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### Testimony from Biborka and Dr. Tamás Dabóczy, Budapest/ Schoenstatt-Hungary

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*They have 6 children. Since October 2017 Mr. & Mrs Dabóczy belong to the Hungarian Schoenstatt Movement Leadership Team. Their responsibility lies within the continuous education field of the Family Movement.*

#### What Father Kentenich means to us.

When we got to know Schoenstatt, it was Father Kentenich's way of thinking that really fascinated us. It is modern, radical, inspiring, unbelievably versatile and has answers to so many questions.

- He sees harmony and supernature in harmony with each other. He teaches us how to harmonize our religious ego with our daily ego.
- God speaks to us through our natural talents and longings, through everyday events, joys and difficulties. We should not smother our drives and instincts but align them with God's plan.
- The personal ideal is a gift from Father Kentenich. God made each one of us in a unique way. As a couple we also have a marriage ideal: Marriage with a special task only for us two. The realisation of this ideal awakens in us great joy.
- We invited the Blessed Mother to take up her place in our home shrine in order to educate us and our children. Therefore, our home has now become a place of grace

#### How does Father Kentenich inspire us and the Hungarian Schoenstatt Family?

He knew what people of today are like. With great sensitivity he was able to sense the spirit of the times and wherein God's voice could be heard, even when this seemed strange. It was easy for him to differentiate this from the negative spirit of our times.

- With the Hungarian Schoenstatt Family Movement, we want to learn his way of thinking, his way of looking at things. If we do this then we can find real answers to new questions. We have questions that had not been raised at his time of life, but we hope that if we learn to look at things his way then we will come up with the answers, which if he were alive to day he would come up with. This we call "**Kentenich Glasses**". We want to look at the world through his glasses, with his eyes.
- This is why there is a strong current of life within the Hungarian Schoenstatt Family Movement, a longing to grasp at all things connected to the founder, to his original way of thought, which today are not always mentioned, but we want to discover this anew and apply it to our own lives. If we are looking at a special topic or theme then it should not be nice, appealing but Schoenstatt-like and for this we need the "**Kentenich Glasses**".
- The up and coming Eucharistic World Congress which is to be held in Budapest, is a challenge to us as an international Family Movement to develop and look at the connections between the sacrament of the Eucharist and the sacrament of marriage, and to develop a new liturgy in this field according to Kentenich.

Father Kentenich, please grant us your charism today, a time which is often chaotic, and help us to discover God's will under the leadership of Mary.

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### **Testimony from Sister M. Silvia Regina Formagio, Atibaia / Brazil**

*Sr. M. Silvia Regina is the Provincial Superior*

My first connection to Father Kentenich was when I joined the girl's youth. Bit by bit I got to know the spirituality of Schoenstatt and the founder of this great work. My connection to him became personal. I had a small photo of him in my room and in time I began to speak to him about my life, because God is near us in everyone. His photo was a concrete symbol for me that Father Kentenich is with us in a new way. I experienced the fruits of his proximity, so much so that I often sought advice and answers to my questions from him.

What I found fascinating was his simplicity, his fatherliness which all bear witness to who came close to him. He did not keep people at a distance, in fact it was the complete opposite; whoever came near him, close to him felt accepted. This experienced changed lives. And this is also how I experienced him: always accepted and understood by him

It was from him, whom I now call father, that I learned we can lead people to God, when we meet them at a very human level.

What really touches me about our father is his look which mirrors the all merciful lovingness and goodness of God. His attentive look at us touches our core. He is a father who knows and accepts us as we are. And at the same time, he helps us to become better people.

Our father inspires me in my new task to learn how to listen to others and make myself available to others. My attachment to him helps me to accept others as they are.

I am convinced that this spiritual but very vital attachment to our father was the reason for my vocation to the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary, and I am very happy with my vocation and life.

I believe that our father lives in us today. He takes us by the hand and leads us to God just as he led so many people during his lifetime.

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### **Testimony from Andreas Becker, Diocese of Treves/ Germany**

*Andreas Becker is active in the Schoenstatt Boy's Youth and will be studying Political science and theology as of October.*

Kentenich: A man whose words and writings are not just for a small, little town on the Rhein or actual for 1914 but also for today, even for me as a young person.

Self-education – strong, free, priestly. These are qualities which inspire me still today 2018.

Father Kentenich was a person who inspired others and still does that. He made the unthinkable concrete – the reality connecting every individual to their own ideal. He made faith and spirituality suitable for daily life, concrete and comprehensible for me.

Through lived everyday sanctity and Schoenstatt's spirituality, a life of faith no longer remains enclosed in a church only on a Sunday but are melted together in my daily life and provide me with strength, as well as giving space for my weaknesses. I do not need to hide my limitations

but instead I can bring them to the Blessed Mother, so that SHE can help me to educate myself. Kantenich is the one person who represents that to me.

He lived this deep loving relationship with God, with the Blessed Mother and passed on the love he experienced in the shrine to others. He brings God, who is love, to people, and hands Our Lady to us so that we too can live in a loving relationship.

Father Kantenich has encouraged me not to feel so small before God but to get up and make my way towards HIM.