




## SHRINE SOUNDINGS Jubilee Family Shrine & Retreat Center

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Jerusalem **OBITUARIES** 33 AD



**Calvary**

Jesus Christ, 33, of Nazareth, died Friday on Mount Calvary, also known as Golgotha, the place of the skull. Betrayed by the apostle Judas, Jesus was crucified by the Romans, by order of the Ruler Pontius Pilate. The causes of death were crucifixion, extreme exhaustion, severe torture, and loss of blood.

Jesus Christ, a descendant of Abraham, was a member of the house of David. He was the Son of the late Joseph, a carpenter of Nazareth, and Mary, His devoted Mother. Jesus was born in a stable in the city of Bethlehem, Judea. He is survived by His mother Mary, His faithful Apostles, numerous disciples, and many other followers.

Jesus was self educated and spent most of his adult life working as a Teacher. Jesus also occasionally worked as a Medical Doctor and it is reported that he healed many patients. Up until the time of His death, Jesus was teaching and sharing the Good News, healing the sick, touching the lonely, feeding the hungry, and helping the poor.

Jesus was most noted for telling parables about His Father's Kingdom and performing miracles, such as feeding over 5,000 people with only five loaves of bread and two fish, and healing a man who was born blind. On the day before His death, He held a Last Supper celebrating the Passover Feast, at which He foretold His death.

The body was quickly buried in a stone grave, which was donated by Joseph of Arimathea, a loyal friend of the family. By order of Pontius Pilate, a boulder was rolled in front of the tomb. Roman soldiers were put on guard.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that everyone try to live as Jesus did. Donations may be sent to anyone in need.

### Lenten Striving and Easter Resurrection

*The Mass scripture readings during Lent are some of the most powerful of the entire year.*

**Jesus asks us to pray and fast, to be reconciled to God, to listen and to do the will of his Father, to give unto others as we would like to receive, to deny ourselves and to take up our cross daily, and to follow him...**

These are no small orders, but call us to a radical change. To "Love your enemies ... For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the pagans do the same? So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect," Jesus tells us. He desires our holiness more than we.

There's not much that could be misunderstood or misinterpreted from Jesus' teaching in Matthew 5:43-48. Jesus looks into the heart. He urges us to be perfect and to be holy. Our Schoenstatt spirituality offers us the tools to do this. By offering our hearts to our Mother Thrice Admirable, Queen, and Victress of Schoenstatt, we ask her to educate our minds, wills, and hearts to be Christlike and Marylike. With our consecration prayer we make an offering of our entire day in the covenant of love. Three examples follow:

A grandmother recently lost her husband to a battle with cancer. In the months preceding Jesus' call to eternity, the couple had formulated the short prayer: I will to do Your Will! One of the granddaughters took this up and recently mentioned to her grandmother that now it has become her favorite short prayer. Our work with finding our personal ideals and basic attitudes is a radical change to our society's pressure to give in and do whatever is easiest.

A lady recalled that she had a vivid dream of being taken outside where many were placed along a wall for execution. She awoke crying to Mary as a "Safe Harbor." Depressed, she called her sister who told her: I will pray for you at my home shrine "Joyful Hope." Afterwards all fear was gone. As she gratefully prayed in her own home shrine "Merciful Flame of Love" she realized help had come to her through another one's home shrine mission.

A family with seven siblings are keeping 24/7 care for their dad recovering from a stroke. Medical staff applauds the love and support felt.

What are your daily examples of living Jesus' words with Mary's help?

Jesus looks into the heart and when he looks into my heart, and into your heart, I hope he likes what he sees. With greetings for a **Blessed Easter** Sunday and Season from our Jubilee Family Shrine, *Sister M Jessica*

## Featured Schoenstatter: Delores Spaeth



Deb Bertrand from North Platte, NE, edits Delores' interview

Married at 17 in 1946, and on their own farm near Sleepy Eye, MN, since 1955 after renting a farm south of Morgan, MN, for nine years, Delores Spaeth recalls details in an easy, conversational flow. "1946 was the first year you could buy seed corn and it was \$12 a sack. We put up the new barn in the Spring and moved out to the new farm in the Fall of 1955." Jumping ahead to 1976 when Schoenstatt acquired land not far from their acreage, she recalls seed corn was \$36 a sack. Or with a gallon of regular gas at 59¢, it was a different economic dynamic back then.

The smooth narrative is halted while she ponders my next unexpected question -- Why did you first become involved with Schoenstatt? The answer is sudden as she raises her hands palms up from their resting place in her lap. "They needed help," she says simply. "When I see someone who needs help, I come." It's clear from her readiness to pitch in that help came in the form of those strong hands.

"It was just an old farm place," she explains. It needed to be cleaned, cleared, and revived. The smooth narrative continues. There was a big storm that year, 1976, so everything was real green, she remembers. There were dead trees, countless old coils of barbed wire tangled about, glass pieces to be picked up so no tiny feet ran over them, seven layers of wallpaper to be scraped from the old farmhouse walls, etc. She shakes her head remembering how much had to be done.

"It was nice to come and work here," she says as she recalls driving the lawn mower, and helping to lay the original grass sod. "It was so lumpy. I never thought that grass would grow," she said, citing how they tromped and tromped on it to try to smooth the ground beneath. The Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary, ever friendly and welcoming, were a new addition to parish life.

Her voice drops just a little. She began with the Schoenstatt Mothers' group, called Rings of Love, because each of the moms had a child that died. The

group's original seven members are still all active, although Delores Guldán is now at Divine Providence nursing home. The other members are sisters, Mary Catherine Bauer and Mildred Rosenhammer, with Elaine Haala and Lucille Losleben, all from Sleepy Eye, and Mary Lou Mathiowetz who drives in from Leavenworth. For over three decades, her group still meets at the Shrine and Center on every third Monday morning.

Schoenstatt has definitely been a family affair for the Spaeths. She and husband Sylvester have six children, two of whom served in the Air Force, taking them away from Minnesota for a time. One is still on active duty, but his family gets back as often as they can and Schoenstatt is one of the foundations that draws them.

Her daughter Patty Berkner, a member of the first Sleepy Eye girls' group, spent so much time at Schoenstatt on the Lake growing up that it was not at all unusual to call the center and tell her to come home. There are now 19 grandchildren and 35 great grandchildren, and Delores introduces them each to Schoenstatt whenever the opportunity arises. She strategically planned their 70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, Sylvester's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration, and Christmas family parties at Schoenstatt on the Lake.

Four of the boys still run the farm, their families and her daughter's are still involved with Schoenstatt, the parish and Catholic schools. All know Delores for her famous apple strudel, and their farm for its fondness of all things John Deere.



"Schoenstatt is a second home," she says simply, summing up the generations of work and prayer and fellowship that have put the MTA in their hearts and daily lives. Noting that she sponsors a perpetual candle burning 24/7 in the Jubilee Family Shrine, she adds, with reverence, "It's a place to come."

And what focuses her attention on Schoenstatt on the Lake looking ahead? "We have to see that we'll always have someone here who takes care of it," she says without hesitation. "We're so lucky to have the shrine," Delores says, contemplating the 40-year gift of Schoenstatt in this Minnesota community. In this faithful servant's years with Schoenstatt, the covenant motto is lived out and seems just right – "Nothing without you, nothing without us."

## Mother Teresa with her Unity Cross

*Flock Talk*

By Our Lady's Disciples



**Mother Teresa of Kolkata** was canonized on September 4, 2016, during the Jubilee Year of Mercy by Pope Francis.

*Looking at the official picture of Mother Teresa published before her canonization in Rome, many people noticed the Unity Cross on the Rosary she is holding in her right hand. We reproduce the account by **Cardinal Francisco Javier Errázuriz Ossa**, who has on several occasions explained the details of this:*

The memory of the conversation with Mother Teresa of Kolkata about the Unity Cross remains engraved perfectly in my memory. (When I worked in Rome) she attended the Congregation for the Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life to speak about a new Institute of priests she was founding. Their center would be in Tijuana, Mexico. This would be their Kolkata – many people from Central America and Mexico flocked to this town after having left their homes and sold everything they had to cross over the border into the United States. They were unsuccessful and succumbed to immense poverty.

When she greeted me and saw my pectoral cross, which is a copy of the Unity Cross, she slightly lifted the jacket she was wearing over her sari and showed me a small Unity Cross that she always carried with her. (She didn't say anything about the origin of the cross she carried). She added: "Here is the Mother of God together with the poorest of the poor." As she said goodbye, she asked me if I could get 3,000 crosses because she wanted every Sister of Mercy to have her own. I wanted to give them this gift. I found enough donors and we bought them in Mexico. I sent them to her.

Source: Octavio Galarce, Vínculo Magazine, Chile, October 2016 – via [www.schoenstatt.org](http://www.schoenstatt.org)

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Each Lent, I have a goal of taking an evening to watch *The Passion of the Christ*. One of the most moving scenes for me happens during the carrying of the cross, when Jesus falls under the weight of the cross. Mary runs to Jesus, and the movie combines that scene with a flashback of Jesus falling as a child, with Mary again running to him to help him up.

*The Game of Love* compares our relationship with God to a game of hide-and-seek, with God calling out to us, "Come, find me." The Crucifixion is in some ways the culmination of the game. Rather than saying "Come, find me," Jesus says, "Come, follow me." Come, walk with me. Pick up your cross and follow me; climb the hill of Calvary with me.

Our Blessed Mother is with us as we carry our cross just as she was with Jesus. She runs to us when we fall. Sometimes it is as though we are a child, and Mary picks us up and holds us. Other times, she takes our hand, helps us to our feet, and walks with us. She might also simply be with us, as she was with Jesus on the road to Calvary. She will hold us and kiss us, encouraging us as we climb back to our feet to continue our walk.

As we study *The Game of Love*, we see again and again that we are never alone. The Triune God is with us always. Our Mother Thrice Admirable is also with us. Whether we are experiencing the fun of an entertaining game or the weight of our cross, Jesus is walking with us, asking us to follow. And Mary is there to help us when we fall.

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

### Resolution:

We are all busy completing our Lenten resolutions in preparation for the holiest days of the church year. As we progress through Lent, take a moment daily to ask Mary to deliver to Jesus a small prayer of thanksgiving and rejoicing for his passion and death which achieved our salvation.

### RESURRECTION MYSTERY – EASTER MESSAGE

The Lord breaks the powerful bonds of death  
And crushes Satan's power and cunning.  
Rejoicing, you (Mary) see him transfigured and  
beautiful, as we will one day rise in heaven.

Let this faith gladden my soul  
And make my love burn brightly.

-Father Joseph Kentenich



## LET US GO WITH MARY TO RENEW THE CULTURE



**Samantha and Theresa Kisrow with the girls and Sr M Isabel**

*It is with sincere gratefulness to Our Mother Thrice Admirable, Queen, and Victress of Schoenstatt, that we report the success of the first regional conference of the Schoenstatt Rosary Campaign, held November 18 - 20, 2016, in Kennewick, Washington. Our Mother of Grace guided us and worked many little miracles to help us as we planned each detail of the conference over the course of one year.*

*Presenters were Schoenstatt Fathers Marcelo Aravena and Francisco Rojas, and Sister M. Isabel Bracero. Mr. Enrique Soros did a magnificent job as Master of Ceremonies. More than 230 people from Oregon, Washington and Idaho gathered at St. Joseph Parish to learn more about Schoenstatt's Contribution to the New Evangelization and to come together as Schoenstatt community in the Pacific Northwest. 135 were from the English-speaking community and almost 100 were from the Spanish-speaking community. We were pleased that 43 married couples attended, making up more than a quarter of the total attendance, and 18 girls' youth participated.*

Hello, we are Samantha and Theresa Kisrow from Coon Rapids MN. We had the opportunity to attend the Schoenstatt Marian Conference for the Pacific Northwest in Washington State this past November, thanks to Sr. Jessica's encouragement and support. We enjoyed the adventure of traveling and the time spent together. Attending the conference were many people from Idaho, Oregon, Washington State, a few from the Midwest, and even the East Coast. Some attendees had been involved in Schoenstatt for years and others were new or just being introduced to our MTA.

The conference was centered on gaining a personal, everyday relationship with the MTA and ways to bring the Blessed Mother out into our world, letting her love reflect in us. Every speaker gave us a slightly different glimpse into how the Blessed Mother can work through us for the betterment of our world. The Hispanic Schoenstatt community blessed the conference with beautiful decorations, singing, and wonderful

hospitality. Another unique component of this conference was the ability to have the presentations and Holy Mass divided between English and Spanish. With the use of headsets and gracious interpreters each person was able to hear the messages in their native language. It was the collective efforts of the leaders in each state, along with the Blessed Mother's perfect care, that made the conference such a success.

We had the pleasure of spending a good portion of Saturday with the girls' youth who were present. Currently there is no organized Schoenstatt girls' youth group in WA or OR. In our time with the girls, we had a discussion on character and little ways we could be a blessing to our families on good days and bad. We shared how our lives have been impacted by the MTA individually and within our family. We also discussed how the girls could move forward to begin their own Schoenstatt group. The day ended with games, snacks, and healthy doses of sugar and laughter – as no Schoenstatt girls' event is complete without each of those elements. In a special way please keep the girls' youth in your prayers. We are excited to see all that our Blessed Mother has in store for the girls' youth in WA and OR in the future.

The last day of the conference was very powerful; the Blessed Mother was crowned, songs were sung, and then our MTA was brought among the crowd to send us out, each one personally, on our mission with a renewed spirit and joy filling our hearts. We saw firsthand the vibrant swelling of a deep and growing love for Schoenstatt on the West Coast. It was a wonderful experience and encounter with the Blessed Mother! We owe a great thank you to Marge Rolen and many others for welcoming us and graciously assisting us with transportation.



## Schoenstatt's Founder Held Nothing Back

*The Schoenstatt Family celebrates the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Father Kentenich's supernatural decision to decide totally for God and his promptings and then to carry it through—even into the hell of a Nazi concentration camp. This took place on January 20, 1941, and became known as Schoenstatt's Second Milestone, the Axis of our Family History. Father Esteban Uriburu describes in his book, A Father to Many, starting on page 94:*

We are concerned here with a life that was radically and totally at the disposal of God's will as it is made known through any given situation. It is what St. Ignatius of Loyola called "holy indifference."

If you consider the natural opposition of human nature to suffering, it is normally very difficult, if not quite impossible, to reach this "holy indifference," unless you consciously aim at love for the cross. This attitude has come to be called the Inscriptio by the Schoenstatt Family. In the sense used by Father Kentenich it may be described as follows: "One often says to God: You may send me anything, only not that! Inscriptio consists in saying to God: You can really send me anything, but in particular and very concretely just that which I fear. Such an attitude presupposes radical trust in God as our Father, who would never send a cross or suffering without at the same time giving us the strength to bear it. Christianity is not a religion of suffering, nor is it the measure of suffering synonymous with perfection. The suffering foreseen for us by the Father can only be a sign of perfection to the extent that it is borne patiently and transformed into love."

Father Kentenich summarized his desire in a prayer he composed at that time:

**"Lord,** if you do not consider me worthy of proclaiming you to your loved ones, then let your Mother prevail upon you to choose another instrument. I shall then at least give you my health, strength, and life in the background for this God-like gift. Do not allow your family to be tossed about by severe storms until it knows and loves you better. Mother, it is true, until now you have led your children to our Lord, but if you are to continue and complete your activity you require our conscious, comprehensive and penetrating co-operation. Do not allow your own to put out on the high seas before they have completed this work to some extent through your instruments. I am at your disposal for this purpose with all that I am and have.

**Do you want my work: Adsum!** [Latin for: Here I am]

**Do you want all my intellectual powers to bleed slowly to death: Adsum!**

**Do you want my death: Adsum!**

**But see to it that everyone you have given me may love our Lord, and learn to live and die for him."**

On January 13, 1942, Father Kentenich was again questioned by the Gestapo. Because he did not give them the answers they expected and wanted, they threatened to send him to the concentration camp. On January 16 he was given a medical examination to see whether he was fit for camp life. This examination was very superficial, his heart and lungs were not considered at all. Despite his delicate health he was certified fit for camp life.

Schoenstatt leaders managed to get the doctor who had examined him to agree to a re-examination, although one condition had to be fulfilled. Father Kentenich had to apply for this in writing. In this case the doctor was prepared to reverse his medical finding.

For Father Kentenich the question was: What did God want of him? "I had no vision, no dream, nor even a special enlightenment. All that was left to me in this battle was simple faith in Divine Providence." He spent the night between the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of January in prayer and struggled inwardly to recognize God's will. On the 20<sup>th</sup> during Holy Mass, he received an answer; he felt inwardly certain what he should do: He wanted to use no human means for his liberation, but only the Schoenstatt Family's self-surrender to God through the heroic striving to live the Inscriptio. Through a few lines to Father Menningen he penned: "Please understand this answer through faith in the reality of supernature and the inter-connectedness of the destinies of the members of the family."

"The day will come when we will see more clearly why everything happened in this way. At any rate, let us remember in every circumstance of life: We love and then everything will turn out well. God always remains generous – even if we can't understand him."

On the morning of March 11, 1942, Father Kentenich and other prisoners were taken to the Coblenz train station from where they arrived on March 13<sup>th</sup> at the concentration camp at Dachau.

*For over three years Schoenstatt's founder was miraculously kept from illness and death. He boldly wrote books and the Heavenwards Prayerbook, led priest groups, founded the Schoenstatt Brothers of Mary, the Family Branch, and Schoenstatt International, and aided prisoners with his food packages. On the morning of April 6, 1945, he was released on Thursday of the Easter Week. On Pentecost Sunday, May 20, 1945, he victoriously returned home to the Original Shrine. We can only imagine his prayer of gratitude!*



## Schoenstatt Youth Retreats



Sister M Faustina led this Schoenstatt Girls Youth Weekend in October 2016. Their next one was February 17-19, 2017. There are also three **Father-Son Weekends** set for March 24-26, August 4-6 and November 17-19, 2017. Plan to join them.

## Couples Retreat Weekend



Monsignor Eugene Lozinski led the annual couples retreat & offered a Lenten Saturday Retreat for 35 on March 3-5, 2017.

The **Living Faith Sundays** began February 19. Next ones are Mar 19, Apr 9 and May 14 from 2:00 to 5:00 pm at the shrine.

## Home Shrine in Burnsville, MN



Ariel and Ellen Hernandez from Burnsville dedicated their Home shrine, entitled "Family of Hope." Their children, Kyra and Charlie, and more relatives and friends were at this 4:00 pm dedication on Saturday, October 29, 2016.

## Schoenstatt Fathers Begin New Home



The **Schoenstatt Fathers** celebrated a groundbreaking ceremony and blessing of the work being done for their new home in Austin on Sunday, January 1, 2017. After many years of longing for the possibility of a home close to the shrine, they took a bold step of beginning construction on a new home that will allow them to come together as a community and plan for a future with more vocations and Fathers serving the Schoenstatt Movement and the Church.

Father Juan Pablo Catoggio, Superior General of the Schoenstatt Fathers, presided at Mass along with all the other Austin Schoenstatt Fathers at 11:00 am. The blessing of the construction site ceremony and lunch followed at 225 Addie Roy Rd, Austin, TX 78746. [www.schoenstatt.us](http://www.schoenstatt.us)



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### PLEASE TAKE NOTE

☆☆ The Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary are considering a raffle fundraiser. If you have an item which could be included, please contact the Sisters.

☆☆ Our gift shop has many framed MTA pictures, holy cards and gifts so Easter Baskets are not only sugar 😊

☆☆ In addition to the 5 First Saturdays – From May through November 2017, on the 13<sup>th</sup> of each month, Pope Francis is offering a plenary indulgence in response to Our Lady of Fatima's centennial.

☆☆ How many times a day do you think about eternity with Jesus and Mary in heaven and nowhere else?