



Schoenstatt of Indiana Rosary Campaign Newsletter



Nothing without you, nothing without us!



Volume 4 Issue 5 Happy Birthday Mother Mary September 8, 2011

Greetings in this month of September as we honor our dearest Mother Mary on her birthday. You have all chosen your own special way to tell her of your love for her....maybe a special rosary, flowers, a card or, as my grandchildren did, maybe you sang Happy Birthday to her. Thank you, Mother, for your love, protection and guidance.

In this issue we have, on page 2, a last column from our outgoing president, Janine Reklaitis. The board has so appreciated Janine's leadership, given with joy and charity, that we have purchased a tree to be planted on our Schoenstatt property in Delphi in her honor. This we do with great hope for the building of a Daughter shrine at the location of our Wayside Shrine, Mother of the Eucharist. Janine will share about many current happenings. It is well worth the read.

Maria Libey from Northern Indiana makes her debut as a contributor to this publication, sharing a beautiful quote from a member of a Rosary Campaign Circle.

WE hope that you received a postcard with a picture of the inside of a Schoenstatt shrine taken by Marilu Altman. **You can all be part of the legacy** that will bring such a shrine to our area, where our Mother will bless us with extra graces to be her instruments for her Son Jesus. On the postcard were the dates for our Schoenstatt Holy Hours and our annual Advent Day of Reflection. Maybe it is on your refrigerator as this is being written :-). We hope you can join us for many of these opportunities for spiritual growth.

Also a group of women have decided to enter into a deeper commitment to our Mother Thrice Admirable in the Schoenstatt movement. Ten women are meeting monthly to pray, study and prepare themselves for their Schoenstatt League Membership Dedication. It is appropriate that these women conclude their time together with Adoration and prayer at the monthly Schoenstatt Holy Hour. Hope to see you there:

**St. Elizabeth Chapel, SCHOENSTATT HOLY HOUR
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 7pm**

*Thank you, Mother
Thrice Admirable*

*Mary Abegg, Michelle Abegg,
Bonnie Naperala*



News from the Schoenstatt Movement in the Northern Area of Indiana *by Maria H. Libey, coordinator of group 2137*

The Pilgrim MTA chose to visit Northern Indiana in 2003. She started in Hobart, IN, where I live. Sr. Jessica came to visit us twice since that time. The first time that she came I was the only coordinator. The name for my Home Shrine is *MORNING STAR* and I start my day asking our MTA to hold my hand throughout the day.

Every time that a Rosary Campaign group had more than 10 members we would split the group and choose a new coordinator. The MTA now visits homes in Hammond, Highland, Hobart, Lake Station, Munster, Schererville, St. John and Lansing (IL).

Let us all pray that the Schoenstatt MTA Shrine of Indiana becomes a reality in Delphi, IN.

I'm sending some pictures with different groups and I'm including a lovely statement that the group led by Bonnie Naperala, in Hobart, sent to me:

A Testimony

Welcoming the Blessed Mother and Jesus Schoenstatt shrine into our homes is a Divine inspiration to us. The Mother of Our Lord brings her peace, love, hope and wisdom to us that we infuse into our families and the world. Our earthly mothers had great devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and it is our belief that by the power of the Holy Spirit our mothers are with her now basking in the Glory of our God and his Divine Son, Jesus Christ. In the Glory of God and the Honor of His mother, (MTA Group#4905-Mary Abegg, Michelle Abegg, Bonnie Naperala)





Schoenstatt Father Joy Puthussery.

celebrates Mass with us
on the Feast of our Lady's Assumption into Heaven
at the
Schoenstatt Wayside Shrine
Mother of the Eucharist
in Delphi, Indiana
August 15th
5:15 Rosary 5:30 Mass

SIMPLY SCHOENSTATT

Beloved Schoenstatt Family,

One purpose of this column has been to highlight news from our Schoenstatt of Indiana, Inc. board. In that light, on August 27, we had our annual board meeting, as mandated by our by-laws.

***** drum roll followed by trumpet sounds*****

We are immensely pleased and proud to announce that new officers were elected unanimously by the members present:

- **Rosemary Speaker, president;**
- **Suzanne Gardiner, executive vice-president;**
- **Marilu Altman, vice-president;**
- **Don Faderan, secretary; Julia Haskell, assistant secretary;**
- **William Strasburger, treasurer; Gloria Thompson, assistant treasurer.**

At that meeting, in my annual report, I included the following reminder of our purpose which I wish to share with you: *His Mother said to the servants: "Do whatever He tells you." (John 2:5) We are dedicated to serving Mary, our Mother Thrice Admirable, Queen of our Hearts, as pilgrims and board members, by promoting the growth of the Schoenstatt Movement through spiritual formation and family oriented activities at the parishes in this area. Our ardent desire is to build a Daughter Shrine (Mother of the Eucharist) on our land in Delphi, Indiana with an adjacent Retreat Center where such activities will have their true home. In these next few years, a very important focus of our endeavors will be to prepare, locally, for the Centennial Celebration of the founding of Schoenstatt that will take place in October 2014.*

In keeping with this primary purpose of ours, many of you already know that on August 15th, we honored Our Mother Thrice Admirable in a special way with a Mass on the Feast of her Assumption celebrated by Schoenstatt Father Joy Puthussery. Around sixty of you gathered at her Wayside Shrine in Delphi. Father Joy himself had to make a round trip of seven hours in one day for this gathering. What a sacrifice! We were especially pleased to see the little children present. **Childlikeness** is what we strive for in our Schoenstatt movement. Also, Father Joy reminded us in his thoughtful homily that another **key element of our spirituality is placing ourselves daily at our Blessed Mother's service, as her instruments.** As we continuously repeat: "Nothing without you, nothing without us." We thank Joann Clark for being our music leader on this occasion. Everyone sang from the heart both before and after our Rosary and during Holy Mass. Many thanks to each and everyone one for all your help!

On July 22, I had the privilege of being at Mount Schoenstatt in Mulgoa, New South Wales, Australia. This Shrine is about an hour away from Sydney. It was a cool and misty day. I was struck by the surrounding spaciousness, the simplicity and the serenity of this Daughter Shrine. What a blessing it was to walk into the Shrine and to see the dear, familiar elements. To pray before Jesus in the Tabernacle. To feel at home; one of the special graces of Schoenstatt.

Now, we are back home in Indiana--home with our home shrines, home at the Wayside Shrine in Delphi where our Lady has planted herself. We pray for donations, large or small, so that on this site we too may build her a Daughter Shrine. Mary dwells in her chosen shrines with extraordinary graces. But it is up to us to offer our strivings and sacrifices to her Capital of Grace.



As I already mentioned, in 2014, we will mark the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the Schoenstatt Movement by Father Joseph Kentenich.

In preparation, during the year **2011**, we have been focused on **"the father trend,"** marking our father and founder with the theme "Father, bring us Your Light"

Next year, **2012**, we will be focusing on the **"shrine trend."** As our unique gift from the United States Schoenstatt family, we are preparing an album of home shrines. I am compiling this material for our local area. If you have not emailed or sent me your information plus photo of your home shrine, please do so. Thank you!

Also, there will be an opportunity to dedicate more home shrines during the weekend of our Advent Day of Recollection, December 10th in Delphi. **Please consider giving our Jesus the gift of your home as a Christmas present** when you ask our Mother to live with you in a special way in a Home Shrine.

Or consider giving Him the gift of your heart dedicated to Mary as you make a **Covenant of Love.** email me for more info: jrek27@gmail.com

Words of Fr. Kentenich, from *Mary, Our Mother and Educator*; 1954.on..[Marian Shrines](#)

"Wherever Our Lady erects her throne in a special way, Our Lord must also be at home in a singular manner. That explains why she so often has no rest until the sanctuary lamp may be lit in her shrines and the "silent prisoner of the Tabernacle" has taken up His abode there. It also explains why all those who surrender themselves to her are--as if caught up in a whirlpool--swept to Christ and with and in Him in the Holy Spirit to God the Father...

Wherever the Mother Thrice Admirable and Queen of Schoenstatt settles, she is primarily and particularly active, as is her wont, as educator in our modern times. **Her shrines are the formation centers and workshops of the new man and the new social order in the way that God desires for today, so that the Church can perfectly fulfill her mission for our times...** All who dedicate themselves to her there, all who make a covenant of love with her will be taken by her into a serious school of genuine, solid everyday sanctity such as our times need. They will be placed by God into Our Lady's care, so that she may educate them to carry out His great plan."

For the past four years, Our Lady has been guiding me as I served as president of the Board of Schoenstatt of Indiana, Inc. I benefited so much from this communal effort. It brought me a lot of joy. I would make mistakes but all the board members would quickly step in and smooth them away. They did so lovingly and graciously. Your next "Simply Schoenstatt column" in this newsletter will be written by our newly elected president.

We have so much to look forward to, because we always proceed in hope and in trust Under Mary's Mantle.

Adieu!
Janine Reklaitis



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My Queen, My Mother
a meditation from the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary

MY QUEEN

Immaculate Queen,
owner of my heart,
dawn of the coming Sun,
I am your servant.

My Queen,
because you won me under the cross
because I chose you, my Queen,
because you conquered my heart,
with your powerful and faithful love,
and with loving mercy descended
to the depth of my poverty.

MY MOTHER

I am your helpless child
reaching toward you,
looking for your warm sheltering love;
your child whom you love,
whom you inscribed into your heart;
the one whom you forgave countless times.

Mother of my weary nights,
Mother of my renewed hope,
Sweet Mother. Faithful Mother

to be continued in next issue

**Our Mother in the image below has traveled to all
but one Catholic church in Tippecanoe County
and has visited several other Catholic churches in
this dioceses. If you would like her to visit your
parish please contact
Bill Strasberger at b.bstras@comcast.net**



**Submitted with love for Mary,
our Mother Thrice Admirable by
Carole DiFabio. If you have
questions or corrections, please
contact csdmi@aol.com. Or, if
you would like to tell us about
your Schoenstatt experience,
we'd love to hear from you !**