



## ***SHRINE SOUNDINGS*** **Serving the Midwest** **Fall & Thanksgiving 2017**

**Schoenstatt Jubilee Family Shrine with  
Retreat Center at Sleepy Eye, Minnesota**  
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# **PROCLAMATION of the FATHER KENTENICH YEAR by BISHOP JOHN M. LEVOIR**



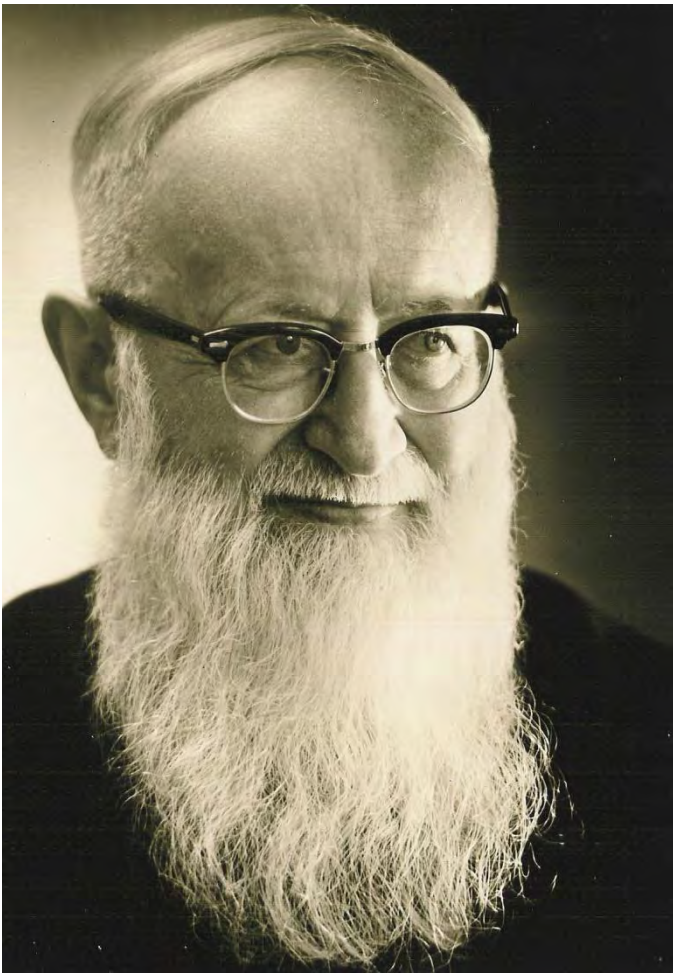
**Bishop LeVoir blesses 150 Rosaries to be gifted + Fr. Randal Kasel with Dominic, Eli, Peter & Andrew Loomis**

**On** this twenty-second day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen,  
In the one hundred third year of the existence of the Schoenstatt covenant of love,  
In the sixtieth year of the establishment of the Diocese of New Ulm,  
In the forty-first year since the dedication of the Jubilee Family Shrine in Sleepy Eye, Minnesota,  
and the forty-ninth year since the founder, Reverend Joseph Kentenich, was called home to eternal life,

I do solemnly proclaim the opening of the Father Kentenich Year in the Diocese of New Ulm in keeping with the intention of the International Schoenstatt Family.

Now, therefore I, the Most Reverend John M. LeVoir, Bishop of the Diocese of New Ulm, grant a partial indulgence to all those who visit this Schoenstatt Shrine of the Mother Thrice Admirable Queen and Victress of Schoenstatt, until September 15, 2018, in conjunction with the Schoenstatt Movement's Jubilee Year commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Death of their Founder, Servant of God, Father Joseph Kentenich, and who meet the normal requirements to receive an indulgence.

Furthermore, I encourage you as spiritual children of Father Kentenich to commit to sharing his charism and asking for the grace of apostolic zeal and fruitfulness in order to share his message with the whole Church.



## HE LOVED THE CHURCH

Father Joseph Kentenich was born at Gymnich near Cologne, Germany, on November 16, 1885. When he was nine he consecrated himself to the Mother of God. This consecration meant so much to him that he later confessed: "I owe everything I am and whatever has come into existence in Schoenstatt to Our Lady."

In 1910, he was ordained to the priesthood. In 1912, he was called to Schoenstatt as the spiritual director of the Pallottine Minor Seminary. On October 18, 1914, he entered into a covenant of love with Our Lady, asking her to make Schoenstatt a place of grace. It was to this place and into this covenant of love that he led people.

The guidance of Divine Providence convinced him that he was called to form men and women according to the example of Mary. These were the people who would be able to build a new Christian social order in a new epoch. In the years that followed, Father Kentenich proved to be endowed both with the genius and the grace of educating and forming others. He became the father and founder of an international movement for priests and laity.

He was subjected to two severe trials: from 1941-45 in a Gestapo prison and concentration camp at Dachau; and from 1949-65 he was tested by the Holy See. For 14 years he was separated from his foundation and stayed in Wisconsin. This was a time in which his love for and loyalty to the Church proved itself. After an audience with Pope Paul VI he returned to finish his work with undiminished strength and calm.

God called him on September 15, 1968, after saying Mass in the Adoration Church at Schoenstatt. He is buried where he died with *Dilexit Ecclesiam* inscribed on this tomb: He loved the Church. Many people pray for and have received help and answers via his intercession.



Father Kentenich with Sister M Emilie Engel; with the Oberkirch Movement; and in Rome on Dec. 22, 1965.

## Featured Schoenstatter: Cayna Larson



If you ask how I first met Schoenstatt - it can get a little interesting! :) You see, it happened before I was old enough to remember much, but if you ask my dad, he will tell you that it all started when he went down with some guys for a men's retreat. If you ask my mom, she will tell you that she heard about the monthly Girls' Youth meetings in St. Cloud through the Catholic branch of our local home school group. But regardless how it came about, my mom started bringing my two older sisters to the meetings. They came back with so many stories about what they learned and what they did, that I couldn't wait until I was old enough to go too! ☺

I loved the meetings even more after I started going! Then, when I was old enough to come to camps and to come to the shrine - that clinched it! Schoenstatt was part of my heart forever! I'm afraid that I couldn't tell you what I especially love about it, because I'm never good at those questions, and besides - I love everything! In Schoenstatt I have found a family where we have in our MTA a mother, in Fr. Kentenich a father, and a home in the shrine. I value all that we learn about childlikeness, instrumentality, everyday sanctity, Divine Providence, self-education, training for sainthood, etc.

One thing that has been a special joy, though, has been to be able to be a part of the MN Leader's Circle. We get to meet with Sister M Faustina and (hopefully!) help her out to the best of our abilities. Mostly it has been things related to camp or weekends - whether it's assisting in planning or writing meditations, skits, opening/closing prayers and so on. Also, this summer some of us were able to go to Wisconsin for the National Leaders' Convention, where we got to work together to choose this year's motto, "Your Heart is my Living Foundation!" It was so lovely to meet other girls from all over the USA, and it was really cool how we all were just able to work together so well.

A goal that I would have for the Schoenstatt Youth this year, besides to live out of our motto, is: to foster our relationship with the three contact points, most especially our relationship with Father Kentenich. This is our year of preparation for the 50th anniversary of his death! And, as one of the sisters told us after we formulated the motto: Think of how beautiful it would be if, by the time the day comes, September 15, 2018, the day when Father's physical heart failed him - we can offer a whole array of hearts, flaming with love, who will carry on his work.☺



*If we offer our hearts, pure and noble, God will save the whole world! –Father Kentenich, sung in the camp evening prayers*

## Schoenstatt Girls Summer Camps 2017

**Cayna Larson** is the 3<sup>rd</sup> from the left in the photo to the right. In the photo above, our writer for the following camp article, **Rosemary Azelton**, is in the fourth row, 4<sup>th</sup> from the left.

### Forever Firm, Free, and Faithful

That was our camp motto this year. Every year, there is a new motto, and during camp we discuss what that motto means. Each day, we have workshops. There are three options for workshops, and the topics vary by the day. In these workshops, we talk about the words in our motto, what they mean, and how to apply them. We also discuss different things such as, what modesty is and how we can be modest, and what a vocation is and how we recognize it. I personally liked the modesty talk because not only do you learn how to be modest and what modesty is, but they also give you some helpful tips such as what stores are best to shop at, and how you can know if your shorts and dresses are maybe a little too short.

We also have the opportunity to help out around the house during helping hands. Whether it's doing dishes, cleaning up the dining room, doing crafts, or even helping to bake cookies, everyone has their own job.

During camp, we also have some really fun activities, like going to the pool, playing capture the flag (with a twist,) and even putting on skits, singing songs, and dancing! But most importantly, we get to spend time with Mary, our Mother Thrice Admirable, in the shrine and also have the wonderful opportunity to go to Mass everyday! We also have the chance to go to confession during camp if we desire.

For me, when I go to any other camp, I come home kind of grumbly, tired, and worn out. But with Schoenstatt, it's different. When I come home from Schoenstatt camp, I'm not really tired or worn out. And normally, the only thing I'm grumbly about, is the fact that I have to leave! After Schoenstatt camp, I come home ready to live out my faith even better than I did before.☺

*We give thanks for all who make our camp summers so great!*

## Youthful Hearts in Covenant for Our MTA



Eva Henningsgaard from Canby made her Marian Apostles Dedication at the second week of camp in June. At the same time, **Georgia Rabaey** from Marshall renewed her Marian Apostles Dedication.

Sister M Faustina with **Evelyn Mielke** from Lester Prairie, who made her Marian Apostles Dedication on Thursday of the third week of camp.

Girls ages 9-12, are invited to prepare and make their **Marian Apostles Dedication**. They receive a special medal and certificate which symbolizes and reminds them of their mission as Marian Apostles to bring Mary to our world.



Father Dieter Haas was visited recently in Santiago, Chile. He continues to offer up all of his sufferings for the spread of Schoenstatt!

## Prove first that you really love me . . .



On June 30, 2017, during a special moment at our high school mission camp, *La Fiesta de Maria*, six girls sealed the covenant of love: **Curstin Larson, Candrea Larson, Alexis Wegner, Willow Miller, Allyson Kahler, and Hannah Miller**. Father Andy Michels officiated.



On July 20, Camp Week Six, two Schoenstatt Girls Groups sealed their covenant of love: above first row: **Emily Sullivan and Sally Bunnell**; back row: **Alexandra Tupy, Annie Bunnell** with their leader, **Cate Bunnell**. With Sr M Faustina is **Sr M Paula**, who came from Waukesha to help with summer camp this year. In the picture below are sisters **Emma and Abby Jares** who belong to the Randall Group.



*We want to prove first by our deeds that we really love Our MTA. She is the great missionary and she will work miracles of transformation.*

## Another Covenant & New Home Shrines



Helen Walz from the Mothers Group meeting in the St Augustine, MN, area sealed her Covenant of Love on August 25, 2017. From left to right, Monsignor Richter, Helen and Sandra Murray with group leader, Patricia Becker. All enjoyed their retreat day.



Many family and friends gathered in Ankeny, IA, when Pastor Steve Orr from Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Parish, re-dedicated Jeane-Regina Appel's home to Our Lady as Salve Regina. This could take place on Mary's Birthday, September 8, 2017, in the afternoon.



In a beautiful way so that the family could visit a shrine, Andrea and John Fisher with their two youngest daughters, Gracie & Julia brought their home shrine (along with the symbols for their eight sons) to Sleepy Eye. On September 23, 2017, Monsignor Richter dedicated their home after the 10: am Mass at Divine Providence.

## Fall Events for Our MTA & Her Mission



Dave & Jenny Baker were the MCs -complete with a cheer everyone joined along- for the Father Kentenich Evening on October 7<sup>th</sup> during the LEADERS WEEKEND at Waukesha. Four pilgrimages to Germany & Cambrai are being offered in July & September 2018. **One in the Father's heart: Omnibus omnia** is our motto for this coming year.



The National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) in Indianapolis was held November 16-18<sup>th</sup>. Jennifer Johnson and Angela Nagel from Diocese of Winona met Sister M Jessica at the US Conference of Secular Institutes booth in the exhibit hall. Over 25,000 gathered for this odd-number year event with hundreds of bishops and priests.

Our annual Women's Retreat Weekend during the first November weekend with Father Randal Kasel and Sr M Jessica; as well as the Father-Son Weekend with Father Mark Niehaus and Ron Miller on the weekend before Thanksgiving, were well attended. November 19 was our final Living Faith Afternoon held for the year. It is a joy many hearts in the harvest time of year are renewed at the shrine.

Our 2018 Activities Calendar will be coming out shortly.

Please note that our annual Founding Sunday will be held Saturday, September 15, 2018, on the actual golden anniversary day of Father Kentenich's death. Come often to visit the Shrine and receive the partial indulgence during this commemorative year.

*THANK YOU for all your support throughout the year, whether it was monetary, or in volunteer projects, or advice received, or food, or prayers given. May Our MTA and her Son reward you from her Jubilee Family Shrine!*



*Flock Talk*  
By Our Lady's Disciples



**"WE ARE SURROUNDED BY SO GREAT A CLOUD OF WITNESSES." (HEB 12:1)**

**God gives us many role models in our faith journey – role models in our everyday life, and also the many saints. We as men have a great role model in Saint Joseph. At least one litany of Saint Joseph includes the title, "Terror of Demons,"** and that is a role that each man truly must embrace, regardless his state in life. We all have at least one person in our life – maybe a family member or a friend – who struggles spiritually and whom we can help by becoming our own Terror of Demons.

That's easy to say but not so easy to make happen. How do we become someone who can intimidate demons?



**"IRON IS SHARPENED BY IRON; ONE PERSON SHARPENS ANOTHER." (PRV 27:17)**

Athletes work out on their own, but truly reaching the pinnacle of a sport requires working out with another. Long-distance runners certainly do a lot of running, probably much of it on their own. But they also benefit greatly from working out with others. Runners can be cheerleaders for each other, but also challenge them by pushing each other. And **there is great camaraderie in working out with others, where no one will judge you for falling short but instead will help you through difficulties.**

How does that translate to our faith life? We work out on our own through our private prayer and spiritual practices, which are vital to a strong faith life. But truly reaching out pinnacle requires working out with another. **And that – the thought of sharing our faith journey with another – is very difficult for men.** Fear of public speaking, of dying, of heights (my personal "favorite") – these all pale in comparison to the fear and loathing of sharing details of our faith journey. But that's what we need to do in order to reach our pinnacle, to become a Terror of Demons along the lines of Saint Joseph.

**"WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED IN MY NAME, THERE AM I IN THE MIDST OF THEM." (MT 18:20)**

**Schoenstatt is no stranger to strengthening men.** In fact, living out Schoenstatt spirituality is in many ways following the example of Saint Joseph. He was married to Mary (meaning that they had a covenant relationship) "and took his wife into his home." (Mt 1:24). We follow in the footsteps of Saint Joseph in Schoenstatt when we make our Covenant of Love with the MTA – we have our own covenant relationship with Mary. We follow Saint Joseph further by creating our Home Shrine – we invite Mary to come live in our homes. This is part of our spiritual workout on our own or with our wife. But there is also the need for spiritual workouts with other men.

**From the very start, Schoenstatt included groups of men sharing their faith journey, strengthening each other.** We as men need to continue tapping into this source of strength, of becoming the best we can be. A great way to do that is through couples' groups, which are a great way of sharing and growing in faith. But perhaps, for many men, complementing the couples' group meeting with men's meetings, where men share with men, would help men open up more.

What would these men's meetings look like? First off, the meetings shouldn't look like the couples' meetings. **It should be full of things that prompt men to be introspective** – maybe an adult beverage or two, a bonfire, being outdoors, or starting the meeting with a round of golf, a service project, some type of physical work, in order to tire the body somewhat. Maybe plan a meeting of the men from the couples' group or a men's retreat. Find a way to plant a small mustard seed, and watch the MTA and her Son make it grow.

**Resolution:** Have a weekly spiritual workout. Some ideas include:

- \* Spend 15 minutes in your home shrine, or start a home shrine if you don't have one.
- \* Revisit and renew (on your own or with your spouse) your covenant of love with the MTA.  
Or start the path toward making your covenant of love.
- \* For men, contact the men in your couples' group or other Catholic men that you know. Organize a men's faith get-together. Maybe a weekend retreat or a parish event. Maybe a few guys enjoying a fire and sharing their faith journeys.

As always, we welcome feedback and ideas at [flocktalkmn@gmail.com](mailto:flocktalkmn@gmail.com)