



Schoenstatt Family News

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Child, do not forget the Father's mercy!



On Sunday, October 11, Sister Marie Day gave a talk that announced and unfolded thoughts about the new motto for this year. During her talk, she used several quotes from Father Kentenich and Pope Francis that relate to the new motto and the year of mercy. We share some of those quotes in this newsletter.

Child

From Fr .Kentenich in "God My Father" on page 41:
"Ecce ancilla Domini! Fiat...I am the servant of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say. (Lk1:38). These words convey the infinitely simple, childlike self-surrender of her nature to the Eternal God's will. Perfect humility, perfect simplicity. Childlikeness, most heroic childlikeness."

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior. For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness; behold from now on will all ages call me blessed. The Almighty One has done great things for me..."(Luke 1: 47 - 49)

"Mary experiences her smallness because she knows she has been created. Before the uncreated, infinite God she experiences herself as a lowly handmaid in a most tender and deep way."

"Our Lady is the model of genuine childlikeness. She learned it from the only-begotten Son of God."

do not forget

From Pope Francis in "The Face of Mercy":
"Jesus Christ is the Face of the Father's mercy. These words might well sum up the mystery of the Christian faith. Mercy has become living and visible in Jesus of Nazareth, reaching its culmination in him. The Father "rich in mercy" after having revealed his name to Moses as "a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness (Ex. 34:6) has never ceased to show in various ways throughout history, his divine nature. In

the fullness of time when everything had been arranged according to his plan of salvation, he sent his only Son into the world, born of the Virgin Mary, to reveal his love for us in a **definitive way**. { a perfect example} .Whoever sees Jesus sees the Father. Jesus of Nazareth, by his word, his **actions**, and his entire person reveals the mercy of God."

the Father's mercy

From Pope Francis in "The Face of Mercy":
"Everything in him speaks of mercy. Nothing is devoid of compassion...In the parables devoted to mercy, Jesus reveals the nature of God as that of a Father who never gives up until he has forgiven the wrong and overcome rejection with compassion and mercy."

Father Kentenich also taught us this "secret" of God when he said: "Love can be an absolute quality. Then we ascend into the heart of the Triune God and we see the essence of God: He is simply love. But when we understand love as a relative quality, that is, as God's love for created beings, in relationship to ourselves, we speak of merciful love...God is simply the personification of merciful love." (Monday Evening Talks)

Founder Shrine designated as a place of pilgrimage in the Diocese of Madison for the Year of Mercy

This is a great honor and opportunity for Schoenstatt in Madison. Father Kentenich said that the Shrine is the place where our Mother Thrice Admirable shares the mercy of the Father with her children. Please plan to join us on **Sunday, December 13**, for the official **opening of the door of mercy**. Watch for details coming soon.

Farewell and Thank You!

It was recently announced that Father Gerold Langsch will be transferred to Austin, Texas, at the end of November. He will be the Pastor at St. Paul's Parish in the Austin Diocese. Since 2011, this parish has been administered by the Schoenstatt Fathers. Father Hector Vega, the current Pastor, is having health issues. Please keep both of them in your prayers during this transition.

We want to offer our heartfelt thanks to Father Langsch for his many years of dedicated service to the Madison Schoenstatt Family.

Final 2015 Tent Sale and Ice Cream Social Report

Gross Receipts.....	\$7,663.46
Expenses	\$2,014.17
Subtotal.....	\$5,649.29
Other Income—Matching Funds:	
Catholic Order of Foresters	\$1,399.00
Catholic Financial Life	\$500.00
Net Income.....	\$7,548.29

A huge thank you to everyone who worked so diligently to make the 2015 Tent Sale and Ice Cream Social a great success!

Our gratitude and thanks to:

- Catholic Order of Foresters St. Bernard Court No. 1785 for their time and assistance in obtaining matching funds.
- Catholic Financial Life Chapter 88 for their time volunteering at the Ice Cream Social and securing matching funds.

Please pray for...

- Father Dieter Haas
- those in our Schoenstatt family who have requested prayers due to illness, surgery, or other intentions.
- the prayer intentions brought to the Founder Shrine by all who visit.



We extend our sympathy and prayers ...

- to the family and friends of Don Rolling who entered eternity on November 1. Don is the father of Pam (Dave) Showers and grandfather of Andrew Showers, seminarian for the Diocese of Madison.

December

Calendar of Events in Madison

- 3 7:00 p.m. Marian Devotions and Benediction at St. Dennis Parish
 - 5 8:00 a.m. Morning with Mary: Mass in the Family Room. Meditation: Mary Conceived without Original Sin
 - 12 8:00 a.m. Holy Mass in the Founder Shrine
 - 13 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Sion Circle: Prayer for priestly vocations in the Founder Shrine. All are welcome.
 - 13 Opening of the Door of Mercy
 - 17 Eucharistic Adoration during the night
 - 18 Eucharistic Adoration during the day
 - 19 8:00 a.m. Holy Mass in the Founder Shrine
 - 26 8:00 a.m. Holy Mass in the Founder Shrine
- No Covenant Sunday

Calendar of Events in Waukesha

For more information call: (262) 522-4300

- 4-6 Father/Son Weekend
- 8 Women's Day of Reflection
- 20 Covenant Sunday
- 27 Family Christmas Party
- 29 Girls' Youth Christmas Gathering

Schoenstatt Family Christmas Party January 3, 2016; 1:30—4:30 p.m.

Holy Mass in the Family Room, Covenant Renewal, Potluck Lunch, and children's Christmas play.

Shelter Seeking Novena

Please join us (and invite others) for Holy Mass at 7:00 p.m. in the Founder Shrine each night of the Shelter Seeking Novena. On December 15 cookies and cider will be served and on December 23 a Filipino meal will be served following the Mass. There will not be food on the other nights of the Novena. Here is a list of priests celebrating Mass each evening:

- December 15:
- December 16: Father Tafadzwa Kushamba
- December 17: Father Chahm Gahng
- December 18: Father Mark Niehaus
- December 19:
- December 20:
- December 21: Father Tait Schroeder
- December 22: Father Chris Gernetzke
- December 23: