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SHRINE SOUNDINGS Jubilee Family Shrine & Retreat Center

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The International Schoenstatt Family gives heartfelt thanks to the Society of the Pallottines for the gift of the Original Shrine and Pilgrims' Place in Vallendar, Germany. This is a priceless gift for the Centennial of Schoenstatt. The news was received May 22, 2013. Here is the place of origin for the Schoenstatt spirituality, "holy ground" for all who come in contact with the graces from Our Mother Thrice Admirable, Queen, and Victress of Schoenstatt.



For everything, yes for everything, let me give heartfelt thanks, clinging to you, Mother, with tender love. What would have become of us without you and without your motherly care!

Because you delivered us from great need and bound us to yourself in faithful love, I will give you thanks, be grateful forevermore and dedicate myself to you with undivided love. Amen. J.K.

This Schoenstatt Shrine is where Schoenstatt was founded on October 18, 1914, when Mary was invited to "come to dwell" and make the original chapel a place of grace and pilgrimage by Father Joseph Kentenich and the sodality. In contrast to other Marian Shrines such as Guadalupe, Lourdes, or Fatima, no apparitions or other extraordinary phenomena were involved. It was an act of discernment based on the same sources available to all Christians. A divine initiative with human cooperation. Consistent with this spirit of "everyday sanctity" is the kind of "miracles" for which Schoenstatt is noted: not so much physical miracles as "moral miracles," that is, miracles of feeling at home, of inner transformation, and of being given the zeal to proclaim the Gospel and live the faith. Beginning in 1943, "daughter shrines" were established, exact replicas. An estimated 4 million pilgrims visit the over 210 shrines worldwide annually. The shrine network is one of the three contact points (along with the Head/Founder and Heart/MTA) one needs to fully grasp and grow into the covenant of love, the hallmark of the Schoenstatt Work. (*200 Questions of Schoenstatt*, Fr. Jonathan Niehaus, see page 10) **We rejoice and pray for the intentions of the Pallottine Fathers around the world.**

Featured Schoenstatters: Schoenstatt Girls Group, Rochester, MN



Front: Maggie Pass, Margaret Winkels, Helen McGuire.
Standing: Kristin Burke, Jillissa Taubel, Carrie Befort, and Elizabeth Burke.

Schoenstatt Girls' Youth SCAM Plan

Hello, we are "The Flaming Hearts of the Heroic Victress" from Rochester, MN. There are nine of us in this Girls' Group. Our names are: Elizabeth Burke, Kristin Burke, Jillissa Taubel, Maggie Pass, Helen McGuire, Margaret Winkels, Carrie Befort, Mary Carlson, and Rachel Carlson. We have been working throughout the year, to use the SCAM plan to scam the devil, fill the Capitol of Grace, and explain to others what Schoenstatt is all about. There are four points to SCAM. They are Self-education, Community, Apostolic, and Marian.

In **Self-education**, our group has been reading a random chapter of the Bible, or a section of the Gospels, every day. This allows us to get away from media for a little bit, and instead, grow in faith. During Lent, we decided that we should give up some media as a sacrifice for the Capital of Grace. So we decided that all through Lent, we would not listen to the radio, but in its place, read from the *Catechism*.

In **Community**, all members of our group, went to our room shrines at 9:01 p.m. every night and met spiritually. We would take a few moments in front of the Blessed Mother, to pray the Consecration prayer, the Prayer of Confidence, and a Hail Mary. Through this community group prayer, we would pray for each other to fulfill our mission as Schoenstatt Youth.

For **Apostolic**, our group has promised to go to Mass without complaining and encourage others to do the same. Also, we worked on handing out "You Are Not Alone" cards. We would set goals such as trying to hand out two cards before the next group meeting. If one did not succeed in reaching the goal, they would try harder next time. Some girls in our group came up with a very creative idea of putting the cards in envelopes and buying clear plastic bags to put the envelopes in. They punched holes in the bags and hung them on the flags of peoples' mail boxes. This way lots of people could receive them, maybe even someone who really needs a "Not Alone" Card.

Cont'd: For **Marian**, we pray the Divine Providence prayer for certain people. The people or person for whom we pray, changes at each group meeting. Sometimes we are praying for the president and his family, sometimes we are praying for other political leaders, and sometimes we pray that the political leaders make the right choices. We always keep all of these things in mind each time, though.

Along with our SCAM plan, one of the members of our group, **Jillissa Taubel**, has been writing a play for the **2014 celebration** here in Minnesota. This play will tell about the past history of Schoenstatt. It is being written so that the Schoenstatt Youth who are not able to go on the pilgrimage in 2014 can still contribute something to the celebration. It will be a fun way to learn about the history of Schoenstatt.

These are the kinds of projects the Schoenstatt Girls' Youth have been working on. We have been striving to make Schoenstatt spread. We will continue to strive and be Jubilee Spirits on fire for 2014. Mother, with your Blessed Son, bless us each and every one!

By: Kristin Burke

Girls' Summer Camp In Full Swing



80 came to Day Camp July 12; Week 4 began with 61 girls. There are openings for the father/son camp Aug 2-4 at the shrine. Please contact Fr. Mark at fr.mjniehaus@gmail.com

Year of Faith Parish Pilgrimages



Don't miss our Jubilee Family Shrine as a Pilgrimage Site for the Year of Faith. Sacred Heart Parishioners from Waseca came Sunday, June 23, 2013. Fr. Marti offered 3 pm Mass, the Sisters gave a program and supper. Organize a date and bring your parish before Christ the King Sunday, November 24.

International Home Shrine Congress

On a beautiful weekend in June, twenty-five Minnesotans travelled to Waukesha, Wisconsin, to participate in the Home Shrine Congress. Dave, Dad, and I arrived on Thursday, June 27th in time for the opening remarks and Mass. We joined nearly 500 others from all around the world! Probably half of the participants spoke Spanish, so interpreter and headsets accommodated their needs. Up on the stage/altar was the Yank family home shrine, one of the first home shrines in existence, which Father Kentenich had blessed! The weather was perfect for most of the weekend, and very fortunate since we were outside under a big tent for the Masses and speakers, and the meals were a 100 yards away at the Center.

On Friday and Saturday, some of the original Schoenstatt family members shared their memories of Father Kentenich, their home shrines, and the powerful transformations that took place in their families through the home shrine. We learned how God developed the idea of the home shrine through the years, beginning with the original shine, then the daughter shrines, leading to a prayer corner in homes with the picture of our MTA and a crucifix. In 1950, Father Kentenich was talking about the family becoming a 'living shrine.' On November 18, 1963, he proclaimed: "Everything which holds true for the Original Shrine and for the daughter shrines also holds true for the home shrines."

Our Minnesota Schoenstatt members played a role in the Congress too. Steve and Angela Carlson, from Plainview, gave a very moving talk about how the MTA, working in their home shrine, transformed them! They shared the beautiful traditions and the songs associated with each of their family member's symbols. Mark and Chris Rockers arrived in Wisconsin early in the week to help prepare for the Congress. Matthew directed cars and was shuffling us back and forth, while Mariana helped with the smaller children, serving snacks, etc. Paula Dudgeon helped Sr Monika in the kitchen. Chris Gawarecki took photos of the Congress, and his wife, Julie offers beautiful Lap Books of the Home shrine for a minimal donation considering all the work involved. They were bought up quickly! Another artistic family brought painted bricks for the garden with images of the Jubilee Family Shrine, Fr. Kentenich and Sr. Emilie, which were offered for a small donation. The Minnesota people also helped to serve meals and snacks during one of the days.

On Sunday, we gathered at the Exile Shrine in Milwaukee for the send-off and gift. We thank God for the opportunity to be at the Home Shrine Congress and the graces to appreciate our own home shrine. Our hearts were set on fire to renew our devotion and offer our strivings to our dear Blessed Mother! We soon had the opportunity on our way home from the Congress. Our car hit a deer just north of Zumbrota at 65 mph. The car and the deer were totaled, but dad, Dave and I miraculously escaped with no injuries at all. Praised be God! What a gift for our families the home shrine is! Let us all resolve to increase our striving and keep up our part of the Covenant so our Blessed Mother CAN work those miracles of grace our families and world so desperately need!

By Jenny Baker

See Photos by July 23rd at website:www.SchoenstattMN.com

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, MN

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.

Heart Shrine Dedications



At the Advent Retreat Dec 1, 2012, the *Familia Ter Admirabilis* group offered their heart shrines: Ignacio Munar, Alice & Drony Castillo, Alicia Hernandez, Concordia Munar, Paquita Hernandez & Carmelita Jimenez. Connie Laqui dedicated her heart shrine on July 2, 2013. Linda Castillo at Albuquerque, NM, also in the group, prepares to schedule her dedication.



At the Holy Saturday Retreat March 30, 2013, more Filipino members received the heart shrine medal: Manny & Evelyn Zuniga, Wellie Juan, Milagros Reyes, Jessie & Jun Cruz. Three couples & a lady plan to make theirs at their next shrine visit.

Diocesan Distinguished Service Award



Mary Lou Mathiowetz received the Diocese of New Ulm's highest award from Bishop John LeVoir on March 11, 2013. Standing with her son, Dean, Mary Lou and her late husband, Richard, are generous benefactors for our shrine, driveway, and retreat center. We are all proud of you!

Faribault Youth Pilgrimage



William Kratt and Anna Marquard, along with two dozen youth came to visit the shrine on March 19 with Justin Stroh. *St Joseph, protect our youth!*

Mother Daughter Highlight Weekend



Easter Joy rang out as mothers and daughters were together.



Jane Ann Becicka and Cecilia and Roslyn drove from Charles City, Iowa.

Amy Ramsay brought her daughter Gianna from La Crosse, WI, with Elizabeth Garibaldi (and daughter Sarah) from Holmen, WI.



Movement Sisters in USA



Sister Jessica took this photo of fellow movement sisters who work in the USA, at the occasion of visiting the home shrine of Andrew & Ana Horn in Wauwatosa, WI, at the end of April. These sisters have annual meeting days and are preparing for the historic Golden Home Shrine Jubilee, receiving the Father Eye symbol, and opening of the Centennial Year this fall.

1st May Monday Mothers Conference



Some 40 mothers attended talks by Fr Kasel and Sr Jessica & were pampered with Lorie Spear's artistic and culinary skills.

Family Covenant in the Shrine

On July 7th the Stephen & Jenna Miller family sealed their covenant of love in the shrine with Fr Mark Steffl officiating.



They had prepared with the DVD Series and made their home shrine dedication the same day. Their children are: Hannah, Willow, Vera, Leonidas, Jasper, and Gloria.

Home Shrine Album Pages to Date!



From Des Moines, IA, with Father Guthrie Dolan on May 29th Jane & Jim L'Éstrange dedicated theirs as **Queen of Angels**.



Dolores & Richard Young from Norwalk, IA, dedicated their home shrine: **Mystical Rose** via Fr Dolan's "satellite blessing."



Deb Caldbeck invited family to come: **Our Lady of Good Help**



Deacon Chuck at Barb Bernard's: **Mary, Mother of a Peaceful Home**



On May 30, 2013, Msgr Beeson blessed Joan & Martin Harkin home at Cumming, IA: **Our Lady of Peace and Love**. Next was



the home shrine for Joan's sister, Marlene & John Kean, as: **Our Lady of Light and Peace**.

On June 1, Fr Mark Niehaus blessed Dan & Jenny Gifford's home: **Holy Family of Nazareth** Lino Lakes, MN.



Grandparents joined Arianna & Baby Francis for the Mass and lunch.



On July 7 Fr Mark Steffl dedicated Jenna & Stephen Miller's home shrine for Browerville, MN: **Consider the Lilies**. They stitched a runner of their seven living home shrine symbols.

WISH LIST PAGE: Schoenstatt Lap Book



Julie Gawarecki thought it would be good to *have a Lap Book to explain Schoenstatt*. Then she designed and perfected one! The 1st 25 books went quickly at the Home Shrine Congress. After Sept 1st see our website for a digital copy.

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If you didn't get a chance to send a **card to Father Dieter** he would like to hear about your summer. He resides with four retired Schoenstatt Fathers, is doing well with daily Mass and responding.

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. A heartfelt thank you to all our **Spiritual Sponsors** for the girls!

From June 16-30, 2014 Sister M Jessica will guide the USA English Pilgrimage to Original Schoenstatt, through Germany and Switzerland to Rome. We have 30 registered pilgrims and recently opened space for 20 more. **Our MTA is awaiting you.** Call Sister Jessica at 612-618-9334 for more information on these incredible Centennial Pilgrimages.



Little News Items

First off I want to **thank for each and every donation** of any kind that you all so generously give to our Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary and shrine and center! We could never make it work for our MTA's mission without your help. *God Reward You!*

It was **65 years ago that Father Kentenich came to visit the USA**. Take a minute to read Fr Jonathan's *Visit to America* in gratitude for all Schoenstatt has given to America! The Founder Shrine in Madison, WI, celebrated its 60th jubilee on June 20. The American Saint is formed in our 1st of 10 shrines.

A group of 12 University Men will travel with Fr Jesus Ferras from Texas to the **World Youth Day** in Rio de Janeiro. They host one of the Adoration Tents for the vigil *Night Under the Stars* before Pope Francis' closing Mass on July 28th!

Why not make an effort to buy a **Schoenstatt gift** for your next occasion? MTA pictures, unity crosses, medals, books, cards, jewelry, Mass stipends, rosaries, t-shirts and more are available! Call Katie Rockers at 507-794-7727. If you need any signage or **home shrine titles** printed on various mediums, just email Mark Rockers with your ideas: mcrocks@bevcomm.net. For **painting** on any surface or any fabric or moldable ideas you have, give Linda and Dan Haugan a call at: 651-258-4701 or berrycool8@hotmail.com. I am always amazed at their newest creations!

In a decree issued June 19 the Congregation of Divine Worship announced that **St Joseph's name** will be added to the Eucharist Prayer II, III, IV in the Roman Missal. There is a new *Encyclopedia of US Catholic History* by Matthew Bunson, March 25, 2013, endorsed by Cardinal Timothy Dolan. Rejoice in this Year of Faith and be Courageous with Jesus!

The first **Daddy Boot Camp** was held June 8 in New Ulm. Pro-life directors inspire and equip men to become confidently engaged with their infants, support their mates, and personally navigate their transformation into Dads. Give the fall Boot Camp as a gift to the Daddies-to-be who you know.

As we continue to pray for the **new Bishop** in the Diocese of St Cloud, April 8th was the announcement of Archbishop-elect Michael Jackels from Wichita, KS, to the Diocese of Dubuque. In the Diocese of Fargo Msgr John Folda, rector at the seminary in Seward, NE, was installed on June 19. One of our bishop in Freiburg, Germany, this September 8th.

We'd love to see you all at the 2nd **Annual BARN SALE (helpers welcome** before, during, and after) August 8-10, 2013, at Dave & Jenny Baker's Farm: 651-278-6633 or email jenny.baker.mn@gmail.com. Check **craigs list** for humorous Barn Sale Ads by Mary Reak. **Barn Dance** with *live music from the Becker Family Band from Grey Eagle, MN*, begins at 7 pm Saturday, August 10 after the Barn Sale is cleared. *Y'all come!*

Live our goal to become saints this summer, Sister M Jessica