

## SHRINE SOUNDINGS Jubilee Family Shrine & Retreat Center

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### VISIT THE DOOR OF MERCY AT THE SHRINE

*Dear Jesus,*

Look deeply into our hearts. Fill our souls with your mercy and healing. As we go through this Extraordinary Holy Year of Mercy, help us to pray daily for the poor souls in purgatory and for all those who harbor resentment.

*Jesus, have mercy on us!*

Show each of us how to write our favorite definition of mercy. Show each of us how to draw good out of evil. Lord, you see our lives are often encumbered with physical and moral evils. Make us courageous and fill us with trust in your great power. You have resurrected over all sin and death, over evil of any sort.

*Jesus, have mercy on us!*

Allow us Jesus, to accept mercy. Whether it be in confession, or healing a long-time hurtful relationship. To be on the receiving end may require much humility. St Faustina tells us that when you reveal the mystery of your mercy to us, there will not be enough of eternity to properly thank you for it!

*Jesus, have mercy on us!*

Lord, you promise us the Holy Spirit and his perfect seven gifts. We ask you to empower us to show mercy by doing the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Mercy can cure the terrible problems of our world today. With our MTA in covenant love, from the shrine, let be your instruments.

*Jesus, have mercy on us!*

St Faustina wrote in 1933: O life so dull and monotonous, how many treasures you contain! When I look at everything with the eyes of faith, no two hours are alike... The grace which is given me in this hour will not be repeated in the next... Time goes on, never to return again. Whatever is enclosed in it will never change; it seals with a seal for eternity. (#62 of her Diary)

*Jesus, have mercy on us!*

Jesus, tear us out of our complacency and use us as your instruments to radiate your mercy into many lives. Help us to plan and do precious works of mercy. Nothing should be too much for you, Jesus! Let us be at peace as we proclaim and trust ourselves to your bottomless mercy. Amen.



The family clan of Judy Pipke designed a Day at the Door of Mercy to celebrate her birthday. The mothers group met, children were welcomed too.

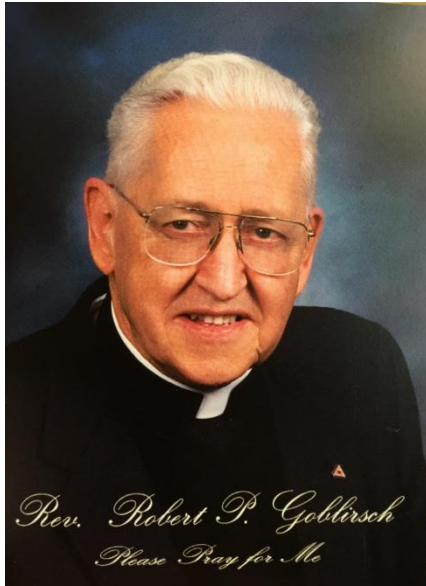


Chuck Fuller came March 5 for the Jubilee Mercy Retreat Day on Saturday and did so well as lector no one believed it was 1<sup>st</sup> time!



Chris Pariseau wrote a song "Door of Mercy" <https://youtu.be/eOHo6Vnp3Bc>  
L: Dave Baker on flute and R: wife Laura

## Featured Schoenstatter: Father Robert Goblirsch



This coming October 3, 2016, will be the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Dedication of the Schoenstatt Shrine in Sleepy Eye, Minnesota. A resounding “thank you” ascends to heaven, especially to our MTA for choosing a “beautiful place” and for arranging all the instruments needed in God’s loving plan to accomplish this task.

Father Robert Goblirsch was the pastor at St John Cantius in Wilno from September 30, 1970, to June 18, 1986, and from July 15, 1977, the Sts Peter and Paul Parish in Ivanhoe was added to his duties. He recalls discussing the wish for a Schoenstatt Shrine with Sister Mariette, who was hospital administrator at the Divine Providence Hospital and Home in Ivanhoe. His opinion was no, Wilno would be too small and the future didn’t look bright to sustain such a permanent endeavor. He suggested going to a lake where there would always be interest.

Life continued on and he was next actively involved on the evening of December 7, 1974. The Schoenstatt Family had prepared to crown the MTA picture for the future Minnesota shrine by Bishop Schadweiler. Father Goblirsch pointed out that he only thought of it that evening – to seriously ask and check out the diocesan land at Sleepy Eye – as here was the Bishop himself, the Schoenstatt Sister who could take care of the paperwork, and the dream which Father Stephen Adrian had shared with him about finding a group of nuns who could care for the diocesan farm bordering Lake Sleepy Eye.

“I have to admit, I myself didn’t think it would ever work out so well!” said Fr Goblirsch at an interview on April 14, 2016. He was happy to be instrumental in suggesting to the first Bishop of the Diocese of New Ulm that perhaps some land could be given to the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary for building their shrine and training center.

Forty years later we can see the creative resultant of divine powers supplementing the human smallness and difficulties to acquire the land. Many priests have given selflessly to allow hearts and souls to be led heavenwards from this 32-acre paradise. We are grateful to the Diocese of New Ulm.

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**OCTOBER 16, 2016**  
**10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM**

**40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE SHRINE AT  
SLEEPY EYE, MN**

**SISTER M JEAN & SR M ELIZABETH  
WILL SHARE MEMORIES  
MASS AT 2:30 PM – FR RANDAL KASEL  
COVENANT RENEWAL – CHILD CARE**

### **Am I Doing Well with Prayerful Deeds of Mercy?**

Heavenly Father, Help us remember that the jerk who cut us off in traffic last night is a single mother who worked nine hours that day and is rushing home to cook dinner, help with homework, do the laundry and spend a few precious moments with her children.

Help us to remember that the pierced, tattooed, disinterested young man who can't make change correctly is a worried 19-year-old college student, balancing his apprehension over final exams with his fear of not getting his student loans for next semester.

Remind us, Lord, that the scary looking bum, begging for money in the same spot every day ("who really ought to get a job") is a slave to addictions that we can only imagine in our worst nightmares.

Help us to remember that the old couple walking annoyingly slow through the store aisles and blocking our shopping progress are savoring this moment, knowing that based on the biopsy report she got back last week, this will be the last year that they go shopping together.

Heavenly Father, remind us each day that of all the gifts you give us Lord, the greatest gift is love. It is not enough to share that love with those we hold dear. Open our hearts not to just those who are close to us, but to all humanity. -Email via George Prihoda

## An Experience of a Lifetime

I would like to share with you about my trip to Rome for the closing of the Year of Consecrated Life from January 25-February 6, 2016. It's hard to describe the countless workings of the Holy Spirit when 5,000 consecrated women and men from 100 countries met for six days at the Heart of the Church, climaxing with meeting Pope Francis.



Sister Marcia and me going through the Holy Door at St Peter's. I tried to include all of your intentions at our daily visits!

The theme of the world symposium was: *Consecrated Life in Communion – the common foundation in the diversity of the forms*. Through talks, prayers, meetings, and conversations seven groups shared in plenary and individual sessions with schedules going from 7:45 am until 7:30 pm. The seven forms of consecrated life are: Order of Virgins, Monastic Cloistered Life, Religious Institutes of Apostolic Life, Male Monastic Life, Societies of Apostolic Life, Secular Institutes, and New Institutes and Forms.

Sister Marcia (who worked with the Minnesota Movement from 1976-1986) is the president of the US Conference of Secular Institutes and I have been serving as secretary for many years. We were joined by the vice president from Detroit and the treasurer from San Francisco area and were able to stay at the place run by the Daughters of Charity. Their House Mary Immaculate is a 20-minute walk from the Vatican, with fantastic hospitality. Four other Schoenstatt members attended the meeting.

Security was tight and lines were very long and time consuming to enter Vatican City, so it was lovely to walk past the huge Christmas crèche at St Peter's Square. Each year the display, complete with a huge Christmas tree, is presented by a different Italian city. In addition to the Holy Family and three kings, corporal works of mercy were viewed in a father leading his child to the crib, a woman bringing cloth, a friend feeding a sick person, etc. I enjoyed the rooster and cat among the sheep and ox.

The opening prayer vigil and closing Mass were in St Peter's. Our first day was a joint session, transmitted in



seven languages, at Paul VI Hall, shown above. We heard inspiring talks by the Prefect, his Eminence Cardinal Joao Braz de Aviz, and Secretary, Archbishop Jose Rodriguez Carballo, OFM, serving the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life (CICLSAL). Lectures by Fr Theobald, SJ, Mother Maria Ignazia Angelini, OSB, and Fr Calle, OCD, highlighted contemplation as a way for all consecrated members to best serve their apostolates.



Lunches were a great time to meet the other 425 secular institute members, as this was the first time our form of consecration was invited to this gathering.



## Meeting Pope Francis February 1 & 2



One of the breathtaking moments came as I was walking to the audience, and with heavenly precision, a lead organizer for Secular Institutes came from another door and said “I need two.” We were whisked behind a Swiss Guard to the 3<sup>rd</sup> row for a great view and to actually shake hands with Pope Francis!



Sister M Marcia was seated with General Superiors and heads of conferences as she represented all USA Insitutes and could share our MTA with Christ’s Vicar at the audience.



Father Kentenich promised Pope Pius XII in 1947 as secular institutes began, that Schoenstatt’s five institutes would help lead and serve the Church faithfully in this new form of consecration. Evelyn and Sister Jessica met a couple from France in the 3<sup>rd</sup> row.

## Three Key Pillars from Pope Francis

In his freely spoken audience at mid-day February 1, 2016, we heard about **prophecy, closeness, and hope.**

An obedience that is not military, no; that is discipline, it is something else. It is the obedience of giving one’s heart. And this is **prophecy**... Prophecy means telling people that there is a road of happiness, greatness, a road that fills you with joy, that is indeed Jesus’ way. It is the road of being close to Jesus. Prophecy is a gift, it is a charism that must be asked for from the Holy Spirit; that I might know how to say that word, at the right moment; that I do the right thing at the right moment; that all my life may be a prophecy.

In thinking about **closeness**, men and women are consecrated, not to distance themselves from people, and to live in comfort; no, to become closer and to understand the life of Christians and non-Christians, their suffering, their problems. Consecrated life must lead us to physical and spiritual closeness, to knowing the people. Who is the person closest – his brother or her sister in the community. Don’t alienate people by the terrorism of gossip. St James said that the most difficult human and spiritual virtue to have is that of controlling one’s tongue. Say your problems in the right way and at the right place.

**Hope:** I see the decline in vocations and I am tempted to ask, against hope, “Lord, why has the womb of consecrated life become so barren?” We must pray more and pray tirelessly. We must knock on the door of His heart. Don’t become attached to money as your group becomes smaller. Hope comes only from the Lord – money will never give you this.

I thank you for what you do. What would the Church be without nuns? When you go to a cemetery, we must ask the Lord to look at these saints, these seeds, and to give us more vocations, because we need them. *–Excerpts via Vatican Radio*

That evening we enjoyed the Oratorio “On Beauty’s Trail,” composed and directed by Monsignor Marco Frisina in the Paul VI hall. This was magnificent: an orchestra of the Diocese of Rome of about 50 persons, a choir of 140, and 14 ballet dancers. Words of scripture and quotes from various founders and foundresses of different time periods were interspersed. Colored lights with white fog shifted to match the theme of the music. It was a marvelous climax to our time together and in the best sense a prayer of beauty.

On February 2, the feast of Candlemas and World Day for Consecrated Life, there were Holy Year pilgrimages planned to the other major basilicas in the morning. The evening Mass in St. Peter’s Basilica with Pope Francis for the closing of the Year of Consecrated Life was the highlight and last event of our conference. Sister M Marcia was able to be in the entrance procession carrying a tall candle, along with others representing various forms of consecrated life.

Before we flew back to Newark, we took a taxi to the *Cor Ecclesiae* Shrine. It was so beautiful to pray there at our sisters shrine, literally in the shadow of St Peter’s. We must dream big with our founder about the future of our secular institutes in the USA and around the globe. *–Sister M Jessica*

## Two New Home Shrines for MTA



**Robert and Julie McNamara and family** dedicated their new home shrine near Rosemount, MN, to Mary as **Gentle Mother, Queen of Peace**. Father Randal Kasel offered holy Mass on February 11<sup>th</sup>, with their couples group and family members in attendance.

## Couples Retreat with Father Francisco



**Father Francisco Rojas** came for our annual couples weekend from March 4-6 at the shrine and retreat center. The couples appreciated an exceptional weekend of talks, events, and sharing very much.



Carmelita Jimenez also brought her home shrine, **The Cause of Our Joy**, to her new address in Brooklyn Park, MN. Father Victor Valencia, from Montgomery, MN, came for the blessing on Monday of Holy Week, March 21, 2016.

## Holy Saturday and Easter Preparations



The Filipino Group sponsored the beautiful Black Saturday with the Seven Last Words and prayers, potluck, and stations on March 26. Our MTA admires their faithfulness and deep love for Jesus' Passion.

## Opening Jubilee Mercy Year Retreat

On February 16<sup>th</sup> **Father Peter Klein** came from Blue Earth and Winnebago, MN, to hear confessions and offer Mass for over 40 persons coming to the Holy Door of Mercy at the shrine.



Michelle Boyum and Mary Loomis produced magnificent Holy Week décor for Epiphany Parish in Coon Rapids, MN. They are both in couples groups in the area.

*Flock Talk* By Our Lady's Disciples

*Flock Talk* is an idea from the Our Lady's Disciples couples group. The primary author is Steve Ray (not related to the author/speaker of the same name, although this Steve Ray would sometime like to meet "the other" Steve Ray), and the resolution author is Mary Jo Wolters.



Our group, Steve and Theresa Ray, Steve and Mary Jo Wolters, John and Julie Norris, had the honor of making our Membership Dedication into the Schoenstatt Family League on Saturday, April 9, 2016. Msgr. Lozinski presided at our Dedication, and Sr. Jessica led us through our preparation and through the big day. It was a very blessed and beautiful time for all of us!

The idea for "Flock Talk" came out of one of our Schoenstatt couples meetings last fall. We were bantering about the idea of writing a column for *Shrine Soundings*, and we even came up with the name. We all enjoyed dreaming up this wild idea that wouldn't see the light of day. Well, all of us except for Sr. Jessica, who showed real excitement that this idea might be possible. I noticed the difference between Sister's excitement versus the playfulness in the rest of us, and that's when the MTA first stepped in. A little voice inside told me that I should do it. Definitely an MTA moment. But I've never done anything like this – a periodic column. That's part of the reason why the MTA chose me; she does that – picking unlikely newcomers for her tasks.

So now we've come to the second column of *Flock Talk*. As I was thinking about a topic for this quarter, I started to read through some Schoenstatt books, looking for a good quote to use as a basis. The books are full of great material, but nothing struck me for this column. Lots of material for prayer and for growth, but when still no "writing idea," I took my quest to the MTA, telling her that she led me into this, so she has to provide the material. And as she often does, she provided a simple but (to me) unlikely answer. She led me to write about writing the column.

Once she had given me the idea, a thought came to me. I went to the MTA with nothing but a need, and she turned the nothing into exactly what I needed. She does that sometimes. Feedback and comments welcome: [flocktalkmn@gmail.com](mailto:flocktalkmn@gmail.com).

**Resolution:**

As we proceed through these days after Easter, let's remember that Christ gave his life for each of us out of profound love. This quarter, let's offer a daily sacrifice of love to Jesus through our Mother Thrice Admirable. Make your daily

sacrifice something simple to ensure it's doable - perhaps a prayer or special deed; but make sure to ask the MTA to tell Jesus thank you for all he has done for you, and make sure that your special sacrifice is out of love.



Our Lady's Disciples gather at the Door of Mercy, joined on this photo by Megan Ray, Angela Norris, and Jimmy Ray. It was a grace filled event which no one wanted to end. Thank you, MTA!

**Mother Daughter Weekend 2016**



On the first weekend in April, over Divine Mercy Sunday, the Mother Daughter Weekend was held. Receiving and giving mercy were talk topics for Sisters M Jessica and Mary Kate, building a replica shrine, adoration, enjoying a walk, writing letters, and watching the *Seed of a New World* movie filled our time together.



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 The Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary and everyone at Schoenstatt on the Lake are most grateful for your loyal support for our MTA and her shrine! We are humbled by your wonderful generosity and remember your intentions daily at the Jubilee Family Shrine.

