

**SCHOENSTATT of Indiana ROSARY CAMPAIGN NEWSLETTER**

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**Honoring our Mother Thrice Admirable this memorial of  
FEAST OF THE HOLY ROSARY  
October 7, 2008**

Dear Schoenstatt brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today we celebrate a Feast Day that is particularly important for our Rosary Campaign Circles, since we pray the rosary even more intensely when our Mother Thrice Admirable comes to visit us every few weeks. What a gift these vehicles of grace are – both the rosary and the shrine. I hope we take the time today to give great thanks to God and to honor our Mother in a special way.

In this newsletter you will find **news of important upcoming events**, a wonderful **meditation by our Sally Faderan** and some tidbits from the **minutes of our Board Meetings** submitted by our treasurer, Don Faderan. You will also find a reminder about **Rosary Campaign etiquette**, and a **short section in Spanish** with a link to all of Father Nicolas' reflections. Attached to the email is the current Reflection in English.

This gift to our Lady is a little longer than usual. There are special words of inspiration at the end. Please print this and put a copy in your shrine bag. In our Covenant, Carole DiFabio [csdmi@aol.com](mailto:csdmi@aol.com) or 538-2979

**GREAT NEWS**

**It has been approved at Saint Elizabeth Adoration Chapel that we may have a monthly *Schoenstatt Evening of Adoration*, complete with reflections and prayers that will be said vocally. This great privilege is for the THIRD THURSDAY at 7:00 PM of every month. This month we will meet on OCTOBER 16<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us if at all possible.**

**Thank you to the twenty or so people who came to honor our Mother on her birthday at our first Schoenstatt Evening of Adoration. Adoration is a key element of Schoenstatt and has been present since its founding on October 18, 1914. The 18<sup>th</sup> of every month is thus a special day of prayer. Choosing the third week will place our Evening of Adoration close to this day of special graces.**

**TO HONOR OUR MOTHER IN HER MONTH  
OF OCTOBER**

Besides our monthly Evening of Adoration on October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in the St. Elizabeth Adoration Chapel we will be celebrating

**Schoenstatt's Anniversary on  
Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> 11:30 AM  
at the Wayside Shrine in Delphi  
with a Living Rosary**

**ALL WHO LOVE OUR MOTHER ARE  
WELCOME AT THIS PLACE OF PILGRIMAGE**

(Directions to the Shrine. Traveling on IN 25, turn left where it intersects with US-421/N IN-39/IN-18. The small outdoor shrine is on your right just up a quarter of a mile)

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TEXAS SCHOENSTATT  
MEMBERS AS A NEW SHRINE IN SAN ANTONIO IS  
DEDICATED on OCT 18<sup>th</sup>. MANY BLESSINGS!!**

**DECEMBER 6: FAMILY EVENT**

Mark your calendars for an afternoon and evening of informal activities. All are invited to learn more about the world wide Schoenstatt MARIAN MOVEMENT.

Come from 1:30 to 4:30 to Honan Hall at St. Joseph's in Delphi. This program will be followed by participation at the regular Holy Mass at 5:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's. We will conclude with a supper and children's program, AND VISIT from St. Nick

For more information, contact:

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Our Consecration Prayer

Our Queen, our Mother, we give ourselves entirely to you. And to show our devotion to you we consecrate to you this day our eyes, our ears, our mouths, our hearts, our entire self without reserve. As we are your own, good Mother, guard us and protect us as your property and possession. Amen.

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**In the School of Saint Paul**  
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Would you like a copy of In the School of Saint Paul: Selected Texts by Father Joseph Kentenich ? There will be some available at the Advent Day of Recollection and also at the Saint Michael Bookstore. OR you may order it yourself and have it delivered to your doorstep by emailing Sister Jessica at [rosary@schsrsmary.org](mailto:rosary@schsrsmary.org) . She will tell you what the total with shipping will be and you can mail in that amount to Schoenstatt Covenant of Love 5825 Cottage Grove Road Madison WI 53718-1325

Here are the titles to some of the chapters.

- *Knowing Nothing except Jesus Christ and him Crucified*
- *Being New Persons in Christ Jesus*
- *Living for the Mystery of Christ*
- *Toward the Full Freedom of the Children of God*
- *For When I am Weak, then I am Strong*
- *The idea of Membership in Christ*
- *To Live In and With Christ*
- *To Pray, Work and Suffer*
- *Entrusting Ourselves to the Guidance of St. Paul, etc*

**Are you interested in making the Covenant of Love on Dec 6<sup>th</sup> or having a HOME SHRINE dedicated?**

**questions? contact Janine Reklaitis at [jrek27@gmail.com](mailto:jrek27@gmail.com) or Carole (info above)**

**A DVD series is available to help you prepare**

**A REVIEW OF ROSARY CAMPAIGN ETIQUETTE**

To honor our Mother this month and to show her our love in the little details; to show love for our fellow Schoenstatt people and to cause them no grief -

let us remember to

**CALL THE NEXT PERSON**

on our list or to take the shrine directly to them. It is such a small thing to make this phone call and leave a message and then our MTA is not left alone in the sacristy or other places. When you call, the next person is very grateful and doesn't have to wonder where our Mother is. What a gift to Our Mother, to our fellow members AND to ourselves as we receive the graces of having been a faithful member of our Rosary Campaign Circle. We want to gather all the graces we can, and arranging to pass our Mother to the next is one of those avenues of grace for a job well-done and for being considerate of others. **THANK YOU** to the majority who take this responsibility seriously.

The most important part of Schoenstatt etiquette however is to honor our MOTHER THRICE ADMIRABLE

- by putting her in a special place where she is visible to all
- by possibly having some flowers to greet her
- AND especially by saying the family rosary as you gather around her

**AS ALWAYS  
check out**

**<http://www.schoenstatt.de/>  
<http://schoenstattindiana.org/>  
<http://www.schoenstatt-texas.org>  
which are updated regularly**

**ALSO**

**Podcasts of Father Langsch**  
and Schoenstatt spirituality are shared by Schoenstatt of Ohio. Check them out at <http://schoenstattofohio.org/>

## OCTOBER: CROWNING MARY WITH THE ROSARY

By Sally D. Faderan

People who love the Blessed Virgin Mary honor her in many ways. There are devout ones who pray special novenas to her; some gather themselves into great organizations as the Legion of Mary, the Children of Mary, the Knights of the Immaculata, the Marian religious orders and, of course, the Schoenstatt Family Rosary Groups. I remember how an Irish priest, Fr. Patrick Peyton, came to the Philippines and spoke passionately about the need to pray the Rosary especially at home because, as his famous line goes, “The family that prays together stays together.” Every night at nine in the evening families had their radios turned on to Station DZPI and the Rosary would be heard and prayed almost in every household. That is my memory of days back in the 1950’s and ‘60’s and I pray it still goes on in such a public way.

Many religious leaders have inspired us to pray this beautiful devotion to Mary, our Mother. In “God Alone” by St. Louis de Montfort one can find powerful materials on the Rosary; how Our Lady gave it to St. Dominic who gave it to the Church in its present form in 1214. The story goes that the Albigensians, enemies of the Church, had made worse the sinful state of the people at that time. Dominic is said to have withdrawn in a forest near Toulouse, France, where he prayed continuously for three days and three nights, weeping and doing harsh penances on himself. He fell into a coma and at this point, our Lady appeared with three angels and she said, “Dear Dominic, do you know which weapon the Blessed Trinity wants to use to reform the world?”

Dominic answered, “Oh, my Lady, you know better than I do because next to your Son, Jesus Christ, you have always been the chief instrument of our salvation.” Dominic obeyed our Lady and his preaching after praying this devotion became very fruitful. Conversions happened and the people began to lead Christian lives.

As had been taught by the late Pope John Paul II, who was himself inspired by St. Louis de Montfort and who dedicated his papacy to the Blessed Mother, we are to recognize that praying the Rosary has two parts: its body (the verbal prayer) and its soul (our meditations). The Rosary is the crown that we offer to Jesus and Mary. In “God Alone” we are taught many valuable truths and profound insights that can make praying the Rosary more fruitful.

Here are some of the teachings from “God Alone:”

“The Creed, or the Symbol of the Apostles, which is said on the Crucifix of the Rosary, is a summary of all Christian truths, ‘Anyone who comes to God must believe.’ (Heb.11:6)

“This faith must be lively and informed charity.”

“The ‘Our Father’ derives its value above all from its author, who is neither man nor an angel, but the King of angels and of men – our Lord, Jesus Christ. St. Augustine assures us that whenever we say the Our Father devoutly, our venial sins are forgiven. When we say this wonderful prayer, we touch God’s heart at the very outset by calling Him by that sweet name: Father. When we say “Our Father, who art in heaven, we make acts of faith, adoration and humility.” To pronounce the name “Father” is to remember that we owe our existence to God. By praying this we hate all sin and observe God’s laws.

“The Hail Mary is described as a blessed dew that falls from heaven upon the soul of the predestinate. It gives them a marvelous fertility so that they can grow in virtues. In the Hail Mary we give our Lady the same honor that God gave her when He sent the Archangel Gabriel to greet her for Him.”

“Those who glorify Jesus and Mary are rewarded in a marvelous way. “I love those who love Me. I enrich them and fill their treasures.” (Prov. 8:17, 21)

“He who honors his Mother (the Blessed Mother) is as one who lays up treasures.”(Sir. 3:5) Present her everyday with at least 50 Hail Mary’s, for each one is worth 15 precious stones which are more pleasing to her than all the riches of the world put together.”

“St. Augustine says that the charity of the blessed Virgin surpasses the natural love of all mankind and even all the angels.”

“The Glory Be” is a prayer of praise and thanksgiving to the Holy Trinity. Any honor we pay to our Lady returns inevitably to God, the source of all her perfections and virtues.”

“More indulgence is received by those who pray in groups than by a person alone for Jesus said He is there where two or three are together in prayer. A plenary indulgence is granted to those who pray the Rosary before the holy tabernacle.”

In our times, there is great urgent need for us to pray the Rosary, with attentive devotion, with faith and humility. The newspapers are filled with reports of a crumbling economy, more challenges for us and a battle cry among political candidates for “change.” May God grant us the change that will fulfill His commandments. We entrust our concerns to the Blessed Virgin. In tough times, we, in Schoenstatt, say in prayerful aspiration: -  
**MOTHER TAKES PERFECT CARE!**

## **SCHOENSTATT – REFLEXIONES en ESPAÑOL**

Buenos días, Carolina

Gracias por el interés. Ya está en la lista de distribución en español. Anexo las fichas elaboradas hasta la fecha en versión doc. Puede darlas a conocer a sus amistades.

Le cuento que el Padre Nicolás miembro del Instituto de los Padres de Schoenstatt, nació en Suiza, y trabajó muchos años en Paraguay con la Obra Familiar. En el año 2000 sufrió un accidente de carretera que lo ha dejado muy disminuido en todos los aspectos. La tendencia, con el tiempo, es que sus impedimentos vayan en aumento.

Con sus homilías y retiros se tiene un material abundante y muy rico. Un equipo de personas hemos iniciado esta publicación vía mail. Actualmente se elaboran en español, inglés, alemán y portugués. Las fichas de reflexión Se distribuyen los 01 y 15 de cada mes

Unidos en la Alianza de amor con María, Javier Cabral

<http://groups.google.com/group/PNreflexiones/files>

## **TIDBITS FROM BOARD MEETINGS**

**inspiring parts of the minutes submitted by Don Faderan**

Each of the board members was asked to recommit to some service area (committee of the Corporation). This will be discussed at the next monthly meeting. Bill Strasburger took up the subject of promoting an awareness and knowledge of Schoenstatt throughout our Diocese, especially as a preliminary step in preparation for the Our Father Crown of our MTA. To this end, he distributed a letter of introduction to be sent to the pastors within the Deaneries of our Diocese in conjunction with personal visits by groups of two or three board members. Bill had prepared a spread sheet with all the relevant information for such assignments. Sr. Ann Astell suggested that this letter be somewhat amplified as to the reason it is being sent, namely, to lay the groundwork for participation on the part of parish reps in our Crowning.

Regarding the Crowning as a means of spreading the Schoenstatt Movement, **Sr. Ann reminded us that the “Our Father” prayer includes the essence of holiness. She said that when the Crown is presented to Our**

**MTA, it will constitute a deepening of the Spirituality that we are striving for; it will mean that we give our MTA a blank check, which is our way of saying an unconditional “YES” to her. We have to be the first ones to follow her. As we are working on the Apostolate, we are working on our own self-education. Daily we have to ask ourselves: “Have I performed the Will of God?”** This is what the Blessed Mother asks of us. Sister Ann also reiterated the idea of a mini-retreat for the board members. Later a lively discussion followed with ideas for involving a local priest and for a monthly Holy Hour. It was suggested that the first Hour of Adoration take place on Monday, Sept. 8 at seven p.m. in St. Elizabeth chapel.

The board members were asked to prayerfully consider and then commit to representing Indiana at the Leaders Convention from October 10-12 in Waukesha. Sr. Barbara encouraged us to submit ideas for the 2008-09 motto. She then presented a masterly overview of the plans by International Schoenstatt in preparation for the year 2010, the centennial of Father Kentenich’s ordination. She prefaced her statements with a compliment to the Board, using Our Blessed Mother’s words of thanksgiving: ”He Who is Mighty has done great things for me.” Sr. Barbara gave us more food for thought on two additional topics. **First, she said that as we prepare for the Crowning, we should keep in mind three “P’s”:** the Person (our MTA); our Pledge (to deepen our Covenant of Love) and our Plea (we want you, dear Mother, to take care of us). **And, in regards to spreading the Movement throughout our parishes, she said in addition to the prayer aspect, which we all agreed is absolutely essential, we should start (or continue) with concrete service to our pastors.**