

## What is Required to make the Covenant of Love?

- 1) Understanding the Covenant Promises and Requests of the Blessed Mother
- 2) Willingness to work on one Request at all times  
All these covenant demands point toward the development and formation of inner attitudes. These demands address our **basic attitudes** which need to be transformed:
  - Our life of duties, to keep our relationship to God and to others in harmony and order;
  - Our life of prayer, to secure a loving union with God so that this love of God will become the motivating power of our entire life.The other demands simply point out the **degree of our striving** for the highest and greatest, and the purpose and mission of our life – to achieve sanctity and place all our efforts into the capital of grace as contributions for the fruitfulness of the apostolate. (pages 175-176, The Three Pillars)
- 3) Acceptance of the Three Essential Elements of the Covenant (contact points, 3H's):  
Heart – The Blessed Mother Thrice Admirable Queen & Victress of Schoenstatt  
(page 44, The Three Pillars)  
Head – Father Joseph Kentenich, father and founder of the Schoenstatt Movement  
(page 132, The Three Pillars)  
Home – The Schoenstatt Shrine (page 168, The Three Pillars)
- 4) Obligations of Associate Members:  
Marian Devotion  
Lead an exemplary Catholic life  
Encouraged to belong to a Schoenstatt group  
Participate at least one time a year at a Schoenstatt talk, retreat, etc.  
Apostolic Work in the family, parish, profession
- 5) Prepare a personal covenant prayer:  
Address your covenant prayer to the Mother Thrice Admirable, Queen, and Victress of Schoenstatt, for you are entering into the covenant with her.  
Spiritually unite with the first covenant which our founder, Father Joseph Kentenich, made on October 18, 1914, and promise to be true to the original spirit of Schoenstatt.  
You may offer your entire self, and all your concerns, worries, difficulties, possessions.  
You may want to express your desire to fulfill the six requests of the covenant.  
You may express your requests of love, your special petitions, to your covenant partner. One may be very specific about these requests and consider, e.g. What do I need? What do I long for?
- 6) Prepare a covenant candle. It represents your Baptismal candle and the covenant with God that you entered into at Baptism. The Blessed Mother wishes to help you live your Baptismal promises through a covenant of love with her. This candle can be any candle or vigil light, decorated with one or more Schoenstatt symbols or other meaningful symbols.