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**Honoring our Mother Thrice Admirable on this solemnity of
our Mother Church, St. John Lateran Basilica in Rome
November 9th, 2010**

Please print this and put a copy in your shrine bag to share with those who have no computer.

new to this issue – read two testimonials of Schoenstatt graces received



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS – DON'T MISS THE GRACES OF OUR
ADVENT FAMILY DAY OF RECOLLECTION- FATHER, GIVE US YOUR LIGHT**

**with a visit from St. Nicholas
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4th**

St. Joseph's Honan Hall in Delphi

Possibility of Home Shrine dedications or Covenants of Love

2:00-4:30 talks by Father Gerold Langsch with parallel program for children
4:30 children performance. 5:00 Mass 5:45 dinner and visit from St. Nicholas
\$10 donation contact Bill Strasburger 491-6650 b.bstras@hotmail.com

SIMPLY SCHOENSTATT...from Janine – President

Dear warm-hearted Hoosiers,

"...For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light." Ephesians 5:8

No sooner do we finish celebrating the renewal of our crowning of Mary as "Queen of our Hearts", than we turn to saying: "Father Give us Your Light". This will be the theme at our next event.

A little more about October 9th. It was a marvelous feast--on an incredibly warm and sunny day. We can say that we started off with our Lady's Son beaming upon us all. We were touched by the graciousness of our Bishop Emeritus Higi. He was so kind to Schoenstatt Father Johnson, who in turn was so helpful to him at the altar and to the altar boys/girl. The Durbin family's children made us all even more cheerful. Before Holy Mass, we prayed the Glorious mysteries, prefaced by Father Kentenich's Dachau meditations, led by Suzanne Gardiner and Rosemary Speaker; Carole played masterfully and the Salazars strongly led us in song. Legion of Mary representative Diane Teder was present with her grandson who played our organ preludes; Bill Strasburger prayed the Intercessions which Rosemary Speaker had modified from last year's Crowning; we all joined in to the Litany led by the Bishop, and concluded the Mass by singing our Consecration Song. Following refreshments, prepared by Gloria Thompson, we gathered at the Wayside Shrine. Bishop Higi asked Father Johnson to lead the Angelus and he concluded with Sr. Jean Frisk's prayer for the Mystery of the Coronation.

It was a beautiful first anniversary celebration of the Crowning of Mary.

Of course, the joy and merriment intensified for those of us who were able to participate in the Home Shrine Dedication of "The Cause of our Joy" at Nan Ross's home. Special thanks, again, to Father Johnson for nourishing us spiritually and to Nan and her sisters for nourishment of all types!

Now we are preparing for our Fourth Annual Advent Schoenstatt Family Day of Recollection on Saturday, December 4th, 2010 at St. Joseph's Parish, in Honan Hall, Delphi, Indiana. Starting at 2:00 p.m., we will have the privilege of hearing two talks by our own Schoenstatt Father Gerold Langsch. He will be coming from Waukesha, Wisconsin to fill our hearts with reflections on "Father, Give us Your Light". How appropriate for Advent! How appropriate as winter approaches! How appropriate for these our times! There will be a separate, parallel program for children from ages four and up. We will go to Holy Mass at St. Joseph's Church at 5:00 p.m. From 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., we will have supper back in Honan Hall, followed by the much awaited yearly visit from St. Nicholas with sweet treats for the children. We are very excited to learn that there will be another Bishop present with us!!! Welcome, Bishop Doherty.

Kindly let me know (jrek27@gmail.com) if you would like to have your own home shrine dedicated by Father Gerold Langsch on Saturday morning, December 4 or if you would like to make a Covenant of Love. There is still time for us to work with you to lovingly and simply prepare for this.

With a light heart,
Janine, President of our hard-working and deeply prayerful Board

Cause of Our Joy

"Cause of Our Joy" home shrine was officially blessed by Fr. Johnson on Saturday, October 9, 2010 at the home of Nan Ross. Nan chose the title for her home shrine because she believes that through Mary we know the true joy of knowing and loving Jesus Christ. After all, our Mother is the perfect one to show us how to love her Son. Members of the Board of Directors of Schoenstatt of Indiana as well as members of her family were present for the blessing. As part of the prayer Nan composed for her home shrine she said, "Oh Mary, Cause of Our Joy, I ask that by a singular grace from God, that you give all who enter this home, JOY and peace. I pray they have joy in their hearts, souls, and within their families—joy to follow Jesus always and everywhere." This was the first home shrine in the United States that Fr. Johnson has blessed.

Testimonial to Our MTA

When a lady moved into her apartment in a house with 4 other apartments in it, she prayed that one day those apartments would be occupied by women who were dedicated to God. The years passed by and she continued to pray. A woman moved into one of the apartments who was a member of Schoenstatt. Soon after that a woman who was to become a member of Schoenstatt moved into the adjoining apartment. It wasn't long after that, that the third woman who was also a member of Schoenstatt moved into the apartment across from the lady. What the lady didn't know was that they were all Schoenstatt members and would invite her to become a MTA visiting shrine participant. With this group of 4, the "Women of God" had their home shrine dedicated to Our Lady in 2009. Just one apartment remained empty. The women continued to pray. This year their prayers were answered by Our Lady as the last woman, a Sister, moved in.

Thank you Dear Mother for your blessings.

Those who wish to share their Schoenstatt stories email csdmi@aol.com

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FATHER KENTENICH on November 18th
Father, thank you for the life of our Father Kentenich

**November 18th, Thursday, 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.

NEXT SCHOENSTATT OF INDIANA, INC BOARD MEETING
Saturday, November 20th, 2010 9:00 a.m.
St. Tomas Aquina, West Lafayette

IN THIS MONTH OF NOVEMBER

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY for OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE DIED

Linda Bunnell
Joan Krupinski
Dennis Kochert
Ralph Harris

Mother Thrice Admirable, pray for them and us

*... "They have made a covenant with you.
May it stand as firm as if cast in bronze.
Then I will know that they are in safe and loyal hands
and will not fear the raging fury of the flood.*

*You [Mary] will bring them all victoriously home to the Father
so that they can sing hymns to the Lamb
I firmly believe that no one will be lost
who remains faithful to the covenant of love."*

HE WHO DISPENSES LOVE, OBJECT OF OUR THANKSGIVING

by Sally D. Faderan

November ushers in an aura of beauty that is proper only to its own when we first notice the signs: the attire of nature bursts forth in splendid colors, the chill begins to send a shiver through our spines and the thoughts of festivities, elegant table settings and good food tickle the taste buds. The thought of family reunions gets us all excited. Not far down the road will be the ultimate cause for celebration: Christmas.

Now, we're getting ahead of ourselves. Let's just focus on the matter of THANKS-GIVING. We know the history as applied to the beginnings of this national holiday in this country. It began with people who suffered in the old country from the loss of their basic rights to freedoms –oppressive restrictions and burdensome taxes. We know that freedom gives a people great room for growth, in more ways than one. These people were people of faith to begin with. They called out to God. Suffering has a way of causing people to drop on their knees to beg for Divine aid.

We can simplify the “anatomy” of Thanks-Giving into four parts: a NEED, a SACRIFICIAL RESPONSE, a SOLUTION, and AN OUTPOURING OF GRATITUDE. The last part is sometimes a forgotten part.

Back to the pilgrims, their NEED was relief from their suffering. God RESPONDED and inspired them to search for answers. They ventured into uncharted waters and, as pilgrims, they courageously sought and found after much suffering a new land where they founded a new life of freedom and productivity. These pilgrims did not forget the fourth element: GIVING THANKS TO GOD, a beautiful tradition that only this country mark as a national holiday.

Translating all these to our own salvation history, we go back to GOD, Whose Love made possible our creation and of all those that He provides us in our world. In St. Thomas Aquinas' words, “*Creatures came into existence when the key of love opened His Hand.*” When the Fall of Adam and Eve happened, Paradise was closed and the consequence was “*man will return to the ground from which he was taken.*” (Gen.3:19) The stain of Original sin marked us for trials, sickness, and great suffering.

Here came the NEED for us to be free from that enslavement of sin. In the Infinite Love of the Father, our Lord, Jesus came down to suffer and ransom us from it. God in His mercy made possible this SOLUTION of infinite value: the life offering of His Son.

While we are still in this material world, we are pilgrims. Like those in this country's history, our life on earth is a journeying towards our final destiny – perpetual union with God in heaven. It is the teachings of Jesus that tell us this core of God's commandments: to love God and to love others. We then must practice charity, the queen of all virtues. We then should be our brother's keepers. We must not limit the object of our charity only to the people we like for we are taught that that will not have any merit before God since evil people treat their kind the same way. The Gospel is filled with parables that show us such kindness as the Good Samaritan gave to a stranger in need.

As for those who receive acts of kindness, Jesus teaches us to be thankful to our benefactors. St. Paul in Thessalonians says, “*In all things, give thanks, for this is the will of God in Jesus, concerning you all.*” (Thes 5:18) Gratitude is expected from us by God because He continuously gives us gifts and graces that many times we don't recognize as such. We have a tendency to be lost in our joy for the gifts and become dulled by it. We see this in the example of the ten lepers when only one THOUGHT about going back to Jesus to thank Him and the Lord asked where the other nine were. He noted, too that the one who gave thanks was a “stranger. “And where are the othe nine? Is there no one found to return and give glory to God but this stranger?” (Lk 17: 17.8)

A grateful heart is a humble heart. One who expects nothing in times of misery is not presumptuous – not demanding or forever reciting his experiences of misfortune. Thus when a response to his need comes, he is moved to tears, thanking God and thanking the benefactor. If one cannot return the favor in a similar way they can always pray for their behalf as often as they can. The Holy Eucharist at mass is the perfect occasion for thanksgiving. The Greek words “*euchanstein*” and “*eulogen*” recalls the Jewish blessings that is proclaimed during a meal – God’s work of creation, redemption, and sanctification. (CCD)

My nephew likes to say, “What goes around comes around.” For every gift and sacrifice you give, the rewards will return to you in ways beyond your expectation.

On this Thanksgiving Day we should not only focus on thanking God for food, for material possessions. We should thank God for people, within our family or outside of it who have been kind to us. We thank God for our community, and the people who make it a peaceful place to live in. We remember loved ones who had passed away. And when we finish our prayer over meals, we also should pray for those who have nothing to eat nor a roof over their head.

A THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Most merciful Father, your gifts of love are countless and your goodness infinite. On this Thanksgiving Day we come before You with gratitude for Your kindness: Open our hearts to concern for others so that we may share Your gifts of loving service with all your people. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Jesus’ life on earth had been a series of unimaginable humility, of sacrifices, of that call for us to follow Him by emulating him. From the time He was born to His adult life, He suffered for us. The Divine status of the Savior made infinite the value of His life-giving sacrifice. The cost of our redemption cannot be measured.

Throughout Jesus’ teaching, His lessons were on charity, on love for others for the love of God. The parable of the ten lepers shows us how to exercise sympathy and extend charity to the less fortunate. This means that we should be alert to the needs of others and respond accordingly. From the standpoint of us, the benefactor, we become like Christ when we do this because then there is something of the divine when our hearts are moved to extend ourselves to the ones in need. We are not to choose which people we give assistance to, for we are admonished not “to love only those who love you.” (Matt 5:46)

From our standpoint as receivers of other people’s kindness, we cannot afford to be smug. We are asked to examine ourselves, for if we are images of God, our thoughts, feelings, and actions should reflect God’s goodness. We are admonished not “to love only those who love you.” (Matt. 5:46)

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submitted with love for Mary, Mother Thrice Admirable, Queen and Victress of Schoenstatt
in thanksgiving for the graces of the most Holy Rosary and for the founding of Schoenstatt on Oct 18th
by Carole DiFabio.

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with questions, corrections or articles you would like to submit

