

SHRINE SOUNDINGS Jubilee Family Shrine & Retreat Center

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FOR EVERYTHING, YES – FOR EVERYTHING, LET ME GIVE HEARTFELT THANKS! –Father Kentenich



Sue Befort, Linda Haugan, and Angela Carlson take a moment on set-up day at the final **Barn Sale #4**. We are so grateful to Dave & Jenny Baker for taking on these four heroic summers where over \$30,000 was raised for our Schoenstatt mission! Thank you to all who donated items and took some home☺. De-clutter was also part of our strategy as Father Kentenich taught the value of the interior being influenced by and shown through our exterior surroundings.



Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with all my heart. In the company of the upright and in the assembly. Great are the works of the Lord. -*Psalm 111*. The harvest in the Midwest, as well as hunting and road construction weather have been AWESOME!



We thank for the **Exile Congress & Leaders Meeting** at Waukesha, WI, in July and Oct. Yeveyley, Nancy, Monica, Addie, and Kayla are in vocation discernment, as a new sisters' course begins in Jan 2016.



COME & MEET THE SISTERS was held Sunday, Sept 13 at the shrine. During this Year for Consecrated Life, it was an opportunity for over 60 people like the Tim & Tiffany Amireault Family, to pray in the shrine, hear from all eight sisters from Sleepy Eye or Crete, NE, speak about a dimension of our lives as Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary, play games and interact with the sisters. I can tell you - we loved it!

Right now, let's pause to **think of an action or prayer of gratitude** we can do each day of November. "Gratitude is the best petition" Fr. Kentenich taught. Happy All Saints! Bless Thanksgiving, Sr M Jessica

Featured Schoenstatt Sisters: Sisters M Hilda, M Angela & Maripaula



Sister M Hilda Fernandez arrived at Schoenstatt on the Lake on Sept 8. She will be dining room hostess and florist, as well as translating materials into Spanish. Hailing from Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, she had been serving at Schoenstatt Heights, Madison, WI.



Sister M Angela Macari died on July 22, 2015. She worked in Minnesota and Iowa from 1999-2004 as the center's addition was added. With music, drama, and creativity she worked in many areas for the MTA.



Sister Maripaula Flaig went heavenwards on Oct 21, 2015. She worked 37 years as dietitian at Divine Providence Hospital & Home in Ivanhoe, MN. Seeing the shrine built in Sleepy Eye was her JOY!

NEWEST PUBLICATIONS in 3s . . .

Mother Will Take Perfect Care: 3-Act Play performed by the Schoenstatt Youth on October 18, 2014, is now available on DVD (84 minutes \$10). Terrific to help all youth in high school years!

Seed of a New World: Would you like to arrange a movie night for this film sharing six witnesses to the 2014 Jubilee? Call Sr Jessica: 612-618-9334 See the **Ver Sacrum Missionaries** w/Olivia Lippert www.youtube.com/watch?v=HKpqL3N4dDw

Annual Women's Retreat Day or Weekend comes even sooner this year – call now!

**Prepare for the Jubilee Year of Mercy
In the footsteps of Zelic Martin and St Ann
By Fr Randal Kasel & Sr M Jessica**

The Weekend is November 6-8, 2015
Begins 7:00 pm Friday through Sunday at 1:00 pm
Cost is \$85 Call to RSVP: 507-794-7727

Or come Saturday, Nov 7 from 8:00 am holy Mass until as late as you can stay with us...

The next, ever popular

**Father-Son Weekend
will focus on "From Shrine to Shrine"**

**November 20-22, 2015
by Father Mark Niehaus**

**Begins 7 pm Friday through Sunday at 1 pm
Cost is \$65 per person RSVP: 507-794-7727**

Mark your Calendars this December

November 29, 2015: This is the First Day of Advent to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus.

December 8, 2015: The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is the national patroness of the United States of America. It is a holy day of obligation to attend holy Mass. This year Pope Francis will open the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy.

December 19, 2015

Bishop John LeVoir will Open the Holy Door of Mercy at the Jubilee Family Shrine with 4:00 pm Mass, followed by a reception with the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary.

December 24/25, 2015: Begin now to think of a meaningful family tradition and gift to give to Baby Jesus!

December 27-29, 2015

There will be a Christmas Holiday for older girls at the shrine from Sunday 4:00 pm to Tuesday at 1:00 pm.

Our EPIPHANY PARTY is on January 3, 2016

Come from 1-4:00 pm to celebrate Jesus with the Christmas Pageant performed by children, caroling for the adults, visit to the shrine, and families build gingerbread shrines. Bring cookies or bars to share.

Schoenstatt Golden Anniversaries

This Fall we celebrate 50 years since the 4th Milestone of our Schoenstatt History took place. What gratitude fills our hearts for all Our MTA has given us!

First: On **September 13, 1965**, Father Kentenich received a telegram calling him back to Rome. Although he asked for a written confirmation, none was received. At the farewell in the Exile Shrine, he spoke of his three wishes: "Child, do not forget your Mother; do not forget the mercies of the Eternal Father God, and do not forget your misery." On September 16, he left Milwaukee via a day in New York. Let us never forget to take the hand of our MTA, and utilize our miseries in order to grow deeper into the heart of the eternal God.

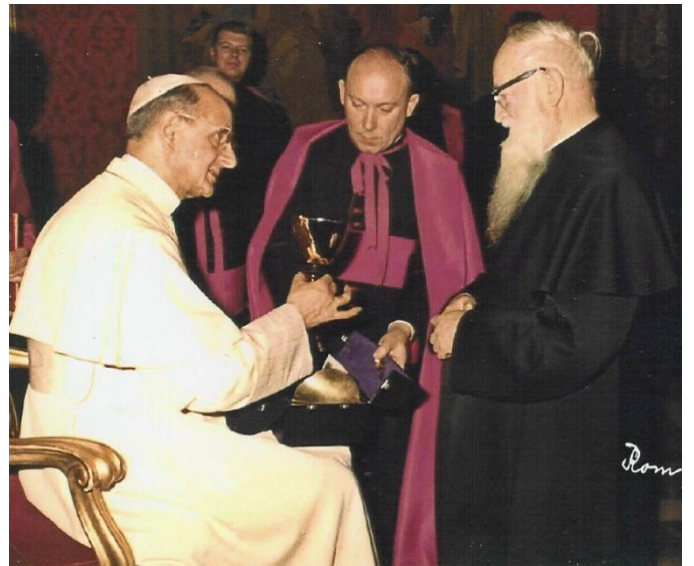
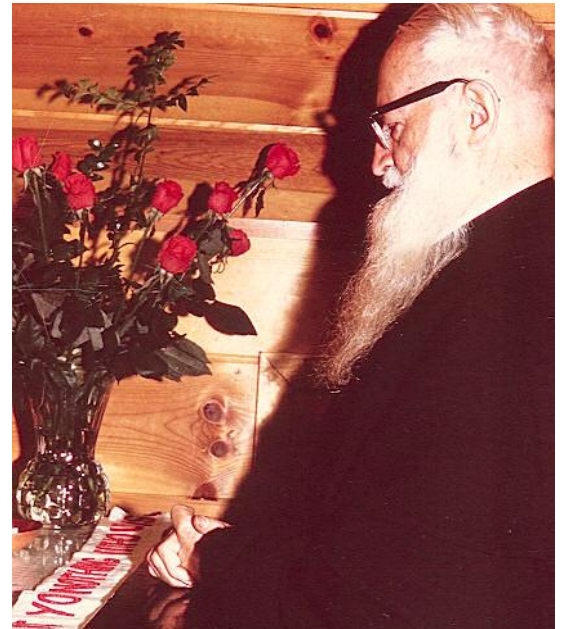
Second: On **October 20 & 22, 1965**, Father Kentenich learned that the Holy Office Cardinals and thereafter Pope Paul VI signed the statement that dropped all decrees against him, exactly 14 years later to the day. With great family joy on November 16, 1965, Father Kentenich celebrated his 80th Birthday. Bishop Joseph Hoeffner of Muenster formally accepted Father into his diocese. The final session of the Second Vatican Council was concluded on December 8, 1965. On that same afternoon, Father Kentenich carried out the symbolic blessing of the cornerstone for a future shrine in Rome.

Third: On **December 22 and 24, 1965**, Father Kentenich experienced the 4th Milestone of our Schoenstatt History. Pope Paul VI received Father Kentenich in a private audience, thanking him for all he had done for Holy Mother Church. Our founder replied: "In the name of the Schoenstatt Family, I heartily thank you for the good works you have lavished on Schoenstatt to an extraordinary degree, but also for my personal rehabilitation. In gratitude for everything which Your Holiness has done, we want to diligently work to help realize the unique mission of the post-conciliar Church for our modern times. And all of this under the patronage of the Mother of the Church." Then exactly on the Holy Eve, Father Kentenich flew to Frankfurt and could celebrate at midnight, the first of three holy Masses in the Original Shrine after 14 years of testing.

Indeed, Mother Took Perfect Care! This second miracle of the Holy Night brings us to see our USA Mission to live the new father, new child, and new community image. We beg our MTA for an unflinching confidence in God and his wise plan despite any opposition. May Schoenstatt be the very heart of the Church through each one of us living the covenant of love. We want to rise up to the stars, up to heaven, to the heart of God...

Father Kentenich at the Yank Home Shrine, *Confidentia Heroica*, on Sept 15 1965.

Photo digital from Marge Fenelon



On Dec 22, 1965, Father Kentenich gave a chalice to Pope Paul VI for the *Mater Ecclesia* Church he intended to build in honor of Mary, to commemorate the Second Vatican Council.



Father Kentenich offers Holy Mass in the Original Shrine on Dec 25, 1965, with the Schoenstatt Family delegates gathered around him.

South Dakota Parish Events



On July 14 the feast of St Kateri Tekakwitha, the Dan & Ruth Ellis Family donated a sculpture of her as Bishop Paul Swain re-named St Catherine Parish in Sisseton, SD, to the New York native. Jessica and Emma flank the statue. / On Oct 24-25 Sr Jessica gave talks at Holy Cross Parish in Ipswich, SD, staying with Kathy & Joe Thooft.

Randal Schoenstatt Boys Hold Camp



Our boys decided that the girls shouldn't have all of the camp fun, so we decided to host an overnight camp-out. Since torrential rains fell the boys made and ate their hot dogs and s'mores indoors and went to Mass at St. James so Fr. Jimmy did not come to the Millers. All did fall asleep with a super morning of stories, prayers, and games.

St Theresa of the Child Jesus School



Jane Ann Becicka invited Sr Jessica to share two big days at her parish in Des Moines. October 7 & 8 saw 14 classrooms from Pre-K to 8th; Wed evening Faith Formation for K-5th; mid and high school; with morning and evening Adult Retreats. St Anthony students were visited on Oct 9 from 8:30-11:30 am.

8th World Meeting of Families



Over 17,000 from 100 countries gathered in Philadelphia for three days: Love is our Mission – The Family Fully Alive! Amy & Vicente Schneider-Cortez brought their six children; Tom & Rosemary Speaker brought a bus from Waukesha joining Schoenstatters from Chile to Germany, on Sept 21-28, 2015.



The Liberty Bell and Independence Hall where the Declaration of Independence, the Constitutions, and the Bill of Rights were signed, as well as the shrines to St Rita, St Katharine Drexel, and St John Neumann were visited by Keith Hockert.



Chris & Mark Rockers (as well as Dr Jerry & Kathleen Joyce with Cecilia) spent Saturday & Sunday on the Ben Franklin Parkway where over a million greeted Pope Francis for the Nite Festival and 4:pm Closing Mass to his 6-day USA Visit!

October Leaders Weekend in WI



The small but mighty number who gathered Oct 9-11 chose a fitting motto: **Child, Do Not Forget the Father's Mercy**. The 1st anniversary of the Waukesha Kentenich Hall was joyfully celebrated. All enjoyed a clever and delicious cake made by Sister Monika and Sister Maria.



Carlos & Lucia Mendoza stand with the Pope, Sr Jessica and Joan Harkin from Cumming, IA. Backdrop is the outstanding exhibits which filled double booths at the World Family Mtg.

Home Shrines Build Stronger Families



This year's Founding Sunday was privileged to have **Mike & Marge Fenelon from McHenry, IL**. Both grew up knowing Father Kentenich! In fact, he came to dedicate their home shrines in Milwaukee. Their morning talk was filled with founder advice to nurture and raise families in today's society from the home and living shrine.

Over 135 came October 18, 2015



It was great to see the young people chatting. The weather couldn't have been more perfect. James Wolf designed a coloring sheet and 20 competed for 3 top prizes. Three presentations were shared.



The Filipinos from the Twin Cities enjoyed the day, as well as the Pariseau Family from Storm Lake and others from Iowa.



After Mass/Benediction by Fr Randal Kasel, **Monica Bute & Moriah Lippert** sealed their Covenant of Love! Olivia Lippert prepared them.

The coming YEAR OF MERCY

Pope Francis spoke on March 13, 2015:

*Dear brothers and sisters, I have often thought of how the Church may render more clear her mission to be a witness to mercy; and we have to make this journey. It is a journey which begins with spiritual conversion. Therefore, I have decided to announce an Extraordinary Jubilee which has at its center the mercy of God. **It will be a Holy Year of Mercy.** We want to live in the light of the word of the Lord: "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful" (cf. Luke 6:36). And this especially applies to confessors! So much mercy! ...*

*I am confident that the whole Church, which is in such need of mercy, for we are sinners, will be able to find in this Jubilee the joy of rediscovering and rendering fruitful God's mercy, with which we are all called to give comfort to every man and every woman of our time. Do not forget that **God forgives all, and God forgives always.** Let us never tire of asking forgiveness.*

Let us hence forth entrust this Year to the Mother of Mercy, that she turn her gaze upon us and watch over our journey: our penitential journey, our year-long journey with an open heart, to receive the indulgence of God, to receive the mercy of God."

Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy.
Mother of Mercy, let us each encounter Christ anew.
Let us bring the fire of Jesus' mercy to all in the world!

First things first – allow me to carve out more time to listen and respond to God's merciful love for me.

Help me to plan a pilgrimage for my family, all my relatives, for the parish and neighborhood to go to the Jubilee Family Shrine. Come December 19, 2015, at 4:00 pm for the Holy Mass with Bishop John LeVoir. The offer of a plenary indulgence for one of the poor souls is one of the best gifts we could ever offer.

Mercy is a deed, a sense of pity and action. A virtue influencing one's will to have compassion and to alleviate another's misfortune.

Reflect on the deeds of mercy you have received and those which you have given. Multiply both.

Jesus, I trust in you! Jesus, have mercy on me!
Mary, help me to choose an action that will become a habit and have power to change my life forever. Amen.

Treasured, Trusted Leadership



The Schoenstatt Girls Youth Leaders began Founding Sunday with a meeting to plan their upcoming events. Meeting in the Ver Sacrum Patris Room, Theresia Miller from Lonsdale, Olivia Lippert from Easton, and Jean Volkmuth from Faribault, have been instrumental in keep the girls on task and striving for their freely chosen ideals.



Not only youth can take goofy pictures as these leaders serve up the delicious sour cream apple pie dessert to top off Sr Faustina's great Roast Beef Dinner for Founding Sunday. Dave Baker (Jenny is hosting), Gloria, Elaine (Web Master) and Tim Wolf have provided Leadership for the adult movement since 2010. They want to tap into new couples who can take their places; meeting three times a year; helping out with projects and events whenever possible. Would you feel the MTA is calling you? Feel free to join our next leaders meeting on January 11, 2016. For the Twin Cities jenny.baker.mn@gmail.com and for the Southern Region tgwolf@juno.com Please keep this petition in your prayers and encourage those who need it to come forward in this Extraordinary Year of Mercy!

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For those who couldn't come to the shrine for the annual pilgrimage and celebration of Founding Sunday, call Sister Jessica about receiving your shrine pen and founder picture with the year's motto. These are designed to help you grow in holiness ☺ so don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity.

Child, do not forget the Father's mercy!