



**Priestly and free – he loves me!
Schoenstatt theme for the Year
100th anniversary of Father Kentenich's ordination, July 8th, 2010**

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS
**July 15th will be our Schoenstatt Holy Hour
at St. Elizabeth's Chapel
7 pm**

Please join us for reflections, quiet adoration, song, rosary and benediction

Dear Friends of our Mother Thrice Admirable,

This month brought about the birth of our 5th grandchild, Claire Agnes, on Corpus Christi and some illness in the family, plus especially catching up on gardening, so a couple of very important Feast Days for sending out a newsletter passed me right by: Corpus Christi, the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Immaculate Heart of Mary and even the anniversary of John Pozzobon's death on June 27th. He was from Brazil and was the first to have a traveling MTA shrine. I am probably missing a few others. In fact this is also the month that closed the Year for Priests.

Included in this issue will be a prayer for our Schoenstatt priests as this year closes, an article on John Pozzobon and an article on the Sacred Heart of Jesus by Sally Faderan. The Pozzobon article came in an email with no references, but all is true according to what I have read about him, so enjoy getting to know Joao.

Additionally we are in the novena days in preparation for Father Kentenich's anniversary mentioned above in brown. Several of us will be going to that celebration in Wisconsin. I will attach the prayers in a PDF format if anyone would like to join in. The novena could start today and end the 8th or you could start on the 8th. One of the prayers will be included below in this newsletter. Hopefully we can all pray this one prayer and ask abundant blessings on these specific priests.

Our president's column, Simply Schoenstatt, will return in our next issue.

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JOAO POZZOBON

1904-1985

Joao Pozzobon owed a store in Santa Maria, in South Brazil. He worked on the farm, tilling the land, and supported his wife and children. Something happened on September 10, 1950, which would change his life forever, as well as the life of so many others. Sister M. Teresinha, of the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary, gave him an image of Schoenstatt Mother Thrice Admirable, whom we call "the Mater", after her original Latin title: Mater ter Admirabilis, in the form of Shrine, for him to pass round the houses of his neighbors, inviting people to pray the rosary in their homes.

But Mr. Joao was encountered with great surprise when he saw the miracles that the Virgin was working both in his own heart as well as in the hearts of all those that she visited. Then, he decided to devote more of his time to be, as he himself would put it; the donkey of the Pilgrim Virgin of Schoenstatt, taking her wherever he could. » Across fields, rivers, through the woods and across the valley, coping with the tropical heat in the south of Brazil, and always wearing suit and tie, in honor to his Queen, he walked and carried the image of the Pilgrim Virgin, weighing 11 kilograms, over 140,000 km in 35 years.«

Mr. Joao made this formidable apostolate, never disregarding his wife and seven children. He was a model father and husband. His inner growth was also expressed in increasing social sensitivity and solidarity. Being a rather unwealthy man himself, he founded Vila Nobre da Caridade, building quite a number of small wooden houses for those who did not have a dwelling. He visited thousands of homes, prisons, hospitals and schools. In 1959, in order to reach a larger number of families, he added to the campaign other smaller images that were of a similar size to those reaching the families. In 1984, a party of Argentines traveled to Brazil to procure 25 of these images, to be sent to the 25 Schoenstatt shrines through the American continent. This is how the Pilgrim Virgin campaign began to spread internationally.

On June 27, 1985, in Santa María, Mr. Joao was run over by a truck and died. He had written in his will: "I offer myself as holocaust" in view of the greatness of the mission I was entrusted with. This mission was the great Rosary Campaign of the Pilgrim Virgin of Schoenstatt.

Today, throughout the world, in over 100 countries, millions of people receive the Pilgrim Virgin every month. Home after home, the Virgin is winning hearts, one after another, without a stop.

NOTE: Recommended reading – A Hero Today Not Tomorrow: The Life of John Louis Pozzobon, a Poor Pilgrim and Deacon, 1904-1985, by Esteban J. Uriburu - available from the International Schoenstatt Center

CHANGES IN THE SRC (Schoenstatt Rosary Campaign)

In light of the above article is only fitting to **thank Sister Jessica** for her years of coordinating all the traveling Schoenstatt Shrines here in the States. She has joyfully put in many hours of work for our Mother. Here are a few words from her June 20 email.

"...Recently we received the news that the headquarters of the Schoenstatt Rosary Campaign will be moved to the International Schoenstatt Center in Waukesha, Wisconsin, this fall. Madison has been the "home office" for the campaign in the United States since it began in the mid 1980s...

Sister Miriam will be the new director of the SRC with the help of Sister M Teresa and Sister Iris Marie. All three are also Spanish speaking...

Sister M. Jessica will be moving to Sleepy Eye to be the Movement Coordinator for Minnesota from the Sleepy Eye Shrine and Center...Then I hope to begin the work of writing the History of the Schoenstatt Rosary Campaign in the USA.

As you may be aware of, September 10th is the 60th Anniversary of the start of the Campaign in Brazil by Deacon John Pozzobon. May the Holy Spirit enlighten hearts and minds as we celebrate this Diamond Jubilee."

Thank you again, Sister Jessica, and may God bless you abundantly.

Week/Day 7 of Novena in Preparation for the 100th Jubilee of Father Kentenich's Ordination Our Current Schoenstatt Fathers

Father in Heaven,

You shower the most genuine care upon all of your creatures with the utmost perfection. Your abounding love can be seen in every single moment in our daily lives, and, in your care, we desire to willingly be ready to serve you. We thank you for the shepherds you have given us and confidently bring our petitions to your throne.

Heavenly Father, through the beauty of your grace, may all of our Schoenstatt Fathers throughout the world become a reflection of the fatherly love you pour upon us. May they imitate the example of our father and founder and his ideal of simplicity in life, thereby becoming the smallest of children before you! In gazing upon your Face of Love in this childlike manner, transform them into stainless transparencies of you,

our Heavenly Father, that they may bring the truth of your fatherly love to the world today and enkindle the desire of your children to be near you forever.

Little Mother, we ask you to take our Schoenstatt Fathers lovingly under your mantle. May Fr. Dieter, Fr. Gerold, Fr. Hector, Fr. Francisco, Fr. Jonathan, Fr. Mark, Fr. Christian, and Fr. Jesus feel the warmth of blessings from the shrine in each new day of their lives. Even in the presence of deep sorrow and heavy burdens, let the Light of Christ constantly touch them and remind them of their noble mission. Allow your fatherly love to penetrate their lives! Reward them for their faithfulness and zeal; let them feel your presence and never grow discouraged.

We pray also for the people under their spiritual care, that these, their sheep, may be willing to help them in childlike eagerness. May we daily express our gratitude in action, words and most importantly through prayer, that our Schoenstatt Fathers may sense a return of strength, loyalty and love flowing through the entire Schoenstatt Family returning back into their own hearts as shepherds, giving them once again strength and joy in their great tasks. Amen.

THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Sally D. Faderan

One of the most beautiful devotions in the Catholic is the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In earlier years, the first Friday devotions were faithfully observed and the enthronement of the Sacred Heart an unmistakable sign of a family's love for It. In these very challenging times, would it be fair to ask that we honor the Sacred Heart in these ways again?

Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, a Belgian Carmelite priest, wrote that the object of devotion to the Sacred Heart is the physical heart of Jesus, which is worth of adoration because, in his words, "it is a part of His sacred humanity." He also writes that the ultimate object of this devotion is the love of Jesus, the symbol of which is His Heart. In this connection, Pope Pius VI wrote "beneath the symbolic image of the Heart, we contemplate our divine Redeemer's immense charity and generous love."

"No one can give a greater proof of his love than by laying down his life for his friends" is the biblical evidence of love. Love is a giving of one's self for the good, if not the salvation, of the beloved. Jesus described His love for us in "Just as the Father loves me, so I love you." Can human minds ever fathom the breadth and height and depth of that love? It is divine. It is eternal. Jesus' love is patient. It searches for the "lost sheep." It is ever-seeking and pursuing the loved one, as in "The Hound of Heaven" where the author kept fleeing God but in his flight, wherever he went, there was God." His love does not force any heart to love Him. We are gifted with our free will which dictates upon us the choices we make, and if guided by Faith, it will seek God's love. Jesus' love is faithful even if human hearts are easily ensnared by the attractions of the material world. Jesus' love is forgiving – and what salvation, what heavenly love rewards the contrite heart!

Pope John Paul II wrote that we cannot live without love. He said that Jesus Who reveals the Father assures us that this intuition of love, our need for love, is "one of the greatest truths of the human condition. It is not a psychological illness." In this connection, George Weigel, President of the Ethics and public Policy Center, asks: "What is humanity that Jesus reveals? Who are we? We are not congealed stardust, an accidental by-product of *something*. We are *someone*. Moreover, we are *someone* going *somewhere*. We have a divine destiny. That destiny, according to St. Athanasius, a fourth century theologian, claimed that "the Son of God became man so that we might become God". St. Thomas Aquinas agreed when he wrote, "The only begotten Son of God assumed our nature so that He, made man, might make men gods." That takes my breath away.

I suggest devotion to the Sacred Heart by consecrating ourselves and our family to the Sacred Heart. It is also enlightening to pray the Litany. The lines in it are most moving and educational. Some of the lines that give me pause and a deeper reflection are:

Heart of Jesus, abyss of all virtues. This reminds me of a missionary who was Fr. Pacwa's guest. The priest described the place of his mission as a big challenge because the men folk were addicted to alcohol and the vices that go with it. He inspired the parishioners to have a devotion to the Sacred Heart and they prayed the Litany daily. All vices disappeared!

Heart of Jesus, full of goodness and love. In the Sacred Heart, we find these valuable gems that can transform us into His image. What beauty they can produce in us! The goodness and love that are rooted in the Heart of Jesus and are mirrored in our actions produce a beauty that defines who we are.

Heart of Jesus in Whom are the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. In our faith, we learn that wisdom, a gift of the Holy Spirit, is that which teaches us to love the things that are God's and despise those that are not of Him. Loving God gives us that instinctive tendency to be attracted to spiritual values and virtues. We should fear the wisdom of the world that is ruled by the Prince of the world. Knowledge, wrote a teacher, is not the accumulation of facts that we feed our brain with. To know someone is not simply hearing about him. It is a more intimate kind of knowing. People who love know the ones they love. Mothers know their children to the point that their silence is understood because mother's hearts are in tune with their children. Knowing Jesus leads us to loving him because our hearts long for him and as St. Augustine said, "Our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee." Seek the Heart of Jesus and He will teach you to have self-knowledge and knowledge of God – the science of the Saints.

Heart of Jesus, salvation of those who hope in you. It is Jesus' promise to those who are faithful to Him, particularly going to confession and hearing mass for nine consecutive months that **"they shall not die under My displeasure, nor without receiving the sacraments. My Heart shall be their assured refuge at the last hour."**

MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS, HAVE MERCY ON US!

AS ALWAYS

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**In July we honor the Precious Blood of Jesus.
Glory to the Blood of Jesus!**