

WHAT AN OCTOBER!

Founding Sundays in Pine Island, speakers at Epiphany in Coon Rapids, Bishop John LeVoir & Family



SHRINE SOUNDINGS Jubilee Family Shrine & Retreat Center

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The symbol of the Father Eye designed for the Original Shrine was brought to our Midwest families and groups for 18 days! From my viewpoint there was no stone left unturned. All strata's of our American Life were represented. All for one and one for all! God's timing is perfect.

Our founder takes each of us into his mission; he wants to form us as leaders for our parishes and neighborhoods. Keys, wedding rings, canes, clothes, books, medals, hands and more were placed on the symbol which blessed family members, homes, cars, offices, schools...



Record numbers came for our three founding Sundays, which began in a country setting hosted by Fr Randal Kasel at St Michael's on October 6th. Folks from Iowa and Wisconsin joined at this eastern destination. A PowerPoint on God the Father began after Mass; the Bakers and Haugans provided lunch; Kirstin and Elizabeth Burke spoke on their room shrines and evangelizing with *You Are Not Alone* cards; Steve &

Angela Carlson gave their home shrine journey; Dave Baker on the saxophone with the Girls Youth led a Centennial Sing-Along as all waved flags and chose a father eye symbol painted rock from Lake Superior that were table centerpieces. Children received pretty 2014 logo tattoos and colored the placemats or sketched the photo posters which ringed 'round the hall. Centennial labels graced water bottles joined with take-home shrine cookies and a blessed father eye plaque for your home shrine. October 7th was spent in the St Cloud area; three new home shrines and two blank checks were blessed in mtgs.

Marian Sunday in the Year of Faith



found us at Minnesota's largest parish of 5,000 families in Coon Rapids. Father Thomas Dufner of Epiphany wants to couple more events with Schoenstatt. He led the rosary after the 11 am Mass; then more than 700 processed to the Fatima Statue for benediction and consecration. A waffle feed prepared hearts for the

sharing of four youth on the impact our MTA has from their tilma/room shrines on striving for nobility. What a witness for sibling and parishioner.

Our third week brought more shrine cookie baking and the annual visit of Bishop LeVoir to the sisters and shrine to offer Mass, enjoy dinner, and lead the rosary on the third Monday. Fran Martin flew from Michigan; Sister Jessica drove the



Father Eye Symbol to Iowa; the Lake Elmo Couples found their group name; and petitions were answered.

At the Minnesota Shrine on October 20th Bishop John LeVoir celebrated with us from 10 am to 4 pm, offering Holy Mass at 11 am. Over 175 renewed the covenant of love and gave the MTA their hearts for her 99th Birthday. Our Bishop blessed the travels of the Father Eye to Crete, NE, accompanied by Gloria Wolf with Mona & Elaine. We will never forget you, Father. Remain with us and help us to go courageously into our next Schoenstatt century.



Pope Francis Highlights Schoenstatt

As the Father Eye Symbol was at the Jubilee Family Shrine on Friday, October 18, 2013, EWTN covered the opening of the Centennial Year at the Original Shrine. Cardinal Stanislaw Rylko as the Ambassador of the Holy Father came to open the Door of the Shrine for this grace-filled year. Pope Francis has gifted Schoenstatt with a Plenary Indulgence when visiting any of our shrines throughout the world! Here is his text:

APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY DECREE

The Most Holy Father, Francis, to the Most Reverend Henry Walter, Moderator General of the Institute of Schoenstatt Fathers and President of the General Presidium of the International Schoenstatt Work, having learned of the Jubilee celebrations commemorating the hundredth anniversary of the day when the Servant of God Joseph Kentenich – at that time priest of the Society of the Catholic Apostolate – who, always solicitous for the renewal of religious life, founded in Schoenstatt, near the village of Vallendar, the aforementioned Work. This occurred through an act of consecration, a covenant of love with Mary under the title of Three Times Admirable Mother, Queen and Victress.

Desiring to bestow upon the faithful the divine gift of grace and moved by his loving concern for the universal Church and special affection for the members of the International Schoenstatt Work, the Most Holy Father hereby graciously extends a *Plenary Indulgence* under the usual conditions (i.e., sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion, and prayers for the intention of the Holy Father), to all members of the Schoenstatt Work and to other members of the Christian faithful who are celebrating the jubilee, when they are truly sorry for their sins and who unite their hearts to the spiritual goals of the Year of Faith. This plenary Indulgence can be obtained from the 18th of October (2013) until the 26th of October of 2014 if the aforementioned have participated in any of the celebrations of the Jubilee Year or have performed some other pious devotion or at least taken a

pause from daily activities to meditate, concluding with the Lord's Prayer, the Profession of Faith, and invocations of the Three Times Admirable Mother, Queen and Victress. These actions can be performed on any given day in Schoenstatt, on certain feast days to be determined in the city of Rome and in all the Schoenstatt shrines throughout the world.

Those members of the Schoenstatt Work who are impeded from participating in these celebrations due to poor health or some other serious cause can also obtain a Plenary Indulgence wherever they happen to be, presuming they are free of attachment to sin and have the intention of fulfilling the customary three conditions as soon as they are able, if indeed they will have united themselves spiritually to the sacred rites and offered their prayers, sufferings, and whatever inconveniences they face to the mercy of God through Mary.

Therefore, in order to facilitate access to divine mercy through the keys entrusted to the Church, and for the sake of pastoral charity, this Penitentiary ardently exhorts the Fathers and Priests of Schoenstatt to generously make themselves available for the Sacrament of Penance and to administer Holy Communion to the sick often.

All of the above will remain in force throughout the Jubilee Year, notwithstanding anything to the contrary.

Given in Rome, from the seat of the Apostolic Penitentiary, on the 2nd of October in the Year 2013.

Plan Visit to Jubilee Family Shrine/Center

With this warm and personal decree from our Holy Father, we sisters at Schoenstatt on the Lake wish to extend an open and sincere invitation to come and visit the Schoenstatt Shrine on the shores of Lake Sleepy Eye. Also in this Christmas envelope you will find the schedule of monthly events throughout 2014. Mark on your family calendar which events you can join us for. Our Retreat Center is here for you.

For those in monthly groups which meet October through May, our motto for this year of striving is the same around the world: **Your Covenant, Our Mission!**

May our MTA allow this Centennial Year of the covenant of love in the birth place of the shrine to be a milestone year for you! Think of which gift the Blessed Mother and her Son are waiting to receive from you. Then go ahead and dare to get it for them. Do Not Be Afraid – they are willing to help you in every aspect!

As we gather at the crib this Christmas Season, we thank you for all your terrific support since 1976. We are here today because of your generosity and visits to the shrine (be this spiritual or physical). May you and your loved ones be filled with divine peace and love, *Sister M Deanne, Sister M Ellen, Sister Maria Iris, Sister M Candace, Sister M Jessica, and Sister Ellen Marie*