

## SHRINE SOUNDINGS Jubilee Family Shrine & Retreat Center

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### ***WE BEGIN TOGETHER THE NEXT SCHOENSTATT CENTURY***

**These four examples highlight the Schoenstatt quest for personal ideal and special resolution.** Who am I and what is my specific mission statement? Why did God create me out of an ecstasy of love at this particular time and place and need...?

Pope Francis decided to celebrate his 78<sup>th</sup> birthday with a gesture of love and solidarity with the poorest of Rome. The Argentinean Pontiff had 400 sleeping bags distributed among the homeless of the city to help them cope with the harsh Roman winter's temperatures. The media was told only the next day.

Fifty years ago, Father Kentenich was called back to Rome from a time of testing by the Church. As he stood at the podium, surrounded by his Schoenstatt Family from all walks of life, he said: "I know how eagerly you must be waiting for my first words to you on this solemn occasion after fourteen years. There are two possibilities. I could stay with you on earth; or I could climb up to heaven with you. I do not want to remain on earth. I want to rise up with you, up to the stars, up to heaven." For our founder this meant "to contemplate the heart of God, to try to discover God's plans, to apply them to our own lives, so that, instructed by what we discover, we can see more clearly into the future."

A young couple desiring more communication in their marriage, despite early work schedules and little ones to care for, decided to write a daily post-it-note to be left at the breakfast nook jotting down one of the ways they cared about each other in the last 24 hours.

A student sensed there was challenge ahead. To put it in better perspective, not to let the injustice of the moment swallow up the nonreturnable time of new

frontiers of learning, a prayer for professors was composed and prayed when needed.

"What is the personal ideal? ... It is the unique and original image of each one of us and our personal mission in life that God has known from eternity. He placed this unique and individual image in our natural and supernatural character ... he placed it inside of us. The personal ideal is an original and completely individual way to live out the life of Jesus." J.K. 1951

"My personal ideal is the divinely-inspired mentality of my soul. In other words, it is divinely-inspired motivations and tendencies ... If I am faithful to this ideal, it will lead me to the freedom of God's children." This was spoken by Father Kentenich in 1927. His whole life was spent in helping people discover their dynamic, living personality and mission in order to be motivated and equipped to live this life to the fullest.

January is a good month, at the beginning of the year to take stock, set goals, make a plan. Schoenstatters work to actualize their personal ideals via the special resolution and spiritual daily charting. The main point to conquer, the starting point, the concrete, to-the-point, do-able daily action that will help me change my behavior and attitude to the best, is termed the special resolution. A nightly checking off this main point along with a few other areas of improvement-based actions, thoughts, or prayers is called the spiritual daily order. This gives a great assessment for monthly confession. Add some spiritual retreat time, meetings with an interested group near you, and holiness is in the making!

*Blessings from our Jubilee Family Shrine,  
Sister M Jessica*

## Featured Schoenstatters: 25 Covenant Children on MTA's 100<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Day!



L to R Back: Maria Fink, Brynn McKeown, Molly Hogan, Maria Callens and Rachel Carlson. Front: Hannah Schmitz, Beret Henningsgaard and Margaret Pass

Imagine being able to seal your covenant of love in a Schoenstatt Shrine exactly 100 years after Father Kentenich made the first Schoenstatt covenant of love with the Mother Thrice Admirable. On Saturday, October 18, 2014, 25 persons were able to do just that in the presence of Bishop John LeVoir and 230 persons!



**Margaret Pass** signs the covenant book that resides in the Jubilee Family Shrine and **Hannah Schmitz** shows her covenant candle. Bishop LeVoir and Deacon Mark Kober led us to renew the covenant for next 100 years.



Sharon Schouweiler, Ann Bronk, Suzanne Befort with their group leader, Angela Carlson from Plainview area. Ann is a professional, and Sharon and Suzanne are mothers.



Mike & Kathy Winkels, Rochester, made their covenant of love in the family league; shown with James and Margaret.



The Excelsior Couples Group sealed their Heart Shrine Dedications after a thorough preparation. Front: Marilyn Finnerty, Didi & Jack Hastreiter, Sr Jessica. Back: Dennis & Alexis Beauchene, Lois (& George) Hidding, Bill & Phyllis Beaudry. (Missing from photo: John & Linda Donahue with son Robert.) What a victory for our MTA & help for families!

## Dedications in Jubilee Family Shrine



Connie Laqui made heart shrine on July 2, 2013. She directs the Schoenstatt Movement in Las Vegas, where she resides.



Sister Maria Iris prepared her sister, Benildes, to seal her covenant of love during a visit with another sister, Awilda, from Puerto Rico, on July 30, 2014. What great joy there is!



Marjorie Schiesher sealed her blank check on August 18, 2014.

## August 17<sup>th</sup> Home Shrine Dedication



On Sunday, August 17, 2014, Fr Daniel Haugan dedicated the



home shrine of Igor & Angela Radzyuk at Nowthen. Their title, *Totus Tuus*, is the papal motto of St John Paul the Great.

### **WHAT ABOUT YOUR HOME SHRINE?**

Have you thought of dedicating your home with heart and family to our MTA under a specific title with a mission tailored to you...



On September 11, 2014, the Tranquil Hearts of Mary from Blue Earth area sealed their heart shrine dedication. Left to Right are: Karla Carr, Candis Carr, Kas Greenfield, Cathy Stevermer, Leader Chris Rockers, Angela Frundt with Msgr Lozinski presiding. A personalized retreat day starting with 10 am Mass, rite, talk and banquet was deeply appreciated.

## 100<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Events To Remember



Father Samuel Wagner was ordained at the New Ulm Cathedral by Bishop John LeVoir on June 7, 2014. His proud parents are Mike & Audrey from Sleepy Eye. "A priest's task consists in connecting God and the human person in an inseparable, tender, loving, permanent union." – Joseph Kentenich, Nov 3, 1963



Mildred Muchlinski (on left) brought 53 Catholic Daughters of America from Sioux Falls on a Sept 23 Pilgrimage Day. Sr Ellen and Sr Jessica helped coordinate the meal, talk, tour, shopping, and prayer in the shrine. This was another opportunity for persons to receive the Plenary Indulgence offer by Pope Francis. What a special remembrance and grace of the Schoenstatt Centennial Year. Our MTA is grateful to all who made the effort to come to one of her shrines!

## CENTENNIAL YEAR GRATITUDE

Our founder was a giant of thanksgiving and often told us, "Gratitude is the best petition." Our hearts are overflowing with thanksgiving for the heroic, serving persons from all walks of life, areas of economics, cultures, languages, and generations who have built up Schoenstatt during its first century!



We thank each and everyone who contributes time, talent, and treasure for our Schoenstatt Mission here at Sleepy Eye! We need you & pray for you daily!



Leonard Seidl on left is our terrific maintenance department. There is seldom a day he isn't busy volunteering here! Joe Rizzi, visiting from Los Angeles for the June Pilgrimage to Germany & Rome, made the red door prop for the Youth Centennial Play.



Jeff Burg from Cold Spring, MN, (Granite Services LLC 320-363-4640) skillfully mastered the four new granite sills tailored below the shrine windows. Completed for her centennial feast, Our Mother Thrice Admirable, Queen, and Victress of Schoenstatt rejoices in this new, powerful distinguished beauty. Thank you, Jeff!

## Schoenstatt Girls Youth Lead Forwards



The Advent Weekend from Dec 5-7<sup>th</sup> was a great spiritual preparation for Jesus' birth. At a Meet the Sisters Event held at New Ulm Cathedral, Sr Faustina shared her vocation story.



Sr M Faustina meets with the local Sleepy Eye girls for a lively monthly meeting. She grew up at Hubertus, WI, and is skillfully managing our kitchen and meals for all who come.

## Women's and Men's Retreats



Fr Randal Kasel led 55 women from 5 states for "best ever" Women's Retreat centered on the Holy Spirit on Nov 21-23.

*Next Men's Retreat is Jan 30-Feb 1, 2015. Fr Mark Niehaus will offer: Seeing Through God's Window.*

## Annual Christmas Holiday Rejuvenates



Since 2006, the Girls Youth have counted their contributions to the capital of grace on slips of paper. As a closing to the Centennial Year the girls from three states burnt the offering.

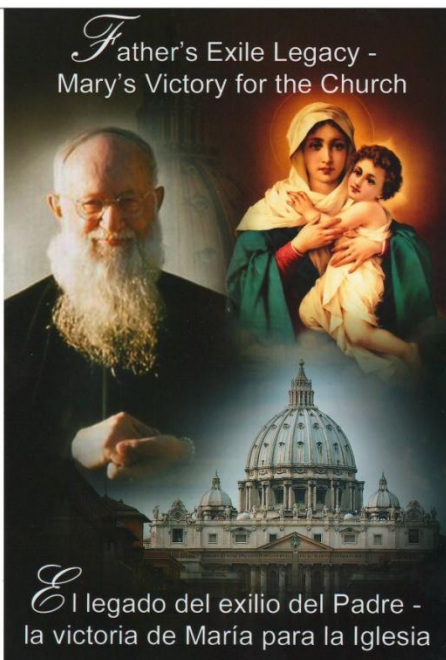


Gloria Wagner sealed her blank check on Dec 29. On July 18, 2014, Olivia Lippert, Caroline Andrews, and Claire Bias had sealed their blank checks at the Original Shrine. Also making their covenants of love in Germany on the July Youth Pilgrimage are Seraphim Surprenant, Elizabeth Morris, Erin Mielke, Anna Mock, Elizabeth Felsheim and Rachel Hall.



Boys Youth, Joseph Befort & James Winkels sealed covenant Dec 28 at St Michael's in Pine Island with Fr Randal Kasel.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR 2015



New Motto from October 2014 to October 2015

### Stay tuned this summer for **GROUP STUDY MANUALS**

on the final 14 sermons Father Kentenich gave at St Michael's Parish in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, May to September 1965.

## JULY & SEPTEMBER CONFERENCES

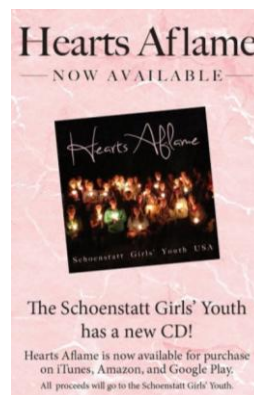
Join us July 23-26, 2015 at the Int'l Schoenstatt Center, Waukesha, WI, for another **Exile Seminar**. Fifty years after Fr Kentenich left Milwaukee on September 16, 1965, for Rome, we come together as Schoenstatt Family to explore the ways in which God guided our founder and his Schoenstatt Family towards greater love for the Church and deeper surrender to the will of God. This will also be the 50<sup>th</sup> jubilee celebration of the founding of the Schoenstatt Fathers on July 15, 1965, at the International Shrine of the Father Kingdom.

Join us September 22-27, 2015, in Philadelphia for the 8<sup>th</sup> **World Meeting of Families**: "Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive." St John Paul II, hailed as the Pope of the Family, created the World Meeting of Families in 1994 in Rome to explore the critical role the family plays in society and to give families opportunities to talk about the challenges and blessings that all families have. I will send an email as details surface.

## WISH LIST -back by popular demand

- Make name tags before retreats
- Pick up branches & clean windows
- Make shrine cookies & peel apples
- Donate toward a wireless microphone for our conference hall & mic stands
- Make & donate items for Little Store
- Donate toward business cards of our MTA here at Schoenstatt on the Lake
- De-clutter and set aside items for August 13-15 Barn Sale & volunteer
- Come & visit the shrine for an hour to draw down graces for your family, group and all Schoenstatt members!

Heather Sukut and children from Rice helped Dec 3



## YEAR FOR CONSECRATED LIFE



Between now through February 2, 2016, Pope Francis wants to foster and encourage the various forms of consecrated life.

### Start your own checklist:

- Read **Vita Consecrata**, the 1996 Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation, Pope John Paul II wrote.
- Invite the **Schoenstatt Sisters and Fathers to your parish**. Let them share the treasures of their vocation! Have them speak to your religious education program, participate in a vocation panel, or help plan a vocations event.
- Bring a pilgrimage to **Sleepy Eye shrine and center** to experience sisters in life ...  
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