

Apostolate

We read our Schoenstatt apostolic character from the Gospels.

And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.” Mt 16:15

We live convinced that we are sent by God to fulfill a specific mission.

“To live and work in the thought, “I am sent.” The first Christians were so deeply moved and gripped by their mission that they courageously professed: We are the soul of the world. It is a pity that modern-day Christians have largely lost this victorious conviction of having a mission. Father J. Kentenich, 1944

We strive to embody in our character the message we bring.

... how can we describe the apostolate? It is, as was often said in the past, the apostolate of exemplifying the fullness of religion. Everything has to be exemplified! I can no longer remember the definition of the apostolate in "Everyday Sanctity" in detail, but it is the overflow of divine life from an inner fullness. So I have to live. I pass on my life. I may also do so through what I say, but the most important thing is the apostolate of what we are. Father J. Kentenich, 1965

We accompany our apostolic efforts with our striving for sanctity.

A Schoenstatt saint is an apostle who lives out of the demands to sanctify daily life. If an apostle is not a saint, then he is not fruitful. With an icicle one cannot start a fire. Father J. Kentenich, 1928



Mary is our Mission! JK, 1949

There is no greater apostolic than to draw the presence of the MTA down among. Therefore, the most fruitful apostolate is accomplished from the shrine.

Undoubtedly, we could not accomplish a greater apostolic deed not leave our successors a more precious legacy than to urge our Lady and Queen to erect her throne here in a special way, to distribute her treasures, and to work miracles of grace. Founding Document, 1914