



A special anniversary! And an invitation!

Words from Father Kentenich (referring to a new daughter shrine)... we unite and beg and petition with great fervor for a new and effective miracle of transformation. *Take the picture of the Blessed Mother with you and give it a place of honor in your homes. Then they in turn will become little shrines where the venerable picture will prove to be a source of grace, creating a holy family atmosphere, and forming holy family members* (Santa Maria, 1948).



Words from Father Kentenich Some time later, while living in Milwaukee, on November 18, 1963, after spending much time with the couples in that area, Father Kentenich coined the term home shrine. He said:

First let me list three things in succession: We have the Original Shrine. We have daughter shrines and among the daughter shrines central shrines. (...) Now comes a third expression, which is perhaps unfamiliar to you in this form. It is the home shrine.

What do we mean by “home shrine”? Many of us have not only dedicated their house to the Blessed Mother in general, but also offered it to her as a living shrine. What I am about to say is of elementary importance for the future **Everything which holds true for the Original Shrine and for the daughter shrines also holds true for the home shrines!**

To build the Domestic Church takes the full commitment of the parents and the increased efforts of the children. Growing in faith as a family is everyone’s task. Reading material, reflections, and the like can be provided. However, the most important is the family’s common agreement to focus on their growth as children of God.

To have a Marian altar or prayer corner you only need to identify the best place in the house – let it be a central point in the house. Place a cross at the center, bring a picture of the Blessed Mother, and have a shelf or a small table close to it. As the month of May approaches, see if you find some blossoms and a nice candle to bring the life and light of God into your home. As you collect yourself by this corner to say your prayers, privately or as a family, God’s presence will penetrate the place.

To have a Home Shrine requires more than that. The covenant of love with the Mother Thrice Admirable is the starting point. This moment of grace is the beginning of the path toward erecting a home shrine. **It opens the gate to many future blessings for the family and the individual** (all the graces from the original shrine in your home. Mother Mary comes to lives with you is a very special way with graces of love, peace and protection). Just as the covenant opened up a source of grace in 1914 in the Original Shrine, this bond with Mary is be the key to unlock the flow of graces to be directed to each home shrine.

The invitation? To come honor Blessed Mother at the **Saturday, November 18th 1:30 Rosary Walk** at the **Schoenstatt Wayside Shrine Mother of the Eucharist**, 1565 US421, Delphi IN. We will end with the special Home Shrine Prayer that Father Kentenich wrote in Milwaukee in 1965 and have information available for anyone interested in having a Home Shrine.