



Schoenstatt of Indiana Rosary Campaign Newsletter

Year of the
shrine current



Nothing without you, nothing without us!



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"Build family shrines of life and love!"

SIMPLY SCHOENSTATT

Dear Schoenstatt Family,

Wonderful news! In May, we had 11 new people make their **Covenant of Love** with the Blessed Mother Thrice Admirable – *She has given them a personal home in herself in the founder and in the community.* Congratulations to Bonnie Bales, Maria Carreon, Carolyn McKay from Blessed Sacrament Church in West Lafayette; Donna Beeler from St. Ann's in Lafayette, Gail Gettings and Greg Ortner from St. Boniface, Lafayette; Shawn Gillen from St. Lawrence in Lafayette; David Ferrell from St. Joseph in Delphi; Sue Budzielek and Kathy Seeley from northwest Indiana. May God bless you and Mother Mary take perfect care of you – "Nothing without the Blessed Mother; nothing without you."

More wonderful news! On the same weekend, May 18 – 20 eight **new home shrines** were dedicated by Fr. Gerold Langsch with the prayer support of Sister Ann Astell. What a blessing for this year of the Shrine Current with the motto: **Build Family Shrines of Life and Love.** Let us welcome and give thanks for all of the grace flowing from these shrines:

- + **Our Lady of Forgiveness / Mystical Rose** consecrated in the home of Donna Beeler
- + **Protector of Families** is the new home shrine of the Gail and Bill Gettings family.
- + **Mary Queen of Schoenstatt Companion, Teacher, Guardian, and Intercessor in my everyday life** is the home shrine title and charism for Carolyn McKinney
- + **Blessed Mother of Courage and Hope** is the title of Maria and Todd Harrington's family home shrine.
- + **Spring of Blessing and Grace** in the home of Alex and Maria Carreon Family
- + **Reflection of Love** is the title of Bonnie and Ron Bales home shrine.
- + **To bring souls to Christ through our actions and to use words if necessary** is the ideal for the Michael and Shawn Gillen family homeshrine.
- + **Mary Queen of Purity and of Perfect Surrender** is the title for the Ortner's Schoenstatt Family Shrine.

*May God's blessing come upon all those
Who have consecrated themselves entirely to Schoenstatt
And bring them happiness and salvation
Here and in eternity. Amen. (Fr. Kentenich Heavenwards)*

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Covenant of Love Conference: Seven members of the Schoenstatt Rosary Campaign from the Lafayette-Delphi area will be traveling to Waukesha, Wisconsin to the International Schoenstatt Center to attend the Journey of Love Conference. Our group has been asked to assist with the 4 liturgies of the weekend by composing the *prayers of the faithful* and by asking the readers and gift bearers to assist at the Masses. This is a wonderful privilege for our state representatives.

Mass at the Wayside Shrine: This summer a Mass will be offered at our Indiana Schoenstatt Wayside Shrine “Mother of the Eucharist” in Delphi – date to be announced. Please honor Mary by attending this special Mass and invite your family and friends to receive the abundance of graces available from the shrine. Watch for the announcement.

One Million for Mary: Don’t forget to offer your Hail Mary’s for the future Schoenstatt Shrine to honor the Blessed Mother of Schoenstatt and to offer special sacrifices for her capital / treasury of grace so she can distribute her graces from there, just as she does from her other shrines throughout the world. “Hail Marys” can be prayed by everyone of every age and this way everyone can contribute to building this shrine. By the way, each rosary that you pray has 53 Hail Marys so you can count your prayers easily that way. But little children may not be able to pray an entire rosary so please do encourage them to pray a “Hail Mary” to offer for building Mary’s Shrine. Let them know that every prayer counts.

Send your count of Hail Marys periodically to jhas821@aol.com or **Julie Haskell, 512 Kossuth Street, Apt 2; Lafayette, IN 47905**. Invite your prayer groups and even strangers (a great way of evangelizing) to participate in adding to this spiritual bouquet for Mary. Thank you for your generous participation in this campaign. The goal is “One Million Hail Marys for Mary”. God, our loving Father will surely bless the efforts of his children.

The next two Schoenstatt Board of Directors Meetings will be at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in West Lafayette: Saturday, July 14, at 9:30 AM and the **Annual Board of Directors** meeting will be on Saturday, August 11, at 9:30 AM. Guests are welcome to attend.

Yours truly in the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary,
Rosemary

Defenders of Schoenstatt

by Julie Haskell

Five children became Defenders of Our Blessed Mother, our Schoenstatt Mother Thrice Admirable, at the May 19th Day of Recollection in Delphi, IN. They spent a busy morning developing their logo which they painted on their breastplates with the symbol they chose to represent their love of Our Blessed Mother. A little time out for demonstrating their skills came when they engaged in some sparring. Our 2 little ladies were just as aggressive in their defense as the 3 boys. They showed they can fight just as hard in Mary’s defense.



The Maypole was delightful as the children showed the adults the joy of working together to create harmony, beauty and fun. Then the adults got the opportunity to learn from the children. Those who did not participate sang songs and cheered them on. The children blew bubbles to send their love to the Blessed Mother.

As the day came to a close, the adults watched as Our Blessed Mother with crowned with blossoms by the children. Before leaving Delphi, many gathered at the Wayside Shrine to say a decade of the rosary which will be offered to the "Million for Mary" prayer campaign that was initiated for the building of our Schoenstatt Shrine.



Just a little “yes” witness column

Thank you, Greg, for sharing the particulars of your Home Shrine dedication –a result of your “yes”

Ortner Family Home Shrine **Mary Queen of Purity and of Perfect Surrender**

Dedicated on May 20th, 2012 at 2:30 pm

Family Members: Greg Ortner, son - Drew, son - Blake, mother - Mary

Symbols

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati: A young and active Catholic.

The Frassati society and Fr. Brian Doerr in particular helped bring me back to the faith.

St. Michael the Archangel: To ward off the evils and temptations that we are overwhelmed with every day

St. Boniface: Our family's home parish with Fr. Tim as my spiritual mentor. Also St. Boniface is the patron saint of Germany (our heritage) and a wonderful Evangelist

John the Baptist - Also a wonderful Evangelist with great courage. A value I strive to emulate.

Dedication:

We arrived home after a soccer game and found the Schoenstatt crew waiting. After inviting them in, Fr. Gerold graciously gave us time to calm down and get changed and to get in the proper frame of mind for the occasion. He even requested that we let our dog Henry in to join us so he would remain calm and to receive the graces needed to be a better dog. ;). The entire time I felt the presence of Our Lady and felt the love and camaraderie of my Schoenstatt family. My sons also chimed in with their hopes and desires of placing our Mother Thrice Admirable into our home and daily lives. During the final part of the dedication when all the Schoenstatt members were offering individual prayers, Sr. Ann made a wonderful observation. She mentioned the correlation between the white rose, the white in the Schoenstatt picture mat, and the white in Mary's veil and and covering Jesus. She tied them all back to the name of the shrine with white being the color of purity and how that veil of purity would be extended to our home and family.



Prayer:

Blessed Mary, Mother and Queen Thrice Admirable.

Through your love, draw us into communion with your Son in the Triune.

I pray you intervene for, nurture, and embrace myself and my family, most especially my boys
I offer to you a covenant of love and a promise to continue working toward purity of mind and body with our
Lords grace

I offer myself in complete surrender to our Lords will as you lived as a perfect example for us. Amen.

Customs

We began lighting the candle during rosary time and offering petitions on folded papers on the shrine

*Thank you again to all those involved for making it an
unforgettable spiritual experience for my family and I.*

Greg