

## "Your Home Shrine, Our Mission; Live it."

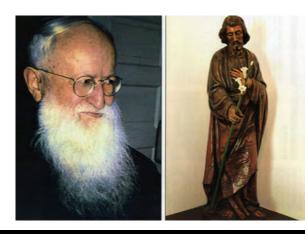
Solemnity greetings, dear Schoenstatt family,

This is a day of great celebration as **we honor the spouse of our Mother** Thrice Admirable, Queen and Victress of Schoenstatt. How happy she must be to see all the prayers of gratitude, love and joy that are lifted up to St. Joseph today. The statue of St. Joseph seen below is found in all the Schoenstatt shrines where he is greatly honored. As Protector of the Universal Church he also protects Schoenstatt, which is all of us in different degrees of involvement.

We greet and welcome our new Church father, Pope Francis I. We surround him with prayer and thank God for giving him to us. See the Movement Director's comments on the email itself to which this newsletter was attached. Pope Francis is a friend of Schoenstatt, which is quite developed in Argentina.

**Please find in this issue an invitation to many upcoming events in Indiana**. Surely our blessed Mother and St. Joseph will shower blessings on you for taking the time to read these items about this movement so loved and supported by them. Continued Lenten blessings to you and your families, Carole DiFabio, editor





A statue of Saint Joseph is on the left side in all Schoenstatt shrines. The first one was originally presented to Father Kentenich in 1933, who then presented it to the original shrine. The Saint Joseph statue in the original shrine was replaced in 1953 with a version showing Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church.

Schoenstatt Events	
Thursday March 21st	Schoenstatt Holy Hour, St. Elizabeth Chapel, 7pm
Friday March 22nd	<ul> <li>8:30 a.m. Mass at Blessed Sacrament Parish (in the Day Chapel)</li> <li>9:15 a.m. to about 10:30 a.m. Informal conversation with small group I, in Kateri Room, Bl. Sacrament Parish; the topic will be similar to evening's, namely, the three graces that Mary, our MTA brings when she visits our homes through the Schoenstatt Rosary Campaign (Rosemary Speaker and Janine Reklaitis will be present)</li> <li>5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross at Blessed Sacrament Parish</li> <li>6:15 p.m. Simple Supper at Hardebeck Hall, prepared by Nancy and Jerry Johnston and Schoenstatt helpers</li> <li>7:15 p.m. Rosary Campaign Presentation. (30 minutes)</li> <li>Theme will be "Mary, the Mother of Sorrows (suffering) and Mary coming to our homes monthly with the three special graces: the three graces of "being at home"; inner transformation; and apostolic/</li> </ul>
Saturda March 23rd	<ul> <li>mission zeal"</li> <li>9:30-1:00pm Schoenstatt Board meeting, Delphi IN and box lunch</li> <li>11:00 am Schoenstatt Sister Barbara—talk prepared for the Board</li> <li>1:15 p.m. Departure with Bill Strasburger for West Lafayette,</li> <li>2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Meeting and talk to Schoenstatt Couples Group at home of Joseph and Loyola Kmec</li> <li>5:30 p.m. Dinner at Christo's Restaurant, West Lafayette, (all are invited)</li> <li>7p.m. to 9 p.m. Meeting and talk by Sr. Barbara to Mariengarten Mothers Group to be held at the home of Susana Venis</li> </ul>

## APRIL 12th, Evening Mass with Fr. Gerold Langsch at Blessed Sacrament APRIL 13th, Mass and "Day of Recollection" in Delphi with Fr. Gerold Langsch

And with Sister Ann Astell

18th, Holy Hour; 20th, "Clean Up Day" at Schoenstatt Park Grounds NEXT BOARD MEETING TO BE ANNOUNCED

**MEDITATION** by Father Kentenich from the WI Schoenstatt Rosary Campaign Newsletter, Fall 2008

"Let us recall how St. Joseph received his mission. What did the angel tell him in the dream? 'Joseph, get up, take the Child and his Mother.' I believe that God called us to help fulfill this great mission....Like St. Joseph we listen to the words today: 'Get up!' Do not lie down and rest for awhile. Do not wish for yourself a life of comfort and complacency. Do not wish to find pleasures in this world. No, the angel ordered; 'Joseph, get up, take the Child and his Mother.' First of all we shall accept them into our own hearts. Then we have to prepare for them a warm place in our family and in the hearts of others." (cf Mt 2:13-15)

"Besides the beauty of family life, we all have already experienced its worries, crosses and suffering. And yet we know that if we receive the Child and his Mother anew into our family, we also give our 'yes' to the path of cross and suffering which they have walked. In this spirit we will accept our Schoenstatt mission anew, take the Child and his Mother, who seem to be exiled today from many hearts, and offer them a dwelling in our hearts and homes." JK p 26 Shrine Meditations

**PRAYER:** Mother, on this day of celebration, let us imitate St. Joseph as we build our living shrine. Help me to offer up my work today in a special way, being as selfless, as serving, and as generous as St. Joseph was to you in your lifetime.



## A Beautiful Place - our SCHOENSTATT LAND, with your help!

Come Participate in the Annual EARTH DAY: PROJECT W.E.E.D. sponsored by the Wabash and Erie Canal Park Association and this year also by Schoenstatt of Indiana, Inc.

**Needed:** Volunteers needed on Earth Day 2012 to beautify / tidy up around the Canal from across IND 25 (to the north of Deer Creek) and at the Schoenstatt Wayside Shrine, the future site of the "Schoenstatt Sacred Park" (along the canal trail off Hwy 421). Free Lunch will be served at noon in the Canal Park shelter for the volunteers

**Date: Saturday, April 20, 2013 at 9am.** (Rain date, ? **Meeting Place:** All volunteers are asked to report to Canal Park at 9am where instructions and team assembly will occur.

**What:** We will be removing trash, brush and debris. The big jobs will involve pruning, raking, bagging and chain saw work (by adults) to make both sites more presentable to the public. This year's goal is to top 100 workers. Children working together with parents or teachers as part of church groups, 4-H clubs, scout troops and others are invited to participate.

**Important Information:** Transportation may be required to some sites (and then back to Canal Park at noon for lunch.) Team captains, in Earth Team white hats, will direct work and answer questions at the various sites. **We encourage you to bring your own tools.** Please mark them with your name before you come. Dress appropriately in work clothes-long pants, work shoes, gloves and other protective wear. Children should work together with parents or teachers. No pets please. **Check for last minute cancellation by calling the CANAL HOTLINE (765) 564-6572** 

## <u>Join In Three Ways:</u>

1) Pre-register at <u>rspeaker@lion-lamb.com</u> Give your: Name, address, telephone, cell phone, email:

2) or call Rosemary Speaker 765 414 1382:

3) or come and sign up that morning! May God bless you a hundred fold!