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Editorial

Dear Pilgrims!

It's already April and this jubilee year is advancing at top speed. I don't know if we are so aware that each day we receive abundant graces from our Original Shrine, abundant gifts and blessings that flow from this original fountain of grace and flow through the network of shrines around the world. This month, the 18th is Good Friday. For God, nothing is coincidence and this intersection helps us to reflect more profoundly on our covenant of love at the different heights of the cross, in the hope of resurrection. One important part of our jubilee preparation is in the spirit of atonement. The Blessed Mother gives us on this Good Friday the possibility to grow deeper in this reality and to renew our covenant with contrite hearts...

We ask ourselves:

For which concrete flaw in my life from the covenant do I want to atone and offer this 18th?

From which brother or sister in the covenant do I need to ask forgiveness?

In this way we unite our reparation with the mystery of the redemptive Cross of Christ, we prepare our souls for the graces of the resurrection... The only way we can "meet as brothers" in October to celebrate our Mother and Queen, is in forgiveness and family like acts of reparation.

Here in Schoenstatt, many people gathered in the shadow of the shrine on Saturday April 12th to pray the Way of the Cross. This time of prayer and purification of memory was convened by the General Presidium as an act of reparation by our family in this jubilee year. Each community and institute was able to prepare a station and connect their faults and omissions to the way of the cross, asking for the graces of the resurrection from these holy places for the movement throughout the entire world.

It was a beautiful initiative which can be repeated at all our daughter and local wayside shrines, which will surely bring much joy to our Mother and our father and founder.

Fr. Patricio in Rome shared with us some good news about the jubilee celebration programme:

Friday, October 24th Visit to the Matri Ecclesiae and Cor Ecclesiae shrines 8:00 p.m. Pilgrimage from Vincent Pallotti's sepulcher to St. Peter's Square organized by the youth.

Saturday, October 25th Entrance to the Paul VI Hall starting at 9:00 am 11:00 a.m. Opening programme 12:00 p.m. Arrival of the Holy Father 1:00 p.m. Audience ends 4:00 p.m. Holy Mass in different language groups:

> German = Santa Andrea de la Valle English = Santa María del Trastevere Polish = Santa María de Traspontina Portuguese = Santa María la Mayor Spanish = San Pablo Extramuros Italian = Sopra Minerva

Youth Programme – Saturday 2:00 p.m. Misiones 8:00 p.m. Youth Mass at Santi Patroni 9:00 p.m. Youth Encounter

Sunday, October 26th 9:30 a.m. Closing Mass at St. Peter's Basilica 12:00 p.m. Angelus at St. Peter's Square

The number of participants rises...

We are very happy that bookings for the jubilee are increasing. Since the beginning of the year, along with the IQ Incoming agency, the international ticket office has been working, as a second contact point for all national registration offices.

The contact person for each country can book the following packages there:

- Schoenstatt/Youth Ticket + simple accommodation
- Ticket without accommodation for Schoenstatt and Rome.

Over the last few days we managed to contact different countries directly creating successful teamwork.

Do you want to be part of the celebrations but still have some questions about the registration? For more information on the different possibilities available and the details of the contact person for your country, please <u>click here</u>. The contact person will be waiting for you!

If your country doesn't have a contact person, then please write to the international ticket office: <u>ticket-info@schoenstatt2014.org</u>

The shrine is open to all! Welcome!



Bits & Pieces

Visit our homepage to find current information about our jubilee and its preparation. Above all, you will find the videos that serve us as **inspiration for the journey** It's worth stopping by. Visit the Live-Zoom section on our web page to find pictures of the life that is growing in Schoenstatt as we approach the jubilee, the work of the volunteers, Office 2014, etc. It is good to see the faces behind the work, this helps us grow as family!

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