning that lasted for three years. Each year had its own motto: "My Life your Crown", to invite Mary to be the Queen of our lives and to give us the gift of inner peace; "My Family your Crown", to invite Mary to be the Queen of every family and bring Christ, the author of peace; and finally, "My Country your Crown" to dedicate the whole country to the Virgin Mary.

At the end of this campaign we crowned Mary in 2009 as the Queen of Peace and Reconciliation. This crowning day will remain unforgettable in the annals of the history of Burundi's church. Not only did very many pilgrims arrive (we estimated over 30 000), but very high political and church authorities also attended in great numbers. From the highest state authorities (two ex-Presidents, the first Vice-President of the Republic, the President of the National Assembly and other personalities) down to the simplest people, the whole of Burundi was represented. The most moving moment was the procession of the army that had recently been re-united. People who had fought each other yesterday, now

carried the picture of the Blessed Mother together. Someone admitted to me, "It is a miracle that these soldiers, who were still fighting each other yesterday, have come together to pray with us!" We owe this miracle to Mary, who is always true to her covenant. She has shown us that she keeps her promises. May she remain the Queen of Peace, not just in Burundi, but also in the other countries in the region around the Great Lakes, and in the whole world.

Family Pilar und Luis Jensen, Chile (spanish)

As Fr. Kentenich's children, we discovered our vocation as family in the Ceonaculum Shrine, Bellavista: as the family we founded through our spousal love, as Schoenstatt Family born from the Covenant of Love, as Church - Family of God, and as family in service for a new social order. Our wedding, our children's baptism and their weddings, their professional choices and the entrance to the seminary of the Schoenstatt Fathers of our third son, have taken place at the Ceonaculum Shrine in Bellavista. From our Home Shrine we receive the graces to irradiate them in daily life, at the family table, in daily Mass. We have always shared God's presence as family and with many guests: extended family, friends, priests, bishops, patients, students... a very fun house. Our profession and apostolate spring forth from our home, there has always been a mutual enrichment between parents and children. We have taken care that they feel loved by us and that they make their own what we carry in our hearts: the Covenant of Love, our Schoenstatt Kingdom.

We have been privileged as we have tried to unite our ideals with our professional activities in service of life and love, and with our main apostolate: a pedagogical project to bring the Encyclical Humanae Vitae to life, our Foundation Porta Vitae. Already as newlyweds, the Blessed Mother opened the doors of parishes and dioceses in what now has become Pili's work at the Archdiocese of Santiago. The horizon became wider with the invitation from the Holy See to be part of the delegation that went to the Women's

Conference in Beijing, and later on to found the Paul VI Institute for the study of human fertility in Rome, as a gift for John Paul II. Pope Benedict XVI invited us to represent Schoenstatt in Aparecida. We have been able to collaborate with the CELAM for many years. From 2008 until now, Pili is member of the Pontifical Council for the Laity in Rome. All this is the result of the prophetic vision of our Father about marriage and family: we are formed in his school. It is the charisma of our Community, the Schoenstatt Family Institute, founded to be a way to family and marriage holiness, a way to bring to life – as consecrated lay people – the Church teachings. Our mission has been to try to make shine forth the treasure of our vocation, serving Schoenstatt, the Church and society, creating bonds with what we have and are in creative faithfulness to our Father and Founder.

HYMN All Gott, wir loben dich

T+M: Flisabeth Neiser

Gott, wir loben dich in deinem Heiligtum. Gott, wir preisen dich für deine großen Gaben. Für alles, was du uns im Liebesbündnis schenktest, danken wir dir, danken wir dir, danken, danken, danken wir dir.

ADDRESS

Kardinal Ryłko

BRIEF SILENCE

RITE FOR OPENING THE DOOR TO THE ORIGINAL SHRINE

ANTIPHON Choir / All

Ave Maria, gratia plena, dominus tecum, benedicta tu.

M: Maria Parkinson

Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise you eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you:

ANTIPHON A//

Ave Maria, gratia plena, dominus tecum, benedicta tu.

Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart will throb and overflow, For the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of the nations shall be brought to you.

ANTIPHON A//

Ave Maria, gratia plena, dominus tecum, benedicta tu.

Your gates shall stand open constantly; day and night they shall not be closed. But shall admit to you the wealth of nations.

ANTIPHON All

Ave Maria, gratia plena, dominus tecum, benedicta tu.

PRAYER

Cardinal Ryłko

Living God, you lead the pilgrim people of the Church through the centuries. Again and again you show yourself to your people and make these places holy places of the covenant with you.

We thank you for having made this little chapel a place of grace of the Mother Thrice Admirable, Queen and Victress of Schoenstatt on 18 October 1914. We beseech you, through her intercession bless all who cross the threshold of the shrine here and in many countries of the earth during this Jubilee Year. Through your grace open the doors of our hearts, so that as new people in Jesus and Mary we may live to your greater honour. Amen.

PILGRIMAGE PRAYER 2014 (in our own language)

All Dear Mother of our Lord and our Mother, with great joy we start out on our pilgrimage to your shrine. Fr Kentenich's faith moved you to set up your home in Schoenstatt. In the shadow of your shrine a family was born, a new spiritual way in the Church, a charism in the midst of our time. We want to fill the jars with our gifts: with our gratitude and repentance, with our surrender and longing. With every step we take on our pilgrim way, we ask you: Enkindle in us anew the fire of love for you, for Fr Kentenich and for our Family. Mother, give us the strength to spread a covenant culture in our world today and educate us to be your true missionaries for this century. Your covenant – our mission.

Cardinal Ryłko

"If the Church seeks Christ, she always knocks at our Mother's house and asks, 'Show us Jesus'."

(Pope Francis in Aparecida, 24 July 2013)

THE DOOR TO THE ORIGINAL SHRINE IS OPENED

100 ROSES

Cardinal Rylko enters the shrine and gives the Blessed Mother a bouquet of 100 roses, a sign of devotion and gratitude.

HYMN Choir / All

Dein Bündnis – unsere Mission (Jubilee hymn)

T: Cecilia Carrère (Argentinien); M: María Paz Viñas (Argentinien)





RENEWAL OF THE COVENANT OF LOVE

Today, on 18 October, we return to the founding hour. We enter into that moment when our Founder and the first generation dared to "step over the threshold" and take the "death-leap", and the Blessed Mother opened the door to her heart and this little shrine:

EXTRACTS FROM THE

"FIRST FOUNDING DOCUMENT" OF 18 OCTOBER 1914

(Text: Fr Joseph Kentenich)

"Allow me to tell you about a quiet favourite idea. When Peter saw the glory of God on Tabor, he called out in delight, 'It is good to be here. Let us build three tents here.' These words come to my mind again and again."

"You can guess what I am aiming at: I would like to make this place a place of pilgrimage, a place of grace, for our house and the whole German Province, perhaps even further afield. All who come here to pray should experience Mary's glories and confess, 'It is good to be here. Let us build three tents here. This shall be our favourite place'."

As on 18 October 1914, so today we hear the Blessed Mother say,

"Do not worry about the fulfilment of your wishes. Ego diligentes me diligo. I love those who love me. First prove to me that you really love me."

"Then I will gladly come to dwell with you and distribute rich gifts and graces; then in future I will draw youthful hearts to myself from here and educate them to be useful instruments in my hand."

These words from the Founding hour have become true. They bear much fruit. Mary was the first great co-worker with Christ in his work of redemption. She still is today. We want to be like her in loving Christ and living for him. For this reason, on this evening we renew our Covenant of Love with the Mother Thrice Admirable, Queen and Victress of Schoenstatt, united with Fr. Kentenich and we make our own his prophetic mission to serve Christ in the Church.

BRIEF SILENCE

Alle 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 dear Mother, guard me and protect me as your property and your possession. Amen.

HYMN Solo
María de la Alianza
T-M: Juan Janacio Pacheo

T+M: Juan Ignacio Pacheco (Chile)

INVITATION TO THE PEOPLE IN EVERY COUNTRY

District Administrator Dr SaftigInvitation to the Region Mayen-Koblenz, Germany

SOLEMN FINAL BLESSING

Cardinal Ryłko The Lord be with you.

All And with your spirit.

Cardinal Ryłko May the name of the Lord be praised

All both now and evermore.

Cardinal Ryłko Our help is in the Name of the Lord,

All who made heaven and earth.

Cardinal Ryłko May the blessing of Almighty God, the Father,

the Son and the Holy Spirit come down on you

all.

All Amen.

HYMN A//

Breit um uns deinen Mantel

T: M. Bonifatia Warth; M: M. Cordula Fladung

- Breit um uns deinen Mantel, Schirmherrin du im Sturm!
 O Dreimal Wunderbare, geheimnisvoller Turm!
 Du Arche des neuen Bundes, du bleibst in den Stürmen stehn, wirst über die Zeiten siegen, wir werden nicht untergehn.
- Llevamos pues tu nombre Madre del Salvador, Tú que eres la más pura, del sol el resplandor; Tú, faro en el mar del mundo invicta en el huracán, del siglo gran vencedora, los tuyos nos se hundirán.
- Accept our self-surrender, take our hearts as the price.
 That from the seeds of Schoenstatt abundant fruit may rise.
 You, Sign of the loving Father, in storms you remain in view;
 the ages will see you conquer, we shall never fail with you.
- Ó Virgem Protetora, sempre nos amparais, Tres Vezes Admirável, as almas fecudais.
 Em nossa missão confiamos, não a pode o mundo vencer do mundo haveis de triunfar, não havemos de perecer.

COVENANT CELEBRATION

during which international songs and hymns are sung

Video: Torch Relay 2014

Night of the open Original Shrine Eucharistic Adoration

MODERATION

Francesa Signorini (Italien), Diego Alvarez-Cienfuegos Rico (Spanien/Deutschland)

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Internationales Musikteam 2014

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