

**Honoring our Mother Thrice Admirable
on this memorial of her and Jesus' dear friend,
Saint Mary Magdalene, July 22, 2010**

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Father, give us Your light!

New Schoenstatt theme for 2010/2011

in preparation for the celebration of 100 years of Schoenstatt in 2014

In this issue see Father Gerold's summary of the choosing of the motto made at the Leadership Convention in Waukesha, WI. A reflection of its meaning is included.



**A photo of "confirmation". This unusual scene was the view immediately after Saturday's Mass when the final version of the motto was announced.
July 10, 2010**

SIMPLY SCHOENSTATT...from Janine – President

July 14, 2010. As I write these lines, we have just returned from Waukesha, Wisconsin where we celebrated the 100th anniversary of the ordination of Father Joseph Kentenich. Now we are awaiting the installation of our new Bishop for the Diocese of Lafayette. So many graces and fruits have been coming our way!

- On Thursday, July 8th, we participated in a moving and joy-filled Mass celebrated by Archbishop J. Listecki of Milwaukee, our Schoenstatt Fathers and the Pallotine Priests. This inaugurated a weekend of great blessings.
- On Friday, July 9th, after a day of inspirational talks, we Hoosiers presented our gift to Father Kentenich, along with delegates from 16 other states. See the text for our gift and presentation in this issue.
- *On Saturday, after a lively brainstorming session for a new motto, the copious suggestions, including those from our own Susana Venis, were taken up and defined in committee. The result? FATHER, GIVE US YOUR LIGHT!
- THE FAMILY came to the forefront as the area we in the United States should concentrate on as we prepare for the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Schoenstatt Movement to be celebrated in 2014

- As far as the GIFT we should offer Father Kentenich on that occasion, the final wording can be seen in Father Gerold's summary in this issue
- As the fruit of these discussions we are motivated in our **local area**:
 - to introduce more young families/youth to Schoenstatt
 - to foster more covenants of love and more home shrines
 - to put more effort into our project for our daughter shrine in Delphi.

These are not new ideas for us, but the zeal is now greater!

- Last, but not least, we as a board will be working hard on ideas as to how we can locally publicize and celebrate the founding of the Schoenstatt Movement during these years leading up to the great anniversary in 2014. Please join us and email your ideas to jrek27@gmail.com
- Those from Indiana attending the Leadership convention were myself, Marilu Altman, Carole DiFabio, Julia Haskell, Maria Libey, Nan Ross, and Randy and Susana Venis

United with our Blessed Mother
and all for the greater glory of God,
your president, Janine

WELCOME BISHOP TIMOTHY DOHERTY

The Schoenstatt family had the privilege of offering its July Holy Hour at Lafayette's chapel of perpetual adoration, St. Elizabeth Chapel, for our new bishop, Bishop Timothy Doherty, on the evening of his ordination and installation, July 15th. Deacon John Jeziarski presided. Thank you, Deacon John, and thank you all who came to adore our Jesus. Thank you also to Nan Ross who made the beautiful Schoenstatt welcome ad placed in the special Catholic Moment edition.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**August 19th will be our Schoenstatt Holy Hour
at St. Elizabeth's Chapel at 7 pm**

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

We had the pleasure of meeting Carol Lis from Ohio at the Schoenstatt Leadership Convention in Waukesha, WI. She put together these reflections for adoration and benediction Schoenstatt-style. We purchased three more years to complete the set of four - 48 different sets of Scripture, Fr Kentenich's words in a meditation, praise and prayer, in addition to our traditional adoration and benediction texts. She has done a remarkable job. We extend our gratitude to her and hope you can join us to honor our Mother and her Son in August.

ALSO PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**on Friday, August 27th, Schoenstatt Father Johnson Nellisery
will say Mass at our Wayside Shrine in Delphi
5:00pm Rosary 5:30 Mass
Please bring a chair and join us for this grace-filled occasion**

Gift of the United States Schoenstatt Family for 2014

July 16, 2010

Fr. Gerold M. Langsch, Movement Director

About 230 representatives from 18 States were gathered at the National Leaders' Convention for the celebration of the 100th anniversary of Fr. Kentenich's ordination to the priesthood. We began with a festive liturgy presided over by Milwaukee Archbishop J. ListECKI on July 8, 2010 in the shadow of the Exile Shrine. During our convention at the International Center we presented our priestly Father with many gifts for his anniversary and planted a tree in his memory at the Shrine.

The Convention centered around the discussion of the gift of the United States Schoenstatt Family for **2014** when we are going to celebrate the birth of our **covenant of love** in the Original Shrine in Schoenstatt. From among the five suggested areas of our apostolic priorities which were chosen at the Planning Session in Schoenstatt in 2009 (marriage and family, youth, education, Church, Society), we chose **the strengthening of the family** as our striving during the remaining four years till 2014. Then our discussion focused on one of the precious gifts of the Blessed Mother during the exile time, the birth of the Home shrine.

At the Presidium meeting following the closing of the Convention, we decided that in this context our **special gift** from the United States for 2014 would be **our life with and in the HOME SHRINE.**

The Home shrine as our gift could invite us

- to deepen our own covenant life in the Home shrine and
- from the Home shrine to reach out to others and be apostolically active.

"To deepen and to draw", those were two key words we used to describe our striving to grow deeper in our covenant life in the Home shrine – for the Church and the world.

The aspect of education in the family, the role of fatherhood in the family, the apostolic gift of the Pilgrim MTA, our contact with the Diocesan Clergy, etc. all these dimensions can flow out of our deepened life of the covenant of love from the Home shrine. continued

As **motto** we chose "Father, give us your light". It is inspired by the "Shrine of light" in New York as the shrine we want to focus on for 2010/2011. Our apostolic spirit for the Church as an apostolic family, being a light to the nations, may guide us in our efforts to grow during this coming year.

NOTE: For information on what a home shrine is and how one prepares for one see Vol 3 Issue 3 on our website <http://schoenstattindiana.org> or contact Janine at jrek27@gmail.com

Since we have recently honored our Founder and Father on his 100 anniversary of ordination this tribute is included

Joseph Kentenich by Sister Ann Astell, 1984

Time is like a web that's spun
across wet roses in the night,
a trap set for Eternity,
a net to catch the morning light,
the price that's paid for timelessness.
I've been here now about four weeks
and found my Heaven in this hell
for each one finds who looks, who seeks--
Five fingers twice a decade makes
as if my hand were made for it--
I pray the rosary in the dark,
an Ave on each fingertip
like budding flowers lightly touched
by separate beads of shining dew.
I sing aloud the songs I know
and fill my mind with thought of you:
I think that you must love your child
more than a mother loves her own,
that you've prepared what's best for me.
"One does not live by bread alone"
but by whatever God has willed--
even madness, even death--
I wonder how the others are.
I pray for them with every breath
and beg you to sustain them now,
increase their faith and hope and love
that they may know the touch of God,
the soft hand in the iron glove
that strikes us down through circumstance
that we might learn to love above
and play the game of Providence--
to answer "yes" with childlike love
to Father's call, His every wish.

Thus grows the garden, flower-flushed,
behind the wall, the brick, the stone--
red and white and color-crushed
beneath the footsteps of the Queen
who takes delight in walking there--
herself the Lily, she the Rose,
Mary-fragrance in the air--
They thought that I would lose my mind
when they confined me here below,
deprived of outward stimuli
to mark the days that come and go,
in constant darkness, endless night,
to hear the shill, despairing cries
of men insane with fright and pain--
but, simple as a child grown wise,
I gave God what He took from me:
my work, my freedom, and my life--
and so the centered soul is still
and peaceful in the midst of strife.
I've wanted all the world to be
transparent as a polished pane--
each person, thing, event, a sign
revealing God to men again;
and here now in this hellish hole
I dare the death-leap, give my all,
abandon self in the abyss
to Him Who will not let me fall--

Note: Father Kentenich was closely watched by the German National Socialists who particularly feared his influence among the hundreds of priests who attended his retreat conferences. When he publicly preferred the cross of Christ to the swastika, the Gestapo called him to their headquarters in Coblenz and subjected him to four weeks of solitary confinement in the Bunker. This poem refers to that time. He was then transferred to the civilian prison and finally transported to the Nazi concentration camp at Dachau where he spent more than three years.

FOR the 100th Anniversary of Father Kentenich's Ordination
Presented on July 9, 2010, Waukesha Wisconsin

SCHOENSTATT OF INDIANA greets Father Joseph with hearts that are formally dedicated to Mary, Our Mother Thrice Admirable, who is the **Queen of our Hearts**.

Our gift to Father Joseph Kentenich on this the 100th anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood is intended to echo the words on his commemorative Card:

"...that all minds be united in truth and all hearts in love."

In our Diocese, Lafayette in Indiana, last year/ 2009, on the First Saturday, October the third, our then Bishop William Higi crowned our MTA with that title QUEEN OF OUR HEARTS at our Cathedral. This was done united with other local Marian groups, and especially in collaboration with our Legion of Mary, the Help of Christians Presidium—with over 200 people present.

We also offer other gifts specific to our sacrifices, suffering and spiritual strivings:

Schoenstatt was founded by attachment to a place, a special place, a holy and Beautiful place, in which Our Mother Thrice Admirable was invited to dwell and make her home. As our special gift to Father Joseph Kentenich on this occasion of the 100th anniversary of his ordination, we the members of Schoenstatt of Indiana with childlike trust GIVE to him:

- our land— over 12 acres which we have purchased for the future daughter Shrine and Family Retreat center in Delphi, Indiana. This land was dedicated for this purpose by our Bishop William Higi (Oct. 29, 2005) and on it stands the Wayside Shrine as symbol and promise for the future Shrine. We want Mary to come and make her permanent home here and help us to teach and form all her children.
- our 18 Home Shrines, our many Covenants of Love and Heart Shrines and our Eucharistic Holy Hours made monthly on the third Thursday which is closest to the 18th of each month.
- our Schoenstatt groups: the Mothers groups—*Star of the Sea*, and *Garden of Mary*, and our Couples group *the Hands of Mary*.
- all of our activities, our Days of Recollection, our July leaders' retreat last year in preparation for the Crowning, our Schoenstatt Advent Family Celebrations, filled with laughter, fun, teachings and visits by the kindly Bishop Saint Nicholas, as well as attended by our local Bishop.

All these gifts are given to Father with great tenderness from our Hoosier hearts. We surrender all these past events and our current and future strivings to your protection, Father Kentenich. We recommit ourselves to your charismatic mission as our Father and Founder for the renewal of the Church and education and formation in the School of Mary.

We promise our Mother Thrice Admirable to continue to work so that the coming years will see her Shrine on her land, YOUR Schoenstatt Land, dear Father, in Delphi in the State of Indiana. Together with you, will continue to love and work for Schoenstatt and for our Catholic Church.

Our special intention this day with this gift—SYMBOLIZED BY THIS HEART-- is to be visionary in a twofold manner, as our Founder and Father was: to be **centered on our Church** and to be

Charismatic in our Mission, that is, we want to spread the Schoenstatt spirituality immersed in the totality of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Above all, we realize that it is “Not us, but the grace of God...working in us”

(1 Cor. 15:10) We approach these tasks as instruments; we ask our Mother, to keep our hearts—the hearts we have entrusted to her-- humble, filled with love and dedication and our minds pure and truthful. **“Nothing without you, Mother; nothing without us.”** Amen!

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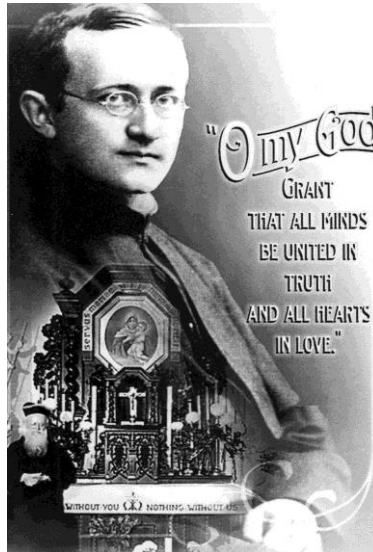
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submitted with love for Mary, Mother Thrice Admirable, Queen and Victress of Schoenstatt and dedicated to our Founder Father Kentenich for his anniversary



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with questions, corrections or articles you would like to submit

