

Crowning Prayer

Dear Mother Thrice Admirable, Queen and Victress of Schoenstatt, great *Consors Patris*.

Full Of joy and gratitude we have come to your Shrine from the North and South, West and East of our country *to offer you the precious crown* which we have prepared for you anew. Throughout the past months, as we were privileged to have the crown in our homes and groups, we have tried to make it even more precious with our deeds of love. It is *your gift to us* that the crown has truly united our Australian Schoenstatt Family. For this and for all the gifts we have received in the past through your intercession as *Helpmate of Christ and the Father*, we thank you from the depth of our hearts.

Dear Mother and Queen, you have given our father and founder a great mission for the Church of our time. In and with you Schoenstatt should become more and more the *Heart of the Church*. Through the Covenant of Love we have been called to participate in this mission. We feel very helpless in the face of such a task. However, "we know that by acknowledging our helplessness we possess a great power over your heart."

Together with our founder, therefore, we offer you the crown anew and with it our hearts and our readiness to let you reign over our lives. We firmly believe that "provided both covenant partners loyally fulfil the accepted obligations of the covenant, we may even expect that the history of the entire continent will be thereby essentially influenced." We trust that you will use us as your instruments and give us the grace and courage to do all in our power to bring Christ back to the people of our country which has become so secularised and distant from God.

Dear Consors Patris, from your Schoenstatt Shrines be the *Mother of the Australian People*. Be close to us and our people through our Home Shrines, our Heart Shrines and the Pilgrim Mother Shrines. With our father and founder we ask you to "educate the people and leaders of Australia and enable them to carry out the postconciliar mission of the Church on (this) continent as perfectly as possible." Touch especially the hearts of the many young people of our multicultural nation. Awaken genuine vocations for our Schoenstatt Fathers, Sisters and diocesan Priests and increase the ranks of our whole Schoenstatt Family. In this way we can more effectively fulfil our mission: *One heart in the Father for the Family of God*.

See to it that our father and founder will soon be beatified so that his God-given charism has a greater influence on the Church as a whole. Then, together with you and united with our father and founder, we can go "with hope and joy, confident in the victory" into the third millennium.

***Mary, descend now, descend to our earth,
Christ the King's helpmate and chosen Bride;
So there will soon be a holy Australia
A sacred land of our Schoenstatt Queen.***

Mother and *Consors Patris*, accept the crown! "In the name of the Triune God, reign over and lead your family with the power of your endless motherly love.

Amen