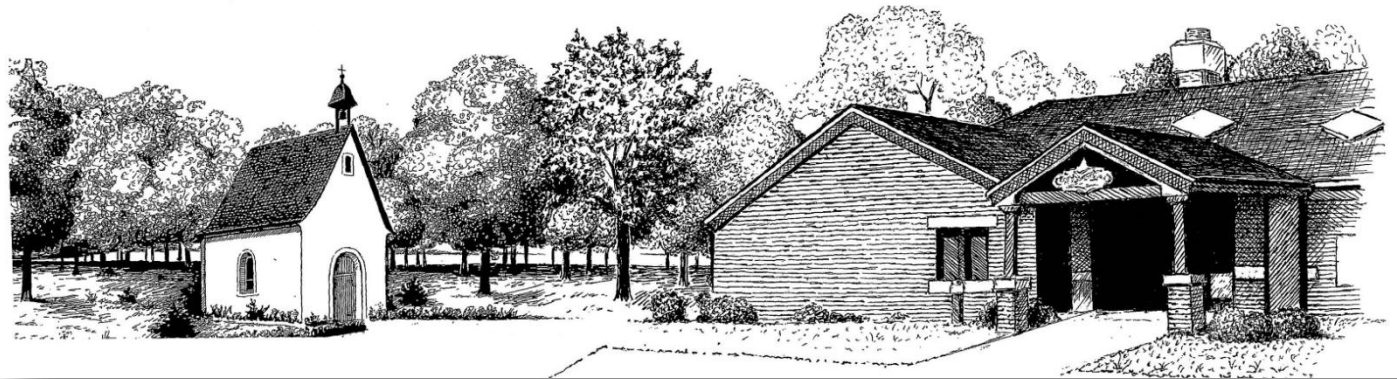


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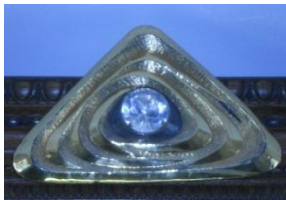
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**FATHER
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SYMBOL**

This October we expect “a precious visit” by Father Joseph Kentenich in the symbol of the Father Eye to our Midwest families and groups. We are slated for October 3 to 21, 2013. This symbol represents the essence of fatherhood and is designed for the Original Shrine on its Centennial Feast of October 18, 2014. In hope that more families (with their relatives and friends), will partake of the grace to pray with this father eye symbol, we are offering not only the traditional 3rd Sunday in October but the **Three first Sundays in October to come to a Founding Day Celebration in your area!** See page 5 for more details. “The great, infinite God loves me as a father loves his children. Childlike love is warm and strong; it enables a person to do great things.”

-Fr. Joseph from *God, My Father* book

With our Mother Thrice Admirable, Queen, and Victress of Schoenstatt we are approaching the **50th Anniversary of the HOME SHRINE.** This was



proclaimed by our founder, Father Joseph Kentenich, at the Movement House in Milwaukee, WI, on November 18, 1963. Father Kentenich had waited and observed, prayed and pondered since October of 1962 when the idea of creating a mini-shrine right on the living room wall of their home had been suggested by some of the mothers of the couples who had been meeting with Father (every Monday evening) since the mid-1950s. He proclaimed: “Everything that applies to the Original Shrine and daughter shrines holds true also for the home shrines... What is promised in regard

to the home shrine, to every home shrine? What is requested? The six promises and the six requests of the Founding Document.” Fr. Kentenich was convinced that the MTA would like to accomplish the same for the family from their home shrine as from the Original Shrine and the over 210 daughter shrines worldwide. We want to live the covenant of love and bring daily contributions to Our Lady's treasury of grace. Our past year's motto impelled us: *Your Home Shrine – Our Mission, Live It!*

And last, but not least, we open the **SCHOENSTATT CENTENNIAL YEAR** during our Founding Sundays. We rejoice, remember, and give thanks for all that God has given our world since October 18, 1914, in the Covenant of Love with our MTA.



Featured Schoenstatters: Candidates for the Schoenstatt Sisters



Maria Victoria Hernandez, Bridgette Kisrow, Marian Sousa, a friend, and Josie Koenig volunteered 100% for the Home Shrine Congress last June in Waukesha, WI.

The Call to Consecrated Life On September 1st Bridgette Kisrow from Coon Rapids and Josie Koenig from Balaton will begin their vocation discernment as Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary in Waukesha, WI. We are very proud of them! Please keep them in your prayers.

“Behind and before every vocation to the priesthood or to the consecrated life there is always the strong and intense prayer of someone: a grandmother, a mother, a father, a community... This is why Jesus said: “Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest,” that is, God the Father, “to send out laborers into his harvest” (Mt 9:38). Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer; and only through prayer can they persevere and bear fruit. I am pleased to stress this ... Let us invoke the intercession of Mary who is the Woman of the “Yes.” Mary said “yes” throughout her life! She learned to recognize Jesus’ voice from the time when she carried him in her womb. May Mary, our Mother, help us to know Jesus’ voice better and better and to follow it, so as to walk on the path of life!” *Pope Francis, April 21, 2013*

Vocation Prayer

God, our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that you inspire young people whom you call to priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will.

Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Remembering Schoenstatt Heroes

This October 11th begins the Golden Jubilee Year for our National Shrine in Waukesha, WI. This was the wish of our founder to have our own place (with shrine and center) where intentions could be placed on the shrine altar, children could run freely, weekends and formation could be given, and people would have a home to call their own for a spiritual retreat. **We want to honor all our deceased Schoenstatt heroes from the past 50 years who have given so much for our MTA’s great mission.** Please email or call Sister Jessica (612-618-9334 srjessica@schrsmary.org) with the names of your deceased loved ones who cherished our MTA and gave of their time, talents, and treasures. All the names will be placed in a box and buried by the Joseph Engling Stone. It will be a token of gratitude for all they have put into the capital of grace and it will be a call to us to become the heroes of the next 50 years.

Jot down the names of Midwest Schoenstatt Heroes:

Farewell and Welcomes



Sister Rita-Marie Sister Ellen Marie Sister Maria Iris

After faithfully serving at Schoenstatt on the Lake for nine years, Sister Rita-Marie will be transferred to the provincial house in Waukesha, WI. Her serving and directing will be missed by young and old alike! We wish you all the very best at your new mission, Sr Rita-Marie.

Sister Ellen Marie looks forward to serving families from around the Midwest. She comes with years of experience from directing Schoenstatt Heights at Madison, WI.

Sister Maria Iris hails from Puerto Rico and was transferred from Miami, FL, where the newest U.S. shrine was dedicated in 2010. Sister will be having adoration in the Jubilee Family Shrine from 2-3:00 pm.

August Home Shrine Dedications



Machaela and Lorie Spear from Waseca, MN, represented their family on August 7. Father Gregory Leif came after the 8:30 am parish Mass to dedicate their home: **Our Lady's Gift of Simple Joy**. Then the Schoenstatt Mothers Group, called Threads of a Tapestry, moved to another member's home.



Ending out the month was the home shrine in Blue Earth at the **David and Angie Frundt** home on August 31. Father Tom Niehaus dedicated it as **Queen of Purity**. Jack, Nick, and Joe each shared and explained their symbols in the family prayer.



Jack and Joan Johnson invited Our MTA to receive her new home shrine title as: **Mary, Queen of the Cross**. Each room and area was blessed as Mary and Jesus were carried in procession before settling in their new abode.

Four Heart Shrine Dedications



Amado & Belen Arcilla with Irma & Sosing Umali from the Minneapolis area sealed their Heart Shrine Dedication on August 17 in the shrine.



Michael and Kristal McNamara dedicated their home shrine in Northfield with her brother, Father Dan Haugan, Sunday, August 11. **Our Mother, Comfort of Poor Souls** is part of a living shrine with each one choosing made-for-me-symbols.

Monthly Group Meetings Offer

In preparation for the great Schoenstatt Centennial the adult couples and mothers groups are offered a fully prepared Schoenstatt Covenant of Love DVD series w/manuals. Since we want to make or to renew our covenant with the MTA at the Jubilee Family Shrine on October 18, 2014, this is seen as a very do-able preparation which will also bring lay leadership forth. And Sister Jessica will be able to begin new groups and better assist where needed. There are 7 meetings preceded by a Schoenstatt introduction, each being 20-25 minutes; then three discussion questions are shown and a five-minute wrap up completes the meeting. On the ninth meeting we can meet at the source of Schoenstatt's Centennial – the *shrine* – and seal the *covenant of love* together as worldwide Schoenstatt Family. This may draw some of us out of our comfort zone, but what a gift to our founder at this special occasion. Give it some thought, open your heart in readiness to invite new relatives and friends in this Year of Mission...

Fatherhood in Father Eye Symbol

This October, exactly 65 years later, Schoenstatt's founder, Father Joseph Kentenich will once again visit the Midwest. How is this possible? We like to think of it this way: Schoenstatt members want to welcome our father and founder into their home shrines, into their group meetings, into their parish functions, into their striving for holiness, into their hearts and lifestyles in the Symbol of the Father Eye. This precious sign, which is designed for the Original Shrine on October 18, 2014, will be the crowning touch at the grand event of the 100th Birthday Celebration of the Covenant of Love with the MTA at Schoenstatt's Founding in Germany.

And we here around the Jubilee Family Shrine, are privileged to experience this historic event at the celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the Home Shrine, as well as the Opening Festivities of the Schoenstatt Centennial! Father Kentenich liked that phrase: The dumbest farmers grow the biggest potatoes.

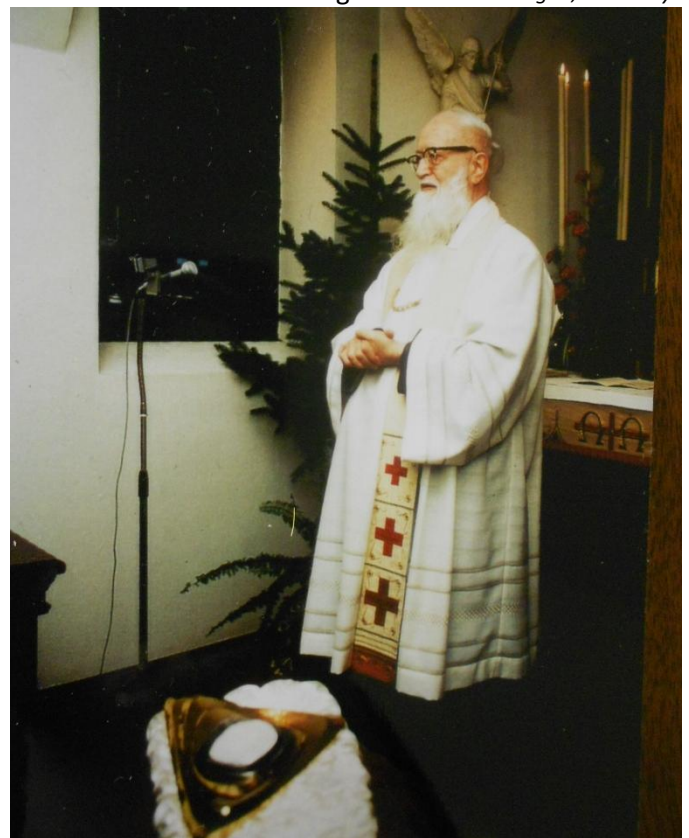
The Father Eye Symbol was a gift which Father Kentenich received in person; then so characteristic of him, he gave it on and entrusted this "international" Father Eye Symbol destined for the Original Shrine to the Schoenstatt Leaders of the Diocese of Trier. Father asked them to take care that one day it could be placed above the "original" MTA picture. The first world tour began during the 1968 October Week beginning in Argentina, coming to the USA in Spring of 1969.

In anticipation of the Schoenstatt Centennial, once again the idea was born to allow the father eye symbol to travel throughout the world, drawing hearts "Homeward to the Father goes our way..." This is also a perfect opportunity to renew our prayers and sacrifices for the beatification process of Father Kentenich to advance from the Trier home diocese to Rome. We also want to include the many intentions we carry in our hearts during this Year of Faith within the widest Catholic circles and our Year of Mission for our Schoenstatt circles.

Let this father eye symbol speak to you. It is a symbol for the reality that our founder was chosen and educated by the Blessed Mother to be a genuine transparency of God, the Eternal Father, for our time. It is a symbol for the reality that all who meet our father and founder in the shrine network in faith and confidence, will also become aware of his spiritual presence and blessed activity among his spiritual children. Father Kentenich is a friend, guide, and counselor for you and for each and every one of your intentions and worries, needs and successes...

Meditate on this passage and make plans to attend one of our three October Founding Sundays near you.

"We need only recall that these days people flee from God in a strange way. We have already dared to say that human society is a society of deicides (Friedrich Nietzsche: God is dead. God remains dead. And we have killed him.) And what about God? He increasingly withdraws, he can no longer be understood because he allows so much cross and suffering to come upon us. That is why we are longing to re-establish our picture of God within ourselves, in particular the picture of God as the Father... You feel how much we need not just a picture of God that we can hold onto firmly, not just a picture of a justly loving God the Father, but a picture of the merciful Father... Unless we keep before our mind's eye the picture of God the Father as the merciful father, and unless our picture of the child also changes, for example, to the picture of the weak, helpless child of the Father, we will all begin to flee from God as time goes on, because we will no longer be able to cope with life. So, not only the Father wills our covenant of love with the Mother of God to flow into a covenant of love with the Father. We too long for this." *JK Cologne, Germany*



Prayer: Mother, lead us to the Father! Show yourself three times admirable. Mother, lead us to the Heavenly Father. Lead us in the many transparencies of the Eternal Father. Allow us to experience tangibly the fatherly love and care, mercy and forgiveness of God the Father, manifest in his only begotten Son. Allow us to penetrate life as a child looks to its father. Pray in our hearts, minds, and wills: God is Father, God is good. Everything he does is good! Amen.

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, 1914; and commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the HOME SHRINE; we are also 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!

Opening Sunday, October 6, 2013 at St Michael in 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, North Minneapolis

Father Thomas Dufner offers Parish Mass at 11:00 am with Rosary and Benediction, lunch, powerpoint and youth panel.

October 20, 2013 at the Shrine in Sleepy Eye

Bishop John LeVoir will be joining us between 10 am to 4:00 pm with program, 11:00 Mass, lunch, talk, and benediction.

2nd Barn Sale SUCCESS

We can't wait any longer to share the terrific news of the 2nd Barn Sale! **With deep gratitude for each and everyone who made this annual fund raiser such a success**, we were able to top last year – in items donated as well as in donations received. The grand total is over \$4800. May God and our Mother Thrice Admirable reward each one of you as only they can!



Dave & Jenny Baker display some of Mark Rocker's signs with Jenny's Dad, **Rodger Wolfram**, at their farm.



Keith Hockert, offering items to a faithful supporter who brought and bought, came all four days to help sell.



Carmelita Jimenez joined **Mary Reak**, who crafted Craigs List & models an item, with **Carmelita Enriquez**. Dan and Linda Haugan, with Bryan Voight who donates the doors and saw horses, helped make this all possible!



The **Saturday Night Addition** of hot dogs, potluck and dancing by the **Slew Foot Family Band** from Grey Eagle proved to be keepers. *Reserve August 7 to 9, 2014.*

50th Anniversary of Land Purchase



On August 23, 1963, Father Kentenich made the decision to purchase the initial land at Waukesha, WI. What daring and foresight our prophetic father possessed. Hopefully the building of the movement hall will begin this fall as our USA Centennial Gift at our International Schoenstatt Center for our MTA.

Fall Shrine Retreats

The ever popular Women's Retreat will be November 15-17th with Father Randal Kasel \$80; sign-up list grows.

The Schoenstatt Girls Youth Weekends are October 25-27th and December 6-8th \$60.

The Father/Son Weekend is November 1-3rd \$60.

Reserve January 5, 2014 for great Epiphany Party from 1-4:00 pm, where the whole family celebrates Jesus!

Schoenstatt Pilgrimages in 2014

Call Sr Jessica 612-618-9334 srjessica@schsrmary.org
There is still room on our four Centennial Pilgrimages to Germany and Rome in 2014. Sister Jessica leads off from June 16-30th English; Sister Deanne leaves July 6-21st with Girls Youth and their Spiritual Sponsors; Sister Veronica departs September 5-19th Spanish; and we are really looking for pilgrims called to be at the Original Shrine for the Centennial Day – Sister Marie goes October 15-29th for the international encounter.

United in this Year of Faith, Sister M Jessica