



Schoenstatt of Indiana Rosary Campaign Newsletter



Nothing without you, nothing without us!



Volume 4 Issue 6 Our Lady of Sorrows, September 15, 2011

Greetings on this day in which we honor Our Mother Thrice Admirable in her love and loyalty during times of great sorrow. She has surely shown us the way to bear our crosses and to be present to others as they bear their own. May we follow her example as we say this prayer

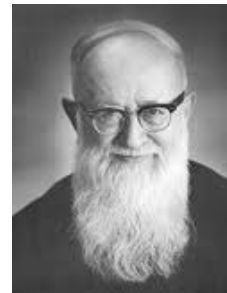
Let us be, O Mother like you
More and more a clear reflection
Strong and noble, childlike, true
Offering peace and joy, protection
Yours the task in which we share
Hearts for Christ help us prepare

Schoenstatt's Unity Cross is a perfect symbol for this day of love in the midst of sorrow. The prayer below thanks her for staying by us in our times of trial also. The Unity Cross prayer was in Vol 4 Issue 4 of this year.

With heartfelt love, I thank you, Mother dear,
With you to guide me I need have no fear.
When all around seemed dark and drear and gray,
You stood as beacon for a brighter day.
Your smile illumined every wakeful hour,
You did uphold me with your gentle power.
Thanks, a thousand thanks to you, to God shall be
now and for all eternity.
Amen.



A tribute to Father Joseph Kentenich November 18, 1885 to September 15, 1968



PRAYER FOR FATHER'S BEAUTIFICATION in this year of the Father Trend

Eternal Triune God, for love of You and Your holy Church, the founder of Schoenstatt always tried to do Your will and lead many people to You. Through Mary, Mother Thrice Admirable and Queen of Schoenstatt, grant him what he requests on my behalf and let him soon be beatified, so that he may be even more fruitful here on earth for You and your Kingdom. Amen

Father Joseph Kentenich, the founder of Schoenstatt, was born in Gymnich near Cologne. Having lived a saintly life, he died on September 15 immediately after offering Holy Mass in the Adoration Church built at his suggestion. He was buried where he died. Thousands come in pilgrimage to his tomb, trusting that he will intercede for them with God. Already many have experienced his help. Please report any answers to prayer to the Secretariat Father Joseph Kentenich, 5310 W. Wisconsin Ave. Milwaukee WI 53208-3061





Tomb of Father Kentenich Adoration Chapel Schoenstatt Germany

*Father died suddenly on September 15, 1968 at the age of nearly 83. It was a Sunday and the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. He had just celebrated his first Mass in the new Adoration Chapel and was unvesting in the sacristy when he died of heart failure. He was laid to rest at the very place that he died, and so the sacristy in the Adoration Church was transformed into his place of burial. He was placed there on September 20th. The stone sarcophagus was inscribed with the epitaph he had chosen himself while in Milwaukee: **Dilexit Ecclesiam** He loved the Church Since then hundreds of thousands of pilgrims have visited and prayed at his tomb, also called the “founder chapel”*

Taken from 200 Questions About Schoenstatt, p 146

What promises did Father Kentenich make to the Church? from 200 Questions About Schoenstatt, p 144.

There were three moments in Fr. Kentenich’s life when he made solemn promises to high Church officials connecting his work with that of the Church. Two were made to reigning Popes, one to a bishop.

- 1. The mission of the secular institutes.** On March 14, 1947 Fr. Kentenich had an audience with Pope Pius XII in Rome. Just 6 weeks before, Pius XII had promulgated the Apostolic Constitution *Provida Mater Ecclesia*. It was a historic document, creating an entirely new form of the consecrated life in the Church—the secular institutes (consecrated lay people working in the world). This fit Fr. Kentenich’s own new kind of community in Schoenstatt and he thanked Pius XII for the new legislation. *He promised that Schoenstatt would help see to it that this new form of community would contribute to healing the Christian social order in our times.*
- 2. The Church as a family of God.** On November 16, 1965 in Rome, at the celebration of his 80th birthday, Fr. Kentenich directed a second promise to Bishop Joseph Hoeffner of Muenster, Germany. On this occasion, Bishop Hoeffner formally accepted Fr. Kentenich into his diocese as part of the founder’s reinstatement at the end of the exile. Fr. Kentenich used the occasion to promise not only his obedience to his new bishop, but also that *Schoenstatt would make every effort to create a family-like spirit in which individuals and dioceses, priests and laity form the Church as a true family of God.* A central part of this promise is to assist the bishop in being a genuine father to his flock, in the entire richness of what fatherhood means in Schoenstatt. Behind this promise is a vision of the Church built not merely on external structures of authority, but on a spirit and cohesion that comes from love and solidarity with the mission of the Church.
- 3. The mission of the Church in the post-Vatican II era.** On December 22, 1965, Fr. Kentenich was received by Pope Paul VI in a brief private audience. Pope Paul VI had prepared a text in which he personally expressed his thanks to Fr. Kentenich and confirmed his rehabilitation. At this point Fr. Kentenich made the following promise in return: “In the name of the Schoenstatt Family, I heartily thank you for the good works you have lavished on Schoenstatt to an extraordinary degree, but also for my personal rehabilitation. In gratitude for everything which Your Holiness has done, *we want to diligently work to help realize the unique mission of the post-conciliar Church for our modern times. And all of this under the patronage of the Mother of the Church.*”it was Schoenstatt’s role to actively contribute to the realization of the mission which the Church had undertaken at Vatican Council II

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Mother Thrice Admirable
CROWNING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

with

Emeritus Bishop Higi of the Diocese of Lafayette

For the 2nd anniversary of the

Crowning of Mary as “Queen of our Hearts”

7:00 pm on October 20th

St. Elizabeth Central Chapel

14th Street, Lafayette IN

Sponsored by Schoenstatt of Indiana, Inc.



DECEMBER 10th

Schoenstatt Advent Day of Reflection

Delphi IN

More details to follow

Would you like to dedicate a Home Shrine?

Contact jrek27@gmail

In the next issue

First column from our new president, Rosemary Speaker

Continuation of meditation on the prayer My Queen, My Mother

Nan Ross : Masthead design

**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 !**