

The Schoenstatt Rosary campaign of the pilgrim MTA

"For the campaign of the Deacon John Pozzobon, the Mother and Queen Thrice Admirable wants to go out as the Great Missionary, as the "one who works miracles" (...)
It is a process of life springing from the irruption of graces of the Shrine, a current rooted in a concrete history, inseparably tied to the life of John Pozzobon and a fruitful seed sown by Father Kentenich in this land and his heart. (SM89. II,1).

1 The campaign is a great "Visitation" of the Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Schoenstatt

Mary comes to help, to assist us, to strengthen us, to educate and to show us the way to her Son Jesus:
Solidarity

Mary comes to visit us to make possible a reborn of her Son Jesus in our hearts, in the heart of our families:
Everyday Sanctity

Mary come to visit us to transform us into Jesus' disciples in the midst mod the challenges of life and modern world:
mission awareness

The campaign is a great visitation. It is about the action of Mary who, "glorious in heaven, acts on earth" (Puebla).

2 Why has the Virgin Mary embarked on this great Visitation?

+ Because in Schoenstatt she has a great mission, namely: to manifest her power and kindness above all as the great Educator of the people. Educator of the leaders and of the masses, Educator of the Christian faith, so threatened at the present time. And this mission is directed in the first place to families and then to the youth.

3 How does she achieve the goals of this great Visitation?

+ From the Schoenstatt shrines she wants to take a message to the people: a triple message, namely; the Covenant of Love with her, that is founded on Practical Faith in Divine Providence and is expressed in a strong mission consciousness.

+ From the Schoenstatt shrines she wants many sons and daughters to receive the three pilgrimage graces, namely, the feeling of being at home in her heart and that of Jesus, inner transformation,

+ From the campaign she wants to take a new two spiritual weapons to our our people: the Rosary and Adoration. In which the people can also participate - and

then the Movement of the Rosary, in which its members strive to always pray again."

John's testament regarding the Rosary:

We have heard the revelation that came from a source of grace the Shrine: The great Holy Rosary Campaign: Marian prayer that opened many doors and thousands of hearts. The Holy Rosary, the most beautiful prayer of Mary with the riches of the holy mysteries, is the effective weapon against which not even steel door can resist."

John's testament regarding the Adoration:

I continued to believe that there was still the possibility of doing something since much has been achieved, like the wayside shrines, and adoration in the chapels and community centers. And finally came a big understanding - the Station of the Cross along the roadside. Also, visits to the homes of the sick were organized and Holy Communion was taken to them."

4 The importance of the Campaign for us in the midst of the challenges of our time

+ we are at the service of the new evangelization: Mary, the great Missionary, the first evangelist. Through the campaign she embarked in a great visitation in order to bring Jesus to the world.

+ we have to broaden the base of Schoenstatt. In Schoenstatt the Virgin has deposited a great spiritual, human wealth. This wealth still reaches relatively few people. The Virgin is in haste. "this is the hour of Schoenstatt" Fr. Kentenich said in 1947, " because this is the hour of Mary". Through the campaign the Blessed Virgin wants to take her message and the graces of Schoenstatt and shrine in a simpler form, quicker and at the same time deeply - to many people. John said once in 1984 in a letter: My experience of old tells me that when such things happen, it is a sign. And little later spoke of being chosen by Our Lady "for an explosive irradiation to the world".

+ The campaign has the urgent task to accelerate the process of canonization of John Pozzobon as a saint for our time.

+ The campaign is key actor in order to put into practice the new motto for the Year of the Shrine: "build a network of living shrines for America". The Rosary campaign is one of the exemplary fruits of the fruitfulness of the Hundred years of the Covenant of Love in Schoenstatt's history.

+ The campaign is also a key instrument to live out the motto of this year: "In the Covenant, ablaze for our mission". First the campaign is a selected prime fruit of the Covenant of Love in Schoenstatt. We can not understand

the RC without the C of L with the Blessed Mother. Second, the first and foremost the RC a "mission". It is a way to announce the C of L at all time, at all places and in every way possible. Third, and in order to do so faithfully to John Pozzobon and to Fr. Joseph we are "on fire". We ablaze for this mission and task that give sense to our lives. It is our way to evangelize, to announce Christ and Mary for our times.