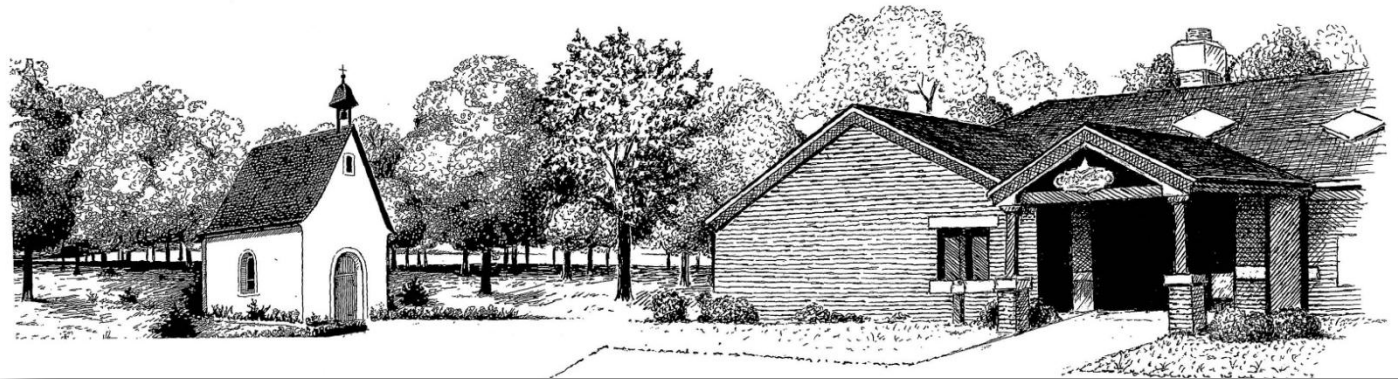


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We congratulate Pope Francis, Jorge Mario Bergoglio, SJ, from Buenos Aires, Argentina! There he had numerous encounters with the Schoenstatt Family. Elected 3/13/13, he was born on 12/17/1936, being a Cardinal since 2/2/2001.



Featured Schoenstatter: Your Holiness, Pope Emeritus, Benedict XVI



Photo is from May 2012 when Father Biberger and Sister M Aleja, spiritual leaders for the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary in over 30 different countries, met with the Holy Father.

Father Heinrich Walter, Chairman of the General Presidium, thanked the pope on behalf of the Schoenstatt Family:

“Your Holiness, Together with the universal Church the International Schoenstatt Movement thanks you for your leadership of the Church in the time of your Pontificate as successor of Peter. We thank the Triune God for giving us in this time of change a shepherd and teacher who with great wisdom saw and described reason and faith together. As an experienced churchman you sought dialogue with clarity and humility, and in this way brought scientists, governments and the leaders of other religions to talk together. Trusting in God's mercy you took a public stand to the painful reality of the Church. As a man of God you testified openly that in everything God's honor and his Kingdom are what matter.

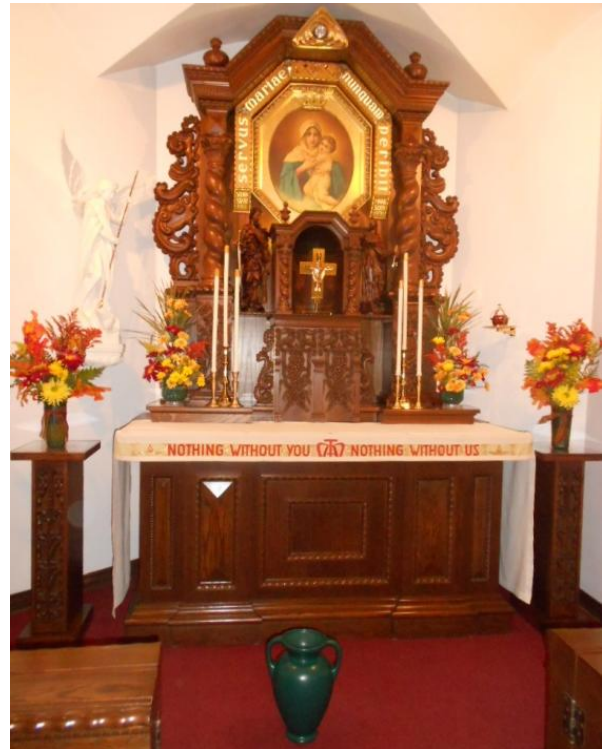
With your encyclicals, sermons and allocutions you have drawn attention to the great truths of Christianity. You repeatedly showed that God's love is the root of the Christian message. We thank you for this guidance to the center of what the Church is and how she has to work in the world.

As the Schoenstatt Family we have accompanied you with heartfelt solidarity and faithful love for the Church, the Office, and the person of the Pope. Our founder, Father Josef Kentenich, taught us that the Church can only be a Family of the Faithful if the fatherly role of the Holy Father and bishops is acknowledged. Through your person and your teaching our present-day fatherless society has been given a fatherly voice of security.

We recommend you and your spiritual legacy to the protection of the Mother of God in Schoenstatt's shrine of grace. May she be particularly close to you today. May Mary intercede for the gifts of the Holy Spirit for the Cardinals who have gathered to elect your God-willed successor, so that all minds may increasingly be united in the truth and all hearts in love. *February 28, 2013*”

To coincide with his 5:00 pm local Vatican time departure, a final message was posted to the pontiff's official Twitter account: “Thank you for your love and support. May you always experience the joy that comes from putting Christ at the center of your lives.”

Proclamation of *Jubilee Family Shrine* as a YEAR OF FAITH PILGRIMAGE SITE



In a decree dated February 26, 2013, Bishop John LeVoir has designated six churches, one from each region of the Diocese of New Ulm, where the faithful can visit to receive a plenary indulgence through November 24, 2013.

On September 14, 2012, the Vatican announced that as part of the Year of Faith, bishops can designate pilgrimage sites that their people can visit to receive a plenary indulgence. Quoting Pope Paul VI, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states that an indulgence is “a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt had already been forgiven” #1471. A plenary indulgence removes all the temporal punishment due to sin, and it can be applied to the person completing it or to a person who is deceased.

To receive the indulgence, one must visit a pilgrimage site (the Schoenstatt Shrine was decreed with Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, New Ulm; Church of the Holy Redeemer, Marshall; Church of St John, Appleton; Church of St Aloysius, Olivia; and Church of St Pius X, Glencoe) during the Year of Faith. While there, one must participate in some sacred function (Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, Stations of the Cross) or must at least pause for an appropriate time of prayer. One concludes by reciting the Our Father, the Profession of Faith in any legitimate form, and invocations to the Blessed Virgin Mary and other saints.

In addition, one must fulfill the normal requirements for an indulgence: receive Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, pray for the intentions of the Holy Father, and be totally detached from all sin. These acts may be done up to a few days before or after visiting the pilgrimage site, although preferably they would be done the day of the visit.

-The Prairie Catholic, p 10, March 2013. Visit:www.dnu.org

Celebrate SAINT JOSEPH on March 19th



The Holy Family Statue continues to travel to families in the Midwest. At present, the statue sent out from the Jubilee Family Shrine is in the Blue Earth and Winnebago area.

This year, Pope Francis chose the feast of Saint Joseph for his **installation as Successor of Peter**. (It will be six hours ahead of our CST, in the square of St Peter's Basilica.) Pope Pius IX proclaimed St Joseph the patron of the Universal Church in 1870, the unofficial patron against doubt and hesitation, as well as the patron saint of fighting communism, and of a happy death. Having died in the "arms of Jesus and Mary," he is considered the model of a pious believer who receives grace at the moment of death. St Joseph prays for families, fathers, expectant mothers, travelers, immigrants, house sellers/buyers, craftsmen, engineers, and all working people.

The earliest records of a formal devotional for St Joseph date to the year 800 and references to him as *nutritor Domini* (educator/guardian of the Lord) began to appear in the 9th century. St Thomas Aquinas discussed the necessity of the presence of St Joseph in the plan of the Incarnation for if Mary had not been married, the Jews would have stoned her; and that in his youth Jesus needed the care and protection of a human father.

Josephology, the study of the theology of St Joseph, is one of the most recent theological disciplines. In 1989, on the occasion of the centenary of *Quamquam Pluries* Pope John Paul II issued *Redemptoris Custos*, i.e. *Guardian of the Redeemer* which presented St Joseph's role in the plan of redemption, as part of the "redemption documents" issued by John Paul II such as *Redemptoris Mater* to which it refers.

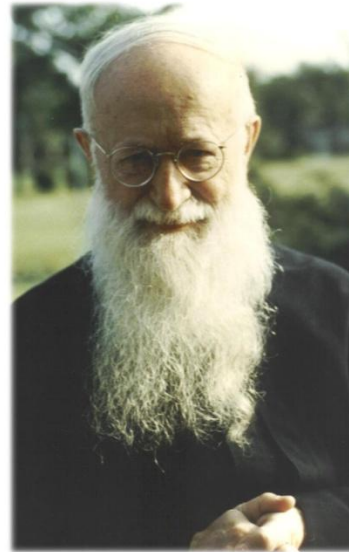
Dear St Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God. I place in you all of my interests and desires. O St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers. O St Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms...

St. Joseph, Patron of Departing Souls - Pray for me.

-see www.CatholicOnline

Name Day of Father JOSEPH Kentenich

Schoenstatters across the globe will be celebrating the name day of our founder on Tuesday, March 19th. A strong German tradition encourages the celebration of one's name patron the same as one's birthday is celebrated in the USA.



As father of the Schoenstatt Family, Father Joseph is a model for fathers in all walks of life. He saw his mission of fatherhood in the early 1900s as a real mission for society, as well as his beloved Mother Church. Relentlessly he forwarded a sound, orthodox patrocentric spirituality of God the Father in his Marian Movement.

Father Kentenich explained during a Pentecost Retreat to members of the family league in Germany in 1950 (The Birth of the Home Shrine, by Father Jonathan Niehaus, p 29-30):

"Our families must become the reservoir for all our efforts. Healthy Schoenstatt families are the guarantee for all the other branches of the family. If we want to renew the world, then the Blessed Mother must push for a renewal of the family. In the little circle of the family she must create a world which guarantees that all Schoenstatt members will remain rooted in the world of Schoenstatt from cradle to grave. Your children will then grow up, form a Schoenstatt family in turn, and later join one of the different branches. Wherever you are, Schoenstatt can find you – a unique, modern, "flying" island. We cannot erect monastery walls around us, but we can create an island which is our home from cradle to grave to eternity ... The last part of Schoenstatt which has now come to pass is the most important one, the reservoir. But at the same time it is the most important bulwark against the whims and tides of the times. **If we want to be able to withstand today's great dangers, we must renew the family. Nothing is more important than that!**"

PLEASE NOTE: Take a new family photo in your home shrine or a photo of just your home shrine and send it with one of your family customs with our MTA to srjessica@schrsmary.org by April 1, 2013, so it can be included in the MTA's 50th Anniversary USA Home Shrine Album!

International Home Shrine Congress

Schoenstatters across the globe have been invited for the **Golden Jubilee Celebration of the Home Shrine**. This four-day congress will explore the history, reality, and fruitfulness of the home shrine as a gift to the Church through presentations and testimonies. Let's celebrate the jubilee as an international family and contribute to a lively exchange of life for one of the most beautiful gifts of our father and founder to his Schoenstatt Family. This will be a stepping stone for our Centennial Jubilee 2014 (which will be officially opened this coming October) and shared in part as the USA Tent Contribution for October 2014 in Original Schoenstatt.

It was with American hearts and families that Father Joseph began the home shrine and proclaimed at the Movement House on November 18, 1963: "Now you must pay careful attention. What I am about to say is of elementary importance for the future: Everything which holds true for the Original Shrine and for the daughter shrines also holds true for the home shrines." Invite the Mother Thrice Admirable, Queen, and Victress of Schoenstatt to reign in your home and educate your family, distributing gifts of grace in abundance as you live your covenant of love with her!



The Congress starts with 5:30 pm supper on Thursday, June 27, 2013, at the Retreat Center in Waukesha, WI. Opening Mass will begin at 7:30 pm in the large tent: The Time of the Home Shrine is Now. Friday looks at the Vision of Father Joseph and Saturday at My Home Shrine—A Lived Reality with morning presentations, afternoon excursions, and evening reception and cultural exchange. Sunday presents My Home Shrine—A gift to the Church with a solemn closing Mass at the Exile Shrine in Milwaukee beginning at 2:00 pm.

There will be a children's program each morning, shuttles from the Country Springs Hotel (Pewaukee, WI, at County G exit on I-94), and hopefully the on-going construction of the hall addition to the Retreat Center. In trying to juggle all the various needs we have set the cost at \$200 per person 16 years and up (if you supply your own overnight lodging and breakfasts the cost is \$110); children from ages 6-15 are \$120 (\$85 without overnight lodging and breakfasts); and children 5 and under are free.

With over 350 international guests registered already, we do need to know how many of our Schoenstatt Family living in the United States can be with us. **You are Needed!** Please call or email Sister Jessica by **MARCH 25, 2013**, and send a \$50 per person or \$100 per family deposit. Please understand an 80% down payment is required of us, so we ask that the balance be paid in full by May 27, 2013. Remember in prayer: **Our MTA is the great Missionary – she will work miracles!**

Reserve YOUR October Sunday Now

This October marks a triple celebration for our Founding Day so we will offer three Sundays at three different locations to make it as accessible as possible for families and friends in the Midwest. As we officially open the historic CENTENNIAL YEAR of Schoenstatt's Covenant of Love October 18, 2014; and commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the HOME SHRINE; we alone are privileged to welcome a spiritual visit of Father Kentenich in the symbol of the FATHER EYE given for the Original Shrine in Germany. Don't miss this wellspring of grace for you and your loved ones – mark your calendar Now!

October 6, 2013 at St Michael, Pine Island

Father Randal Kasel offers Parish Mass at 10:30 am with a program, lunch, and benediction.

October 13, 2013 at Epiphany, Coon Rapids, N. Minneapolis

Father Thomas Dufner offers Parish Mass at 11:00 am with a program, lunch, and benediction.

October 20, 2013 at the Shrine, Sleepy Eye

Bishop John LeVoir will be joining us between 10 am to 4:00 pm with Mass, program, lunch, and benediction.

Covenants Sealed at Couples Retreat



Marjorie and Wendell Schiesher from Dexter, MN, sealed their covenant of love on Sunday, March 3, 2013. It was the crowning moment of a very fruitful weekend of retreat led by Father Mark Niehaus for seven couples.

RETREATS at Schoenstatt on the Lake

Our Mother and Queen has drawn many hearts to herself in the shrine with grace and rejuvenation of a weekend retreat:
January 18-20: 20 men retreated with Fr Mark Niehaus
February 2: 50 adults enjoyed the Dinner Dance in St Paul
February 15-17: 12 at Girls Youth Weekend with Sr M Deanne
March 1-3: 7 couples with Fr Mark Niehaus and Sr M Jessica
March 2: 40 for the Lenten Retreat Day on Home Shrines

Although our Mother/Daughter Weekend April 5-7th is now waiting list only, please sign up for the **Father/Son Weekend from March 22-24th with Fr Mark Niehaus at the Shrine.**

Don't miss the **Mothers Conference May 6** from 8 to 4:30 pm via Lorie Spear (507-676-1529) with Fr Kasel and Sr Jessica. You can also come Sunday evening May 5th & stay overnight. **Our FAMILY Weekend May 17-19** with May Crowning Retreat Day on Sat, May 18th is wonderful. **COME VISIT OUR LADY.**

Schoenstatters March 4 Life



The annual March For Life, January 25 at the Nation's Capital in Washington, DC, brought many Schoenstatters together. Carly Radke, (holding Defend Life sign) from Mankato, MN, joined over 500 youth from the Land of 10,000 Lakes and well over a half million Americans in the Pro Life March. This year marks the 40th year in protest of Roe vs. Wade.



Men who encouraged or coerced and women who had an abortion marched and gave testimony on the regrets and lies that they were told to encourage them to choose abortion. Norma McCorvey who is Roe in the court proceedings has also spoken out publicly about her total change of heart.

40 Days for Life releases 40 Stories Book "which tells of hearts changed, babies and mothers spared, secrets from inside the abortion industry, and thriving abortion facilities shutting down for good," authors David Bereit, Shawn Carney, and Cindy Lambert, explained. This book invites all to discover what God has done and to imagine what He can do!

The ministry works by organizing a 40-day prayer and fasting campaign outside of abortion clinics. There have been 11 coordinated 40 Days for Life campaigns since 2007. "In the 40 years since the Roe v. Wade decision, abortion has become the leading cause of death, **ending the lives of more than 42 million children each year worldwide and harming millions of women and men,**" said a statement from the ministry. "In 2004, one hour of prayer in Texas launched the groundbreaking 40 Days for Life Movement that has seen 6,749 babies spared from abortion, 74 abortion workers have a change of heart and quit their jobs, and 25 abortion centers close." *Zenit.org* 2/21/13

EWTN will host Centennial 2014 LIVE



A phone call the evening of February 27, 2013, started it all. "Hi, Sister Jessica! How are you?" I hadn't heard from her for some time.

Sister Jessica had received a voice mail from Father Andrew Pastore, a Schoenstatt Father from England who was indeed in Birmingham staying at the guest house of EWTN! As Father Andrew called her back, she told Father Andrew about me. So Father called and invited me for breakfast after the EWTN Mass the next morning, an invitation that caught me by surprise. But I readily accepted and looked forward to meeting Father and his reason for being at EWTN. Father Andrew is in charge of communications for Schoenstatt 2014 and is the Editor of the *Newsletter 2014* that can be found on www.schoenstatt2014.org. Check it out and join it to receive information on the latest progress toward 2014.

Talk about serendipity! Not only did I meet Father Andrew, but also a couple from Milwaukee: Dick and Terry Boldin from the Rosary Evangelization Apostolate. Dick and The Most Rev. Donald Hying, Aux. Bishop of Milwaukee, had appeared on *Live With Father Mitch Pacwa* the previous night to speak about the upcoming Hearts United 2013 Historic Eucharistic Rosary Rally for Peace and the Family 8/7/2013 in Milwaukee.

I was among spiritual giants!

I asked Father Andrew about his meeting with EWTN and was told that Schoenstatt and EWTN were collaborating on Project 2014 which will air prior, during, and post 100th anniversary events LIVE. Also planned are three one-hour shows on an overview of the Jubilee events. This news is exciting because these 15 hours will bring Schoenstatt front and center to the world. On the other hand, it is also a daunting task because with the notoriety this publicity will bring, comes the responsibility of continuing the task of evangelization. Father Andrew said that putting the events on live broadcast was nothing compared to the upcoming work.

He attributed the works of former Schoenstatters for opening the doors at EWTN for this truly unique experience in Schoenstatt history: Father Esteban Uriburu, Sister Mary Lestina, Sister Jessica Swedzinski, Father Gerold Langsch (and in a very small capacity, yours truly). He will also collaborate with EWTN on future programs for Germany.

USA pilgrims have the opportunity to meet Father Andrew and be part of the centennial events in the making via the four pilgrimages to Schoenstatt in 2014. There will be five tents with interactive Schoenstatt Spirituality in October 2014. Meanwhile let us pray for 2014! -Cathy Johnson, AL

Wish List of GIFTS Available at Schoenstatt

Father Dieter Haas
Padres de Schoenstatt
Casilla 25
Correo Bellavista
La Florida
RCH--Santiago 17
CHILE

Please take time and send a **card to Father Dieter** for Easter. He arrived safely at the provincial center of the Schoenstatt Fathers and would love to hear from you.

Vicente Cortez has been working on a **Spiritual Daily Order App for Schoenstatters**. His friend in Spain worked on the internals of getting something like this up and running for six-month spans. The cloud space rental is over \$1000 a month. How many of us would appreciate an app for our nightly progress charting? Can anyone or anyone's company help us with this endeavor for our MTA in her Mission Year?

Can't find Catholic Greeting Cards? Come to Schoenstatt on the Lake. Here is where you can at last find great First Communion Cards, Confirmation Cards, Graduation Cards, Wedding Cards, Mother's Day and Father's Day Cards that are a blessing (and not only balloons, jokes, or how great you are...) Send a Thinking of You card that you always wanted to get around to doing, and the proceeds go to the shrine! Then add one of the beautiful **Schoenstatt Fathers Mass Cards** (stipend of \$10) for the most complete gift while supporting our Schoenstatt Fathers worldwide.

Jewelry Gifts with Schoenstatt: looking for a beautiful three-cross silver necklace with earrings? Or try a charm bracelet with five Schoenstatt photos. These make wonderful gifts for any occasion. Don't forget the **custom made octagonal frames** with matting and décor of our MTA for the perfect wedding gift. Or prepare for your HOME SHRINE DEDICATION during this special Golden Jubilee Year.

When you come on a Year of Faith Pilgrimage to gain a plenary indulgence, stock up on the latest **Schoenstatt Books** including: *Brushstrokes of a Father III* Tested by Fire 1939-1945; *Exchange of Hearts* also by Fr Jonathan Niehaus; or *His Mission, Our Mission* edited by Dr Wolf. *Take My Hand* by Kathy Szymanski, is an inspirational Catholic fiction novel.

Some have asked me about making a **Memorial Rosary**. Take roses, at least two are needed, from the funeral spray or bouquet or corsage and hang them upside down to dry out. Keep them out of sun light and let be for 2-3 weeks. Then send them off to Mary Ellen Olszewski in Kewaunee, WI and have a rosary made. Call 920-388-2086 for her address to send the treasured roses to and make arrangements. You can have a gold or silver crucifix and wire connections. Red roses will produce a purple to burgundy colored bead. If you send white roses, you can specify what color you would want the rosary dyed to.

A Schoenstatt young woman is looking for a **nanny job in the USA**. She is 21 years old, from Freiburg, Germany, and could come for one year. Call Sr Jessica for details: 612-618-9334.

Schoenstatt Pilgrimages in 2014

Pray, Discern, Save, and Make Plans to Attend: Four 2014 CENTENNIAL PILGRIMAGES to EUROPE:

A Spanish Pilgrimage leaves from *September 5-19, 2014*. The actual Centennial Day Pilgrimage is for all language groups from *October 15-29, 2014*.

Sister M Deanne will be leading the USA Schoenstatt Girls Youth Pilgrimage from July 6-21, 2014. Some 18 girls are working hard for this once in a lifetime event to happen. We are looking for **Spiritual Sponsors**.

This is via prayers and/or monetary contributions and support. If the Holy Spirit is nudging you, please email Becky Hall at blhall@usfamily.net or call 651-681-9010 for a no pressure listing of girls and ways you can help. It's the only way we can make this happen. Either your one-time or monthly contribution will help tip the scales and let the young women fly to Original Schoenstatt and Rome! They will pray for you at all the holy places.

From June 16-30, 2014 Sister M Jessica will guide the USA English Pilgrimage to Original Schoenstatt, through Germany and Switzerland to Rome. We're looking at \$280 per month to make this happen. **Our MTA is awaiting you.** Call Sister Jessica 612-618-9334 for info.

Wish List / Needed Items at Schoenstatt

Alicia Hernandez is Minnesota Coordinator for the Pilgrim MTA Rosary Campaign. If you could just give her a call or email or drop a line with how it is going with your traveling shrine: 608-345-7797 or ahernandez4113@yahoo.com at 2921 Randolph St NE Apt 203, Minneapolis, MN 55418

**** Please collect all your Garage Sale Items already NOW ****
Our first Garage Sale grew into a Barn Sale and was very successful because of the many donated items. Can we count on you again?

Helpers are needed for the 2nd **Annual BARN SALE** before, during, and after August 8-10, 2013, at Dave & Jenny Baker's Farm: 651-278-6633 or email jenny.baker.mn@gmail.com. And don't forget to mark your calendars noting a **Schoenstatt Family BBQ & Barn Dance** with live music from the Becker Family Band from Grey Eagle, MN, on Saturday evening, August 10th after the Barn Sale is cleared.

THANK YOU for your monthly generous support of our Schoenstatt Movement and Retreat Center. All the Schoenstatt Sisters wish you and your loved ones a most **blessed and joyous EASTER!** May the Miracle of Jesus' Resurrection fill your hearts with light, courage, and love! From the Jubilee Family Shrine Year of Faith Pilgrimage Site we remember you and your intentions gratefully.