

REVIEW -THE GRACE OF INNER TRANSFORMATION

"We ask the Blessed Mother to lead us to true inner freedom, to heal our hearts, and to fill us with faith, hope, and love. We implore her to transform us into firm personalities who can master everyday life and into God's children who please him by fulfilling his every wish." (SCHOENSTATT, An Introduction)

1) IN THE SPIRIT OF THE NEW PERSON

Father Kentenich described the New Person as a free person, free for God; a divinized person, one with God; a supernatural person shaped and formed in the Holy Spirit; a daring person who sees things through God's eyes; a victorious person, confident in God's victory; a generous person, serving God and His Kingdom; a person committed to God.

2) IN THE SPIRIT OF CHILDLIKENESS BEFORE GOD

Our Thrice Admirable Mother says to us in the Third Promise of her Covenant of Love, "I will draw from here YOUTHFUL HEARTS to follow me". In this Promise, we find "hidden" the great world of CHILDLIKENESS which unfolds into daily life the words of Jesus: "Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven." (Mt. 18:3)

3) IN THE SPIRIT OF EDUCATION (SELF-EDUCATION)

Our Thrice Admirable Mother says to us in the Fourth Promise of her Covenant of Love, "I will educate them." From the Shrine, our Blessed Mother wants to educate the youthful of heart who are drawn to follow her to recognize the purpose of their life, their potential, and their responsibilities. She will inspire them to work hard on themselves, to use all their capabilities in a God-pleasing way, and to remove all that hinders the good from shining forth.

4) IN THE SPIRIT OF EVERYDAY SANCTITY

Faith and life often seem far apart, even opposed to one another. But Jesus' call to sanctity in the Gospel tells us that holiness is not just for a privileged few but is within the reach of all who strive to connect their daily lives to God. Schoenstatt has longed stressed this integration of faith and life, calling it "**Everyday Sanctity**." As the word "everyday" implies, this sanctity is not confined to Sundays or a few prayer times but must give shape to every aspect of life. (SCHOENSTATT'S EVERYDAY SANCTITY)

I ASK MYSELF:

Has the Spirit of the **NEW PERSON** grown in me as a result of our Pilgrim Mother's visits to me and her intercession with Jesus for me? Have I nourished my mind with Prayer and Spiritual Reading? Has the Grace of Inner Transformation strengthened my will enabling me to stand firm in my Catholic principles? Have I nurtured my relationship with Jesus?

Has the Spirit of **CHILDLIKENESS BEFORE GOD** increased in me as a result of welcoming the Pilgrim Mother and her Son into my home? Am I Young at Heart in my ways, thinking, and doing? Am I open to change, eager to learn, and ready to conquer the world within me? Do I have a daring spirit, a victorious spirit, a trusting spirit, a humble spirit because I know I am loved by my Heavenly Father?

Has the Spirit of **SELF-EDUCATION** grown in me? Has our Mother and Educator convinced me to learn about myself, my personality, my temperament so I can understand and appreciate the special gifts God has given me? Have I begun the work of striving to become a firm, free, priestly personality? Have I put that striving at the disposal of our Pilgrim Mother and her Son so she can make my Place of Honor a place of grace and her special activity?

Has the Spirit of **EVERYDAY SANCTITY** grown in me over the months as a result of the Pilgrim Mother's visits? Do I work to bring balance and sanctity to my everyday life by securing the attachments in my life: Attachments to God and the Blessed Mother, to Myself, to Others, to Work, Nature, and Things?

May God grant us this Grace of Inner Transformation through the intercession of Mary, Mother Thrice Admirable, Queen and Victress of Schoenstatt and Queen of the Three Graces on the Move so we can master everyday life and, as God's children, fulfill His every wish. Amen.

