



Schoenstatt Family News

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**Child, do not forget
the Father's mercy!**



On September 15, 2015, we gathered as Schoenstatt family to celebrate a Gratitude Hour. On that date 50 years ago, Father Kentenich, was summoned back to Rome after his time of trial by the Church. And so, 50 years later, we gathered in the Founder Shrine for prayers of gratitude. We viewed a presentation to look back and reflect on the Exile years. We were reminded of the words of Bishop William O'Connor at the cornerstone laying for the Founder Shrine on October 18, 1952 - this shrine in Madison is "a spiritual powerhouse" for the diocese and beyond. There were several questions asked to guide our discussion of what that means to us in our current time. It was evident from the responses that the Year of Mercy and crowning the Blessed Mother were key points that we as Schoenstatt family should focus on in 2016.

The discussion led to the idea of a triple crown:

- Founder Shrine – re-crowning
- Family Room – re-crowning
- Home Shrine crownings

Our striving for the crownings should focus on the needs of our: 1) country and world, 2) families, 3) Church, and Father Kentenich's canonization.

We crown our Mother Thrice Admirable in Schoenstatt because:

- She is Queen by right of inheritance (Queen Mother)
- She is Queen by right of Conquest
- She is Queen by right of Election (We choose her as our Protectress.)

Over the next few months the Covenant Sunday talks will focus on each of the reasons that we crown the MTA. In addition, a summary of each talk will be provided in this newsletter.

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

On Sunday, December 13, Fr. Randy Timmerman from St. Dennis Parish in Madison officiated at the opening of the Door of Mercy at Schoenstatt Heights. About 60 people attended including eight Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary from Waukesha. During Holy Mass, Fr. Randy encouraged us to be missionaries of mercy to those around us. After Holy Mass, Deacon Houseman, from Janesville, read part of the Bull of Indiction from Pope Francis announcing the Year of Mercy. We processed to the Founder Shrine as children carried banners with the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. At the Shrine door, Fr. Randy cut the ribbon and blessed the door. All crossed through the Door of Mercy and into the Shrine where we prayed Pope Francis' prayer for the Year of Mercy. A light lunch followed. We enjoyed a family time together.

Make plans to visit the Shrine often during the Year of Mercy and invite others.

Calendar of Events

Jan. 2	8:00 a.m.	Morning with Mary Meditation: Gate of Heaven
Jan. 3	1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Christmas Party Holy Mass in the Family Room, Covenant Renewal, Potluck Lunch, and children's Christmas play.
Jan. 7	7:00 p.m.	Marian Devotions and Benediction at St. Dennis Parish
Jan. 10	2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Sion Circle Prayer for priestly vocations in the Founder Shrine.
Jan. 18	8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration in the Founder Shrine
Jan. 24	9:30 a.m.	Covenant Sunday Theme: Queen by right of inheritance (Queen Mother)
Jan. 26	6:30 p.m.	Schoenstatt Meeting Join us for an evening of prayer and discussion. Watch for additional details coming soon.
Feb. 4	7:00 p.m.	Marian Devotions and Benediction at St. Dennis Parish
Feb. 6	8:00 a.m.	Morning with Mary Meditation: Health of the Sick
Feb. 6	6:00 p.m.	Family Pizza Movie Night Details coming soon.
Feb. 13	6:00 p.m.	Valentine Dinner Night with Movie Details coming soon.
Feb. 18	8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration in the Founder Shrine
Feb. 27-28		Mother-Daughter Overnighter Details coming soon.
Feb. 28	9:30 a.m.	Covenant Sunday Theme: Queen by right of Conquest

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.
- the Schoenstatt Fathers and Sisters of Mary who have dedicated their entire lives to spreading the message of Schoenstatt to all corners of the earth.



We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of:

- Emerita Hinnendael who entered eternity on November 21.
- Dr. Joseph Breburda who entered eternity on November 28 in California.
- Ed Lustgraaf who entered eternity on December 10. He belonged to a couples group with his wife Gladys and they were monthly adorers from the 17th to the 18th.
- (Mary) Susan Spoerl who entered eternity on December 17. She was an active seamstress for our Festivals in years past.