

# INTO MY VINEYARD

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2013**

**Meeting Starts 1.00pm**

Invitation to Holy Mass

12.00 noon

Meeting concludes 5.00pm

*If you come early, you may wish to bring a packed lunch*



## Meeting of the Schoenstatt Family

Welcome to our 'Into My Vineyard Meeting'. Since our last meeting we have had a great year so far with the School Retreats from a number of Schools in Salford Diocese, the Parish Shrine days have been very well visited and the teams running them have been fantastic. The Celebration of Covenant Mass has greatly improved (especially with the Music Group from St Edmund's helping us). Our Family Week in Schoenstatt Marienau was a great success. Mary Cole has started a small study group on Schoenstatt. Gerry Markland has started a men's group. Fr. David has a Year of Faith Group on Wednesdays during Lent. There are many more initiatives that are not mentioned here. During the year we have had a lot of work done refurbishing the cottage and the work on the mosaic is coming along. In this meeting we want to take time for the Branches to plan and to look at events coming up, e.g, our May Day for 12<sup>th</sup> May (both the May Day and October Day last year were a great success under the leadership our Taste and See Team). We also need to plan ahead. We have to register and make the downpayment of a deposit if we want to attend the Jubilee celebrations in Schoenstatt in October 2014 and if we want to join in the Rome Weekend following. I look forward to seeing you on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. If you want there is Holy Mass at 12.00 noon The meeting will start at 1.00pm

## Topics for the Day

**May Day (12<sup>th</sup> May 2013)**

**Family Week in August 2013**

**Family Week in August 2014**

**Registration for Jubilee**

**October 2014 in**

**Schoenstatt & Rome**

**Year of the Mission**

**Covenant Masses**

**Parish Shrine Days**

**Taste and See**

**Pilgrim Mother**

**Mosaic**

**Time for the Branches**

**Calendar 2013 & 2014**

**Fun & Fundraisers**



The Schoenstatt Family is preparing to celebrate 100 Years since its beginning. In the meeting of delegates from across the world in 2009 it was discovered that the greatest and unique gift of the Schoenstatt Movement to the Church is the Covenant of Love. We want to celebrate this great gift of grace and look for ways of making this treasure accessible to many. We started our preparations with the celebration of our Jubilee on the 3rd October 2010 and for that period we received the Father Symbol which is on pilgrimage around the world with the aim of celebrating this time of grace in the hope of a new beginning, a new Divine initiative for the Schoenstatt in the coming years. We follow the programme of the International Schoenstatt Family



## 2011 Year of the Father

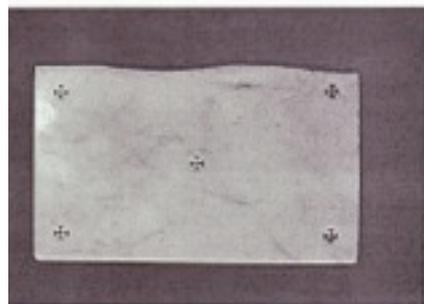
**Symbol** in the Shrine is the **Father Hand**

## 2012 The Year of the Shrine

Our shrine is a place of the experience of the God of Life. Symbol for the beginning of the Year



of the Shrine was the Altar Stone from the Original Shrine



### **Gift for the Shrine**

In Preparation for the Centenary, can we complete the Mosaic? The team working on **the Mosaic** have new and exciting ideas for this project and will look at concrete steps hoping for completion perhaps by 2014.

**Shrine Day for Parishes.** We invited Parishes to come for a Shrine Day to introduce them to the Shrine. This has been a very successful start to this project and the teams supporting this have been excellent.

### **Home & Pilgrim Mother Shrine**

Use each opportunity to encourage people to set up their Home Shrine and to join a Pilgrim Mother's Circle. In May/June we have the pilgrimage of a unique copy of the Pilgrim Mother from John Possobon.

**Covenant Mass** The Year of Faith is the Year of Mission in preparation for the centenary of Schoenstatt. We want to look at how we can put our calling to be apostles of the Covenant of Love into practice. This is the Year of Faith and we look forward to the conference on Evangelization



## 2013 Year of Mission

Each of us is called to be apostles of the Covenant of Love. In the year of Mission we want to grow in being God's Instrument in the world. In Dachau Fr. Kantenich said: "How do we build the Kingdom of God here?" He went on to write about Instrument Spirituality, one of the three dimensions of Schoenstatt's Spirituality.

**Conference with other Movements** on Evangelisation in UK Today. (**Gerry Markland**)

**Family Week in UK 2013** is planned for 5<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> August at Castlerigg Manor (**Gary Russell**)

## 2014 Jubilee Year

**Family Week** is planned 2<sup>nd</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> August 2014. We have decided we will go on Pilgrimage to Schoenstatt as families. Planning Meeting will be in the middle of the year. (**Konrad**)

**Schoenstatt 16th - 19th October Jubilee Celebration** (**Konrad**)

About 10,000 people expected from all over the world. Who is thinking of going to Schoenstatt for the Jubilee? We now need to register who is going and pay the deposit

### **Rome 23rd -26th October**

Vigil in the Vatican Gardens. Encounter with the Holy Father and other Movements.

*Your Covenant  
our Mission*