



Crowning of Mary in Rome - Matri Ecclesiae Shrine of Belmonte

"When you are in difficulties, crown Mary:" the phrase is attributed to Father Kentenich, Founder of the Schoenstatt Movement. From him we learn that the crowning is an act of trust by which we entrust our difficulties to the Mater Ter Admirabilis (MTA) who, as Queen, must provide for the needs of those who belong to the Kingdom of God.

There are many reasons to crown Mary in the Matri Ecclesiae Shrine in Belmonte. Here are some in general:

- The renewal of the Church according to the Second Vatican Council;
- The overcoming of the pandemic and the resulting social, economic and psychological crises;
- Peace and a responsible concern for the future of our planet; Some of those closely related to the Movement:
- The recognition of the charism of the Schoenstatt Movement in the Church and the world;
- The cause for the beatification of Father Kentenich;
- The mission of Belmonte to be discovered and implemented.

The crowning of the MTA will take place in the Matri Ecclesiae Shrine in Belmonte, Rome, in the jubilee year 2025 - exactly 60 years after the conclusion of the Second Vatican Council - which has contributed to the re-evaluation of Father Kentenich's Work, recognizing its value and emphasizing its anticipatory nature in relation to the Council's expression.

A series of activities for the realisation of this event of devotion and grace, which fits fully into the framework of the Jubilee motto "Pilgrims of Hope", is being prepared. The promoters of the initiative are the Italian Schoenstatt Family and the Romkuratorium (Council of Leaders composed of representatives of the Schoenstatt Institutes and Unions) and the coordination is entrusted to a team - presided over by the Rector of Belmonte, Father Marcelo Cervi - that includes 18 persons of different languages and cultures, from different countries of the world. The Team is already working, aware that crowning does not only mean placing a precious object on Mary's forehead, but it is an expression of gratitude, a sign of intimate union with the Mother of God and of trust in her real power, as well as a testimony of Christian life in the sense of belonging to the Church and a concrete commitment to the Schoenstatt Movement, with one of its charismatic realities.

The Coordination and Preparation Team
To the crowning of the MTA 2025