



SHRINE SOUNDINGS Jubilee Family Shrine & Retreat Center

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WHAT A SCHOENSTATT CENTENNIAL!
WITH JOY AND GRATITUDE THESE PAGES WILL BRING TO MIND SOME OF THE SPECIAL EVENTS

POPE FRANCIS GREETES SCHOENSTATT

A historic day in our Centennial Year was Saturday, October 25, 2014, in Rome. Pope Francis answered questions from five couples pre-selected from more than 7000 Schoenstatters from over 50 countries.



From Vatican Radio: Mistaken views about marriage and its true meaning, our throw-away culture, the need to be courageous and daring, Mary's missionary role, the disunity of the devil, and why the concept of solidarity is under attack... These were just some of the wide-ranging issues which Pope Francis spoke about in his off-the-cuff remarks during the question and answer session with the Schoenstatt pilgrims held in the Vatican's Paul VI Audience Hall.

Pope Francis said the institution of Christian marriage has never been attacked so much as nowadays where a temporary or throw-away culture has become widespread. He urged priests to stay close to couples

and especially children experiencing the trauma of a family break-up.

Asked about marriage and what advice he can offer to those who don't feel welcome in the Church, Pope Francis stressed the need for priests to stay close to each one of their flock without becoming scandalized over what takes place within the family. He said a bishop during the recent Synod on the Family asked whether priests are aware of what children feel and the psychological damage caused when their parents separate? The Pope noted how sometimes in these cases the parent who is separating end up living at home only part-time with the children which he described as a "new and totally destructive" form of co-habitation.

He said the Christian family and marriage have never been so attacked as they are nowadays because of growing relativism over the concept of the sacrament of marriage. When it comes to preparing for marriage, Pope Francis said often there is a misunderstanding over the difference between the sacrament of marriage, which is forever, and the social rite.



Turning to the missionary role of Mary, the Pope reminded people that nobody can search for faith without the help of Mary, the Mother of God, saying a Church without Mary is like an orphanage. When questioned as to how he maintains a sense of joy and hope despite the many problems and wars in our world, Pope Francis replied that he uses prayer, trust, courage and daring. To dare is a grace, he said, and a prayer without courage or daring is a prayer that doesn't work.



Asked about reform of the Church, the Pope said people describe him as a revolutionary but went on to point out that the Church has always been that way and is constantly reforming itself. He stressed that the first revolution or way of renewing the Church is through inner holiness and that counts far more than external ways such as reforming the Curia and the Vatican bank. Pope Francis also spoke about the importance of having a freedom of spirit and warned against closing ourselves up in a mess of rules and regulations, thus becoming a caricature of the doctors of law.

The theme of our throw-away society was also touched on again by the Pope in another reply when he said our present-day culture is one that destroys the human bonds that bind us together. And in this context, he continued, one word that is at risk of dying in our society is 'solidarity' and this is also a symptom of our inability to forge alliances. Pope Francis also warned about the devil, stressing that he exists and that his first weapon is disunity. *See full text on our MN website.*



Sent Forth Mass and Angelus on Sunday, Oct 26, 2014

100th Jubilee Events At Original Shrine



USA Exhibit in Family Tent included Yank Home Shrine



Sarah Harrison, NE, reads petitions at Oct 18 Cov Mass



Torch Bearers from Pompei to Original Shrine for MTA!



Mother Will Take Perfect Care! October 2014 Play by the MN Youth

"Mother will take perfect care" was a favorite saying of Father Kentenich and is the title of the play performed by the Schoenstatt Girls' Youth groups of Rochester and Marshall/Ghent along with the help of their brothers for the occasion of Schoenstatt's jubilee on October 18, 2014. The idea for this play was born a couple of years ago when the playwrights, Jillissa Taubel, Elizabeth Burke and Margaret Winkels (all from the Rochester girls' group), wished to contribute personally for the great jubilee of Schoenstatt's 100th anniversary.



The first draft of the play took almost a year to complete and that was followed by a few revisions to bring it to the right length for a short afternoon performance. Masterfully written the play conveyed the struggles in a teenager's life as she tries to fit in at school, balance family tensions at home and discovering the world of Schoenstatt and our MTA which brings peace to her and her family. With humor added in a creative and enjoyable way, this girl learns about Schoenstatt's history starting with self-education and freedom in the Pre-Founding Document and finishing with the founding of the home shrine during Exile. At the end are also a few scenes from the life of Barbara Kast (one of our Schoenstatt Heroes from Chile) who shows how Schoenstatt can transform a person's life.

The girls and boys practiced independently in each area as much as they could, and then in April of 2014, we were able to have the first practice with both groups here at the shrine. With busy summer schedules, the play practices were put on hold until fall. We were beginning to feel the shortness of time as we were very close to the performance date – "Mother takes perfect care!" Divine providence arranged that all of the actors and actresses except one were able to be at a practice in Sleepy Eye on September 21st – little less than one month away from performance. This practice helped us to feel more confident that we would be ready by Oct 18th.

Photos of Applause & Relaxing at Cast Party



The families of the kids involved in the play made many sacrifices to bring everything together. They came early on Friday, October 17th, to spend the morning practicing. This final dress rehearsal was a little rough so again – "Mother takes perfect care!"

Immediately following 10:30am Holy Mass with Bishop LeVoir, everyone went to the shrine for the renewal of the covenant as well as several covenants being sealed for the first time. The actors and actresses in the play went immediately to eat so they could start setting up the stage. We were able to have someone with professional filming equipment so hopefully the play will be available via DVD soon!

The many echoes we have heard from those who watched the play are very positive and it is clear that everyone enjoyed it thoroughly. They were impressed that it was entirely written by the youth and at the performance of all the actors and actresses. It has now been several weeks from October 18th and still we hear compliments from those who saw the play. We can truly say: "Mother takes perfect care!" –Sr. Mary Kate



Home Shrines to MTA 100 years later

On June 3, 2014,
Maria Utia dedicated
her home to
Mary, Untier of Knots.

Fr. Mariano Varela, IVE.
Sts Peter & Paul, Mankato,
was happy to bless her
Marian throne of grace.



Three Home Shrines on August 10, 2014



Jeremiah and Krista Foxhoven chose **Under the Mantle of Mary's Safe Harbor** for their home in Faribault. Fr. Henry Christopher Foxhoven offered Mass at their patio and continued to the next two group members' homes:



Moose and Jean Volkmuth with their children chose the title **Mary's Fountain of Peaceful Families**. She will be their educator. May their home be a beacon of peace.



Brian and Carla Ellendson invited our MTA as **Our Lady of Protection** to reign in their home. *To learn of these families' symbols, see the Home Shrine Album at shrine.*

Safe Haven



Father Steve Peterson dedicated **Wendell & Marjorie Schiesher's** home on the farm at Dexter June 3, 2014.

100th Anniversary Events Included:



We are indebted to the **Father/Son Weekend**, led by Father Mark Niehaus and Thomas Garibaldi, Holmen, WI. On Aug 2 they took up all the stones around the shrine, and replaced more dirt under new stones with packing for better drainage.



Barn Sale #3 took place from August 4-9, 2015, at the Dave & Jenny Baker Farm, Farmington. From 3-day prep to Thurs-Sat sales from 9am to 6pm, all went very well!



The first ever appearance of a **Schoenstatt Float** for Buttered Corn Days at Sleepy Eye was Saturday, Aug 16. Thanks to all who made it possible for Our MTA's 100th!



45 Ladies came to **Celebrate Our MTA's 100th at the Shrine on Sept 8**. Lorie & Machaela Spear baked cakes; Linda Haugan & Mary Reak had a tea cup gift for each & purses plus 13 raffle gifts after talk, confession, adore, Mass & time to savor each other's company, all in pink!



Oct 9-12 was the national celebration in Waukesha, WI. **Fireworks capped the 50th anniv of the International Shrine of the Father Kingdom** and Archbishop ListECKI dedicated the Fr Kentenich Hall with 1,200 attending.



The Filipinos from Twin Cities made a *WI Shrines Trip*. 1st stop was in Madison at Founder Shrine.

CENTENNIAL GIFT OF AUSTIN SHRINE!



The United States has a new shrine, titled *Bethlehem Cradle of Sanctity* in Austin, Texas. The Shrine is in an amazing place, located on a high beautiful hilltop overlooking the Colorado River valley. You can see forever with the Colorado River at the bottom of the valley. They had big buses shuttling us up to the shrine.

We were really impressed with all of the young people involved in the Schoenstatt movement here! The University Schoenstatt Youth presented a pre-program, several original songs, a Schoenstatt introduction, the Austin shrine history, and the history of the Youth Movement. There are both men's and women's groups on the college campus. The men's group was started years ago by Father Jonathan Niehaus.

Bishop Vasquez of the Diocese of Austin, dedicated the shrine with Holy Mass on Saturday, September 13th in the afternoon. Although there was a light rain throughout, it did not deter some 400-500 people from attending. I had thought Texas would be hot and dry in September, but we experienced cold and damp! Due to the severe drought, the local people were very thankful for the rain. Some thought it was a miracle because it rained all day, and only on that day.



The Transfiguration of our Lord may have looked similar. Set on the hill and surrounded by clouds, it seemed we were close to heaven and the angels. It was as if God came down to the shrine and showered us with his grace.

The new shrine was dedicated with ceremonial ritual. The Bishop anointed the altar & walls like he would for a new church sanctuary. Then it was incensed, the altar was vested, the altar candles were lit, and the MTA picture was carried forward and installed. This was followed by our renewal of the Covenant of Love with our MTA. We were very privileged to represent the Jubilee Family Shrine community and present a gift of Eucharistic bells. *Dave & Jenny Baker*



This Shrine belongs to the Schoenstatt Fathers. This July 18, 2015, will be the Golden Jubilee of their Secular Institute.

Five New Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary



Also on Sept 13, 2014, Auxiliary Bishop Hying presided over the Reception of five new sisters at St Anthony on the Lake, Pewaukee, WI. Their new names are Sisters M Josie, Maria Jose, M Caridad, Mariela, and M Bridgette.

YEAR FOR CONSECRATED LIFE Begins Nov 30, 2014 – Feb 2, 2016

Take a moment to hear Bishop Callahan, OFM Conv, explain the importance of this Year for Consecrated Life on the website: www.usccb.org/consecratedlife.