

SCHOENSTATT ROSARY CAMPAIGN NEWSLETTER

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**Honoring our Mother Thrice Admirable
on this Ordination Anniversary of Father Joseph Kentenich, July 8th, 2008
during this month honoring the Precious Blood of Jesus**

Dear Schoenstatt brothers and sisters in Christ, in this issue as we start the year of St. Paul, there will be a copy of a Sermon given by Monsignor Peter Wolf at the Schoenstatt shrine in Germany emailed to me by Mary Faderan, plus be sure to see other Indiana Schoenstatt information at the end. Sally Faderan wrote a lovely meditation on the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which I will include as a separate attachment since it is no longer June. Please email any news you might want to share, births, marriages, stories of graces received from the visits of our Mother, etc. Questions? Contributing articles? contact Carole DiFabio csdmi@aol.com or 538-2979

Our Consecration Prayer

Our Queen, our Mother, we give ourselves entirely to you. And to show our devotion to you we consecrate to you this day our eyes, our ears, our mouths, our hearts, our entire self without reserve. As we are your own, good Mother, guard us and protect us as your property and possession. Amen.

Mother Thrice Admirable, guard and protect the living chalices of your Son's Precious Blood, our priests. Amen.

Happy Anniversary, Father Joseph Kentenich

NATIONAL SCHOENSTATT CONVENTION

Six Schoenstatt members from Indiana drove to Waukesha Wisconsin to participate in the Coordinators Journey of Love from June 19-22. The theme was from St. Paul - "Christ's Love Impels Us." complete with a new song by that name composed by Clare DuMontier. We stayed at the beautiful Schoenstatt retreat center on 80[?] acres of fields, rolling hills, and woods beckoning us for time away with the Creator. We had many opportunities to steal away and visit with our Mother in the Daughter Shrine there, as well as confession and all night adoration.

Each of the talks was inspiring and urged us to deepen our love of God, His Mother and Schoenstatt's "saints". On the 19th we saw a presentation on the history of the image we use for the Rosary Campaign Circle, telling the tale of the painter Luigi Crosio's life. On the 20th we listened to a presentation about Deacon John Pozzobon, who started the Rosary Campaign arm of Schoenstatt in Brazil and had the privilege to hear from Brazilian Dolores Anders who knew John Pozzobon personally. On Saturday we traveled to the Exile Shrine in Milwaukee and walked in Father Kentenich's footsteps. We heard stories about Fr K from Sister Carol, who knew him personally and were able to better grasp the exceptional Father figure that he was for so many. We saw the window of his office where he looked out on the Shrine. We walked the HUGE cemetery across the street where he walked daily. We also celebrated the crowning of the National Auxilary MTA in the Exile Shrine after Mass at St. Michaels where Fr. K heard confessions and preached. Each evening was filled with silly fun and refreshments. Then after the Sunday Mass there was a procession to the shrine and a "knighting" as we go forth to proclaim the Gospel in this year of St. Paul. Maybe next year you will be able to answer the invitation to come too.

100 YEARS OF SCHOENSTATT

In 2014 we will be celebrating 100 years of Schoenstatt. In preparation Schoenstatt is prepared to offer our Mother Thrice Admirable "a shrine for a shrine". This means that in each of the 7 years left when this campaign started we are honoring one of the Schoenstatt daughter shrines here in the United States and trying to offer her a new shrine as well. This year we are honoring the Exile Shrine in Milwaukee where Father Kentenich lived for the 14 years in which he was exiled from Germany and when Schoenstatt was banned. A new shrine was dedicated in Nebraska last year and another shrine will be dedicated October 18, 2008 in San Antonio, Texas. All are welcome to attend.

Our Mother has so many graces she would like to share with the world and Schoenstatt is one place where she would like to form the new man for the new millennium. **She has showered so many graces on us in Indiana and continues to show that she would like to stay here with us as progress continues toward the possibility of a Schoenstatt daughter shrine and a retreat center,** but we in Indiana need to show her that we want her here, not just a few 20-40 people, but that **MANY MANY** believe in her power to love, transform and send forth from this "Beautiful Place" a people renewed in their love for her Son, Jesus. Please consider if she is calling you to form your own Rosary Campaign Circle of 6-10 families, where she will come "with haste" as in the Visitation to be with you and your loved ones in a special way.

The Grace of Inner Transformation

The Grace of Apostolic Fruitfulness

In volume 11 we read about the first of the three pilgrim graces of our shrines (1. the grace of a home 2. the grace of inner transformation 3. the grace of apostolic zeal and fruitfulness). In this issue we will look at the second and third of these three graces as described in 200 Questions about Schoenstatt. p.37

52. **The grace of inner transformation** is tied to Mary's work as Mother and Educator in the Shrine. She not only makes us feel at home, but works to make us more complete disciples of Christ by transforming us from within. In Schoenstatt this grace is asked for in conjunction with each one's efforts to educate self and others, building on the realization that our effort is necessary but also on the realization that without the assistance of grace, the full formation of the new man and the new community is impossible.

This grace is especially important in the complexities of modern life, which demand a more complete command of the inner person, of one's freedom and powers of the will, and of the skills needed to form solid relationships if one is to be happy. All of these demand a high level of interior growth and transformation if we are to overcome both the pitfalls of modern thinking (like collectivism and naturalism) and of fallen human nature (our sins, character flaws and failings). Modern psychology reminds us that much of what we do comes from subconscious motives and desires – indicating how even the deepest regions of our soul need to be formed and transformed for Christian life to be effective today.

53. The first two pilgrimage graces culminate in the third: **the grace of the apostolic fruitfulness**. When the soul is completely at home (knows it is completely accepted) and deeply transformed (made free from the many things which make it fearful and hesitant to spread the Gospel), it is able to be more fully effective as an instrument of God, allowing it to attain a high degree of apostolic fruitfulness. This grace is also referred to as the grace of "apostolic zeal," inspiring us to deeds of love and service to God and neighbor

Monsignor Peter Wolf's sermon:

In the school of the Apostle Paul

Sermon at the Opening of the Year of St. Paul at Schoenstatt Pilgrims' Church, June 28, 2008

Dear Pilgrims from far and near, dear Schoenstatt family,

Not 3 hours have passed since the Holy Father Pope Benedict opened the Year of St. Paul in Rome. To everyone's surprise he announced a year ago today that the world-wide Church would be invited to celebrate the anniversary of the 2000th birthday of St. Paul. Today he opened one of the doors of St. Paul Outside the Wall and lit a candle at the grave of the apostle. He would like to clear the way to the primary sources of our faith. He wants to bring us in touch with the original joy and beauty of Christianity. He invites us become acquainted with Paul, the great witness and teacher at the beginning of the Church and to go into his school.

Father Kentenich went into St. Paul's school

Soon after Pope Benedict's announcement of the Year of St. Paul, the idea and wish came up here in Schoenstatt to publish a collection of inspiring texts as in the years leading up to the Jubilee year 2000. I dedicated myself to this task together with a small circle of people from the Joseph Kentenich Institute.

We did not cease to be amazed as more and more texts surfaced in which our founder spoke about St. Paul. In over 20% of the talks, sermons and letters which we had at our disposal, we stumbled upon the name of the apostle to the peoples. It became clearer and clearer to us and we became more and more aware that our founder had worked out entire topics and core content of his spirituality based on St. Paul.

He went into his school of thought and was inspired by him and made entire sections of his letters his own. Immediately after the founding of the Marian Congregation he spoke about the leadership style and the missionary method of St. Paul. There is a talk in which it becomes clear that he knows Paul and has reflected on his methodology. It is from this talk that Joseph Engling picked up the formulation of his personal ideal: to become all things to all men. From Paul the young spiritual director works out his early and continuous favorite theme of freedom. It is important to him to establish and orient this theme in the Pauline view of the

freedom of a Christian. He extensively compiles everything Paul says about childship before God and finds the supporting and effective pillars for his view of childship before God, which he then develops into a four-week retreat. From the prison in Coblenz, where he only has at his disposal the bible and the then well-known book by Holzner about St. Paul, on note after note he writes training material for a course of Sisters of Mary to their reception. It is the great world of the membership in Christ which he takes up and makes his own.

Throughout his life our Father makes use of such themes that he worked out for himself in just such manner. One can only be amazed at how connections and citations are constantly present and at his disposal over decades. He is one who has gone into the school of St. Paul and let himself be shaped by it.

Father Kentenich invited his followers to go into the school of St. Paul.

Out of his own experience with Paul he invites us to go into the school of St. Paul time and again. We find the invitation addressed to the young people of the congregation and to the thousands who attended his courses and to the many, many who join his foundation. Time and again we find the words, “to learn from St. Paul”, “to study in Paul”, “to go into the school of St. Paul”. Even when he says “we want to examine what St. Paul says”, Paul remains our teacher. In a retreat course in 1935 he introduces St. Paul as a master and leader whom one can really trust. It cannot escape the careful listener how he juxtaposes St. Paul as a leader figure next to the “Führer” who had come into power two years previously in Germany

Our founder brings together what distinguishes St. Paul as a true leader and teacher and encourages his listeners to go beyond the retreat and pick up the letters of St. Paul and daily read the bible.

Sometimes one senses something of his apparent ardor for St. Paul when he introduces St. Paul to the young men of the congregation as the “greatest of the great, or when he recommends that the Sisters of Mary study St. Paul as the “man with 1000 hearts”. (Some of us found these characterizations so original that we made a title for a workshop out of them.)

It is really worthwhile to become more deeply with St. Paul and his letters and grapple with his thinking. We have his authentic letters. The Christians of all times have so treasured his writing that they copied and distributed his letters over centuries. Yes, they read them at their Eucharistic celebrations as holy texts, next to the texts of the prophets and the evangelists. In these letters we meet a person of flesh and blood, who writes of himself and his experiences. Previously he had been a decisive opponent of the young church and only through his encounter with Christ did he become one, who believing in Christ and his gospel, carried it untiringly through the then known world.

In his letters we meet the earliest witnesses of the resurrection, the Eucharist and Christian spirituality. In the letter to the Galatians we find the oldest written witness of a Christian who knows that Christ loves him.

St. Paul cannot have copied that from somewhere. He uses a new way of speaking in order to express his new feeling toward life and what has become the new reality of his life. “Not I live, but Christ lives in me.” (Gal 2: 20). His new life is „a living in and with Christ”. He attempts in ever new ways to express what is new and different in his life through his encounter with the Resurrected Christ. The words of the gospel about discipleship seem not to suffice for him. He speaks of a “being in Christ” and of “Christ in himself”. A new certainty has grown within him that doesn’t allow him to be separated from the love of God in Christ our Lord.” (Romans 8:39).

The founder of the Schoenstatt Movement followed St. Paul throughout his life and tried to plumb to the inmost depths of our faith. To be gripped by Christ in the way that he observed it in St. Paul is what he wants to open up for and bring him to his own followers. So today, too, Fr. Kentenich invites us to go into the school of St. Paul and trace the original experiences of this great witness of the beginning of Christianity and in this way discover the joy and beauty of being a Christian.

Father Kentenich took on some of the features of his teacher in the school of St. Paul

Our founder did not just go into the school of St. Paul and pick up this or that theme to make it fruitful for his movement. If you have occupied yourself for a longer period of time with his relationship to Paul, it cannot escape you how some of the features and intentions of the great apostle are mirrored in the person and life of Fr. Kentenich. Both let themselves be guided by God's Spirit and shy away from no daring in their apostolic undertaking. Both are filled with mission consciousness that drives them and completely fills them. In the course of their lives, they go to great lengths for their mission. Both live their vocation strongly in the proclamation of the word as preachers and authors of letters.

When Fr. Kentenich landed in prison and concentration camp during the Nazi regime, St. Paul's destiny became a key to understanding for himself and his followers. From prison he keeps contact and trusts that this time will become fruitful for his followers as Paul did. The letters to the Philippians which St. Paul wrote from prison suddenly receive a new, entirely relevant sound for Fr. Kentenich and his disciples and helps both understand the will of God during this difficult time. Not without reason did Paul become the alias and pseudonym for Fr. Kentenich in the Dachau time. It is no coincidence or randomly chosen name just to escape the vigilance of SS and Gestapo mail censors. During this time the letters of Paul receive a whole new meaning and proximity. Suddenly the school of St. Paul is tangibly present and perceptibly real.

During this time a deeper and deeper attachment grows, as it grew around St. Paul. Paul was not only a teacher and mediator of knowledge for his communities, but rather engaged like a father or mother. Paul knows the difference between numerous teachers but few fathers in Christ (see. 1 Cor 4: 15).

He sees himself as the father of his communities. Paul claims to suffer for those entrusted to him as a mother suffers labor pains. (see Gal. 4:19). Many of those who gathered around our Father and founder suddenly understood what St. Paul was talking about and how seriously he meant those words. Experiencing our own founder and the similarity of their destiny and mission will give many people lively access to the great apostle of 2000 years ago whose birth we now celebrate.

I would like to cordially encourage everyone to accept the Holy Father's invitation to celebrate the Pauline year together. I am full of joy and hope that this year will become a great blessing for the Schoenstatt family and the worldwide church. With our founder I invite you this year to go together into the school of the St. Paul, the apostle.-- www.schoenstatt.de

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RECENT INDIANA HAPPENINGS

June 23rd Monday – lunch at MCL in West Lafayette to visit with Sr. Ann
She shared her mediation with us about the Crown we now have for our Blessed Mother
A copy of that meditation may be forthcoming soon.
Thank you, Sister Ann

Tuesday, July 08, 2008 in Delphi Indiana
Intercessory Rosary at the Wayside Shrine at the 3 o'clock hour
Urged by the Holy Spirit to continue in adoration, supplication and acceptance of His great Gifts
as we watch for the next steps the Father wills us to take in regards to Schoenstatt

COMING UP – July 23rd Mass with Schoenstatt Father Joy at 1:30 at the Wayside Shrine in Delphi.
All are encouraged to make a Marian pilgrimage to Delphi. Bring chair, insect repellent and sun umbrella.

