



# Schoenstatt of Indiana Rosary Campaign Newsletter



*Nothing without you, nothing without us!*



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## St. Michael and Schoenstatt is on page 2 SIMPLY SCHOENSTATT

Dear Beloved Schoenstatt Family,

Warmest greetings, from one soul who has inherited a legacy begun by our esteemed and humble servant Janine Reklaitis who herself initiated so many beginnings for our Indiana Pioneer Schoenstatt board of directors, including this president's column "Simply Schoenstatt." Thankfully, Janine will be remaining on the board of directors and heading up the all important Events Committee. In addition to thanking Janine we need to be aware that several other members of the board of directors will be stepping away this year. Having been of great service to the Blessed Mother for Schoenstatt, they have been called to 'go out into the deep' (Bl. John Paul II) to serve the Church and community in new and dedicated ways. So we send a big thank you to Barb Strasburger, Rennatta Berkshire, Nan Ross, Fran Dunn and Daniel Salazar and our other pioneer board members, Jeff and Marlene Jarboe. Even though they will no longer serve as members of the board, they will take part in Schoenstatt such as Day's of Recollection and Schoenstatt Holy Hour and family activities. God be praised!

Also, it is with great joy that we give thanks that Schoenstatt of Indiana is blessed that many other talented souls will be remaining in service as directors and new ones come to Schoenstatt as members and leaders of this very active board. All of these people are very dedicated to the Blessed Mother and to the purpose and goals of our Indiana Schoenstatt. Especially we give thanks for our Spiritual Directors: Schoenstatt Fr. Gerold Langsch and Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary: Sr. Barbara Ebbe and Sr. Ann Astell.

As Janine pointed out, this is the year that all of Schoenstatt world wide focuses on and celebrates the "Founder Stream," which means that we try not only to

complete dedication to and trust in the Blessed Mother as our helpmate for our lives leading us to the Triune God. Also in the "Founder Stream" we learn to become Mary's instruments to spread the Gospel values, especially by striving to become *everyday saints*, offering all of our joys and sorrows and tedious little tasks to the Blessed Mother to increase her storehouse in the "Capitol of Grace." This offering of ourselves is half of the "Covenant of Love" and the other part is Mary's offering to us to give the grace that we need to transform our lives and the lives of our loved ones into holy children of God. Learn more about all of these blessings through Schoenstatt teachers and materials and our newsletter.

Please read the Newsletters for upcoming events. And come to the special holy Mass, anniversary commemorating the gift of a beautiful **crown** given to the Blessed Mother representing our hearts. The celebrant will be Bishop Emeritus, William Higi. This giving of our **hearts** is in connection with the **Covenant of Love with Our Mother, Queen and Victress of Schoenstatt**. We want daily to remember that she has possession of our hearts and that we can trust in her with great confidence to take perfect care of us. One of my favorite prayers of confidence by Fr. Kentenich was written when he was a prisoner in Dachau, 1943:

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

Let us hear from you readers of this Newsletter with testimonials of how Our Mother of Schoenstatt has touched your lives. I know that when my husband Tom and I were in a very serious auto accident on June 11th of this year that I felt thankful to the Blessed Mother for saving our lives. The above prayer came to mind as well as the thought that we always need to "be prepared."

Looking forward to seeing you at Schoenstatt events. In the meantime, let us make use of the sacraments especially that of Reconciliation and Holy Communion.

Your loving sister in the Covenant with Mary,  
Rosemary Speaker  
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## ***St. Michael the Archangel and Schoenstatt***



To the left of the altar is St. Michael the Archangel conquering the dragon. St. Michael in whose honor the chapel was dedicated before October 18, 1914, appears as the great warrior of the cause of God (Michael means: Who like God?) The dragon is the symbol of the evil one, the devil, the "power of darkness." This sign renews our awareness that in the history of mankind and in the history of each individual, there exist invisible powers doing battle between the divine and the demonic. These truths are forgotten by many or for which millions of men are no longer sensitive because their faith has weakened or is dead. The presence of the dragon makes us think of the mission which the Virgin Mary has in this battle which is so much emphasized in Genesis as in the Book of Revelation. Mary, the Conqueror of the serpent; Mary, the Crusher of the serpent.

## ***The Shrine and its symbols***

***Article taken from the webpage for the Schoenstatt Apostolic Movement***

see <http://www.schoenstatt.org/en/about-schoenstatt/the-shrine/shrine-symbols.htm>

When you learn about Schoenstatt for the first time, you are suddenly faced with the reality of the little chapel, the Shrine. Without being a great observer, you soon detect that something central to the Movement lies there, or better still, that the Shrine is the heart of the Movement. Why? The answer is simple and at the same time it is profound because since October 18, 1914, the Blessed Virgin Mary has attached herself there in a very special way. In that way, the Schoenstatt Shrine becomes a connecting point between Heaven and earth: a place where divine action and human collaboration meet. There we are accepted and from there we are sent; there, we go to petition, but we also go to offer.

In addition to trying to explain the Shrine, you have to experience it personally. Let us enter and contemplate in silence its interior. Above the Tabernacle we see the image of Our Lady of Schoenstatt with the Child in her arms. Mary does not appear alone but with Christ her Son, in an indissoluble union with Him. We see the Cross, we see the Tabernacle. The everlasting laws: where Mary is, the Lord Jesus is also. This is a central characteristic of Schoenstatt: because it is a profoundly Marian Movement, it is so profoundly centered on Christ. Here we have the two main points of the Redemption: the cross of Christ (or Christ on the Cross) and the image of Mary: the great gift of God the Father to mankind and the human child who responds fully to His plans and to His plan of salvation.

*"Let me present the cross and the picture of Mary to the nations as the sign of redemption so that the two who stand as one in the Father's plan of love may never be divided."* (p.90 HEAVENWARDS, American edition). Thus reads a prayer composed by Father Kentenich in the Dachau Concentration Camp. **From the beginning, the Schoenstatt Shrine was characterized as a place with a marked Eucharistic cult. Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament was born there and the Institute of the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary has, without interruption day and night, maintained it for more than fifty years. From there, adoration circles arose in different countries and in diverse communities of the Schoenstatt Family.**

## **Symbol of the Father**

Above the image of Our Lady of Schoenstatt, a symbol makes the Father in His Divine Providence present. It is the so called "Father Eye." How revealing are the eyes of a person. The eye keeps watch, the eye listens, the eye penetrates, the eye transmits. The gaze of the Father is a gaze which protects, guards, is quick to help and does not punish. The gaze.....the eyes of the Father are eyes of mercy and goodness. The Father Eye Symbol of the Father speaks to us of the strong patrocetric aspect of the Schoenstatt spirituality.

## **Symbol of the Holy Spirit**

Near this symbol we find another symbol: a dove which represents the Holy Spirit. Simply put, they are laws of God's plan, laws of Christian living. The Virgin Mary directs all the love we give to Christ; it gives us a growing sensibility to the Holy Spirit, it helps us to know the Father. Simply said, Mary takes us to the Blessed Trinity. We are at the center of the Schoenstatt spirituality expressed in this simple prayer: *"Unite us in holy tri-unity and thus we will walk in the Holy Spirit to the Father."* (Fr. Kentenich)

## **St. Peter, St. Paul, St. Joseph, St. Vincent Pallotti**

There are other symbols....(but no space left to explain them in this newsletter– please see the web link under the title)



**The Shrine, the place where divine action and human collaboration meet**

*Would you like to have a Home Shrine with the same graces of the original Schoenstatt shrine always with your family in a special way?*

*This could happen for you in December....  
a wonderful gift for Jesus and Mary and for you.*

Contact [jrek27@gmail](mailto:jrek27@gmail)

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**Mother Thrice Admirable  
CROWNING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

with

**Emeritus Bishop Higi of the Diocese of Lafayette**

**For the 2nd anniversary of the**

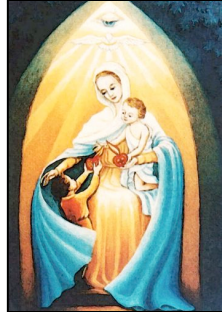
**Crowning of Mary as “Queen of our Hearts”**

**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**

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you would like to tell us about  
your Schoenstatt experience,  
we'd love to hear from you !**

