

**Honoring our Mother Thrice Admirable on this
Solemnity of the Annunciation, March 25th, 2011
and in tribute to Sally Faderan, RIP, March 25th, 2011**



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



**You know the way for me, you know the time;
Into your hands I trustingly place mine.
Your plan is perfect, born of perfect love.
You know the way for me, that is enough.**

**I trust your might, your kindness, Mother dear.
I do believe that you always near.
Schoenstatt's great Queen, O Mother Mild,
I blindly trust in you and in your Child.**

Dear Friends of our Mother Mary,

On this awesome day in honor of our Mother Mary's "fiat" so that the Word could "be made flesh and live among us", we have news to share of which many already know. Our dear Sally Faderan passed away this morning.

We send up our prayers for her and for her husband, Don, and daughter, Mary, who were at her side. It is truly fitting that God chose this solemnity of Mary to take Sally home. May she rest in His arms after being told "Well done, good and faithful servant". Janine will share more about Sally and Schoenstatt in the column **Simply Schoenstatt**.

This was going to be the first issue in a long time that had no **article of Sally's**, but upon looking at her article from last year, it was decided to use it again...it is so appropriate for this Lenten Season and for the witness that Sally and her family have given of graces gained by following Jesus and carrying our crosses.

There are also some very **special events coming up** for you to consider attending. Many graces will be yours. See details below and also in the attachment. And **an excerpt from Pope Benedict XVI's writings** that shed some light on this solemnity and joy, which is a Schoenstatt characteristic

Please excuse any printing errors. Also, consider sending me any stories or witness of the joy, peace and/or miracles of grace that you have experienced in your home visits of Our Mother Thrice Admirable or in your Home Shrines or from Sally's witness. Send these to csdmi@aol.com or 2200 E. 700 S, Lafayette 47909

"The Mother Thrice Admirable is calling you. She is waiting for you to visit her in her Schoenstatt Shrines of grace. She is longing to unite her heart to yours in the covenant of love. But most of all, she desires you to enter into a deeper relationship – a loving, caring, tender and intimate relationship, for all eternity, with the Blessed Trinity." (From: United with Her. Revised and edited by Ruth A. Bruckbauer, reprinted in 2008. Schoenstatt Rosary Campaign. Madison, WI.) Please consider making a covenant of love this April 9th. See flyer for details. Contact Janine at jrek27@gmail.com

SIMPLY SCHOENSTATT:

Dear Family,

Today, on this Feast Day of the Annunciation, we grieve with our little holy family who have lost their wife and mother. We grieve together with Mary Agnes and Don Faderan at the loss this morning of their little Sally. I say, little Sally, because I have always thought of her as a "little Mary." Had Father Kentenich known Sally on earth, (and he probably will be meeting her soon in heaven) he would have seen the resemblance immediately.

In our Schoenstatt "Garden of Mary" Mothers group, started a long time ago by Sister Ann Astell, Sally was seen by all of us as our teacher. Her intellect and memory were phenomenal. She was a voracious reader and at the same time an excellent story teller. She kept us mesmerized by the lively way she shared her lessons of wisdom. Our Blessed Mother was the teacher of Jesus and was the Source of Wisdom and the source of grace for Sally.

Sally was beautiful. She was elegant and charming and yet so utterly modest and unpretentious. Our Blessed Mother must have been beautiful in a natural way when she walked this earth and attracted people in her humility and goodness.

Sally was devout and devoted. There was probably not a single Litany nor Novena that she had not prayed during her lifetime. Don told me that her days were spent in constant prayer. Sally was devoted to her daughter and to her husband in a way that will always remain as a shining example to us. Sally's family **also** was everyone she knew. She loved everyone.

She was "Tita", an auntie, to all--and not just superficially, but in a very deep and meaningful way. Her great joy was in giving gifts. Sally's friendship was a great gift to us from the Blessed Mother.

Sally was a Schoenstatter through and through. She lived her Covenant of Love with Mary. She preached the mission and ideals of Schoenstatt to others. The

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Eternal rest grant to the soul of our beloved sister Sally Faderan, O merciful Lord.

Janine Reklaitis, President

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS

APRIL 9th - LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION - see attached flyer for details

APRIL 16th - SPRING (yay!) CLEANUP DAY

SPRING CLEAN-UP: Saturday, April 16, 2011 (with rain date for April 23). We have been invited to join the Wabash & Erie Canal Sponsors in their PROJECT W.E.E.D. We are needed, along with many other volunteers, to help clean brush and debris from our land at the Schoenstatt Wayside Shrine as well as to help clean land adjacent to ours and to spruce up some of the area in the Delphi Trailhead Park. All volunteers would report at 9 a.m. to Trailhead Park for instructions. Everyone would be served a free lunch at noon in the Trailhead Park Shelter. **KINDLY LET Rosemary Speaker (rspeaker@lion-lamb.com) know if you can join this worthwhile community effort, so that she can send in your RSVP for the free lunch. Our Blessed Mother deserves an attractive site at and near her Wayside**

Shrine. This can be a wonderful way to get some exercise and be part of the Delphi clean-up team!

No Schoenstatt Holy Hour this month as it will be Holy Thursday

Reprint of article done in March of 2010
THE CROSS: MARK OF CHRISTIANS
by Sally D. Faderan

I remember a school Principal of a diocesan school asking a class, "What is the first thing you see in a classroom that tells you that you are in a Catholic school?" The frequent answer is, "We see a crucifix."

In this Lenten season, we cannot help but reflect on the Passion of Jesus, and the symbol of His victory over sin and death: the Cross. While reading again "God Alone" by St. Louis de Montfort, I was struck by this line: "Jesus loved the Cross from His infancy. . ." (p.96) and also that "while in His Mother's womb, He received it from His Eternal Father." From all eternity, it was the Father's plan to send His beloved Son to come to this world of ours to save us. And so, we look at the Cross as the throne from which He saved us. "Never the Cross without Jesus, or Jesus without the Cross" (de Montfort).

How should we regard the Cross? How should we regard pain and suffering? We need not go far to see that suffering is all around us – sickness, the anxieties over the bad state of our economy, the threat to our safety, the disharmony in families, the disastrous earthquakes in Haiti, Okinawa, and Chile, etc.

As Bishop Fulton Sheen write in his book, "Life is Worth Living", our capacity for pain is greater than our capacity for pleasure. Life in this world is marked more by suffering than pleasure because true happiness is not found here – that is reserved for the life hereafter if we live by God's commandments.

Fulton Sheen lists the subject of pain and suffering into three parts:

1. What pain and suffering does to us
2. How to meet it
3. Why there is suffering

"Sickness invites us to heaven or to hell" (Franz Werfel). When we are in pain, we tend to become selfish, bitter and almost tyrannical. On the other hand, it can help us see beyond our pain, realize that we are dependent on the help of others, that we can unite our suffering with Jesus and be blessed in the process.

Bishop Sheen advises us to think about Jesus Crucified, with the Good Thief and the Bad Thief flanking him. The Bad Thief concentrated on his ego, challenging Jesus to "Save Thyself and us, too, if Thou art the Christ." The Good Thief chided the Bad Thief saying that they deserved their sentence but that Jesus had not done anything bad. So he turned to Jesus and said one simple thing, "Remember me when Thou comest to Thy Kingdom." That thief, writers like to say, "stole" Paradise in an instant.

How are we to meet suffering? Bishop Sheen writes, "We do it with love. Pain without love is hell. Suffering with love is sacrifice." Parents know what loving with sacrifice means. Anyone who truly loves knows this.

One of the most meaningful ways by which to bear suffering is to read St. Paul's testimony on God's reasons for withholding healing him of the "thorn in the flesh" that was given to him. He asked God to take it away from him three times, and God's answer to him was: "**My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.**" (2 Cor.12: 7-9). This calls for us to submit to the holy will and the loving Providence of God for He knows best what is good for us. It inspires us to think that the greater our suffering, the more the graces we receive, provided that we respond to Jesus' call to "Come, follow Me."

Why is there suffering? Asked at one of His Sunday TV programs this question, Fr. Groeschel had a quick, if a bit caustic answer: "This world is NOT Disneyland!" We have to go back to God's words to our first parents when they disobeyed God. The life that would be theirs on earth was not to be the Paradise that they had lost. We are all in it for the pains, but Jesus' saving power is our hope. Eternal love is worth our sacrifices."

We look to Mary to be our model for she was, as Bishop Sheen wrote, "the Mother of Sorrows" and yet the "Cause of our Joy." Our Schoenstatt motive for sacrifice is to contribute to the "Capital of Graces." It is the token with which we gain an abundance of graces.

From Fulton Sheen's prolific pen comes this poem:

I slipped His fingers, I escaped His feet
I ran and hid, for Him I feared to meet.
One day I passed Him, fettered to a Tree
He turned His Head, looked, and beckoned me.

Neither by speed, nor strength could He prevail
Each hand and foot was pinioned by a nail.
He could not run and clasp me if He tried,
But with His eye, He bade me reach His side,
For pity's sake thought I, I'll set you free.

'Nay – hold this Cross,' He said, 'and follow Me.'
'This yoke is easy, this burden light,
Nor hard or grievous if you wear it tight'
So did I follow Him Who could not move
An uncaught captive in the hands of Love.

Excerpts from Pope Benedict's homily – December 18th, 2005
about the Annunciation

"Rejoice!" Let us now meditate briefly on...one of the loveliest passages of sacred Scripture. And as not to take too long, I would like to reflect on only three words from this rich gospel.

The first word on which I would like to meditate with you is the angel's greeting to Mary. In the Italian translation the angel say, "Hail Mary." But the Greek words *kaire* means in itself "be glad" or "rejoice."....

Let us now reflect in particular on the first words: "Rejoice and be glad" This is the first words that resounds in the New Testament as such, because the angel's announcement to Zechariah of the birth of John the Baptist is the words that still rings out on the threshold between the two Testaments. It is only with this dialogue which the angel Gabriel has with Mary that the New Testament really begins. We can therefore say the first word of the New Testament is an invitation to joy "Rejoice, be glad." The new Testament is truly "gospel," "good news" that brings us joy. God is not remote from us, unknown, enigmatic or perhaps dangerous. God is close to us, so close that he makes himself a child, and we an informally address this God.

It was the Greek world above all above all that grasped this innovation, that felt this joy deeply, for it had been unclear to the Greeks whether there was a good God....they lived in a world of fear, surrounded by dangerous demons, never knowing how to save themselves from these forces in conflict with one another. It was a world of fear, a dark world. Then they heard: "Rejoice, these demons are nothing; the true God exists and this true God, he loves us, he knows us, his is with us, with us even to the point that the took on flesh!"

This is the great joy that Christianity proclaims. Knowing this God is truly "good news," a word of redemption.

Perhaps we Catholics who have always known it are no longer surprised and no longer feel this liberating joy keenly. However, if we look at today's world where God is absent, we cannot but note that it is also dominated by fears and uncertainty.....Thus, the words, "Rejoice, because God is with you, he is with us," are words that truly open a new epoch.

....our Mother who communicates joy, trust, and kindness and also invites us to spread joy. We can transmit this joy simply: with a smile, with a kind gesture, with some small help, with forgiveness. Let us give this joy, and the joy given will be returned to us. Let us seek in particular to communicate the deepest joy, that of know God in Christ. Let us pray that the presence of God's liberating Joy will shine out in our lives.

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