

Happy Feast of the Queenship of Mary

A Happy Feast Day to all of you. Since we are keeping the newsletter short it might also be more frequent. This volume has a reflection by Sally Faderan that includes what Father Kentenich had to say about these feasts in August. You will want to read that. Also the Schoenstatt consecration prayer is included, since it addresses our Mother as Queen. It is short and therefore very easy to memorize and include in your daily prayers. There are also some links to Schoenstatt websites as well as other tidbits. Please print this off for those who have no email. If there is any question about Schoenstatt you would like answered or an idea you would like to see addressed please feel free to contact Carole DiFabio *Schoenstatt Rosary Campaign Member* csdmi@aol.com or 538-2979

Mother Thrice Admirable, pray for us.

Father Kentenich, pray for us.

Deacon Pozzobon, pray for us.

An August Reflection by Sally Faderan MARY, OUR QUEEN AND MOTHER

Catholics everywhere celebrate two Marian holy days in August: The Assumption of Mary into heaven on the 15th and the Solemnity of Mary's Queenship on the 22nd.

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII proclaimed the Dogma of the Assumption of Mary. Having been the immaculate Mother of Jesus and having faithfully shared in the sacrifices of His Passion, she was to be taken up into the glory of heaven, body and soul. Fr. Kentenich writes, "Her virginal body was not conquered by death and destined to the grave; Christ's omnipotence resurrected it to eternal life. What does this mean to us? The need to respect our body as the temple of the Holy Spirit, destined to be glorified in heaven.

In Mark's Gospel, we read that the Lord Jesus "was taken into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father." (Mk 16:19) This signifies sharing the Father's sovereign power and establishes God's kingdom. Assumed into heaven, Mary is associated with the power of her Son. Pope John Paul II writes, "Mary is the queen who possesses and exercises over the universe - a sovereignty granted to her by her Son."

Fr. Kentenich honored our Queen by crowning her image in churches, in homes, and in prison. While suffering the atrocities inflicted by the Nazis in the Dachau concentration camp, he encouraged his fellow prisoners to pray to the Blessed Mother. He led a group of priests and other men in crowning a small picture of the Blessed Madonna (Mother Thrice Admirable), "Queen of Bread," "Queen of the Camp." He told his fellow prisoners that, as mother of grace, the Blessed Mother was responsible for their natural and supernatural needs. Today, Home Shrines are crowned "Queen of Family," "Queen of Education," "Queen of Jobs" or any title a family, a community, or a person wishes to give their shrine.

Correcting those who think that Catholics are too attached to Mary, Fr. Kentenich writes, "The splendor of the Queen always served the glory of the King."

Our Consecration Prayer

Our Queen, our Mother, we give ourselves entirely to you. And to show our devotion to you we offer 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.

SOMETHING FOR BEGINNERS

Who is Deacon Pozzobon?

John Louis Pozzobon (1904-1985) was a follower of Father Joseph Kentenich and the founder of the Schoenstatt Rosary Campaign Circles. He was born on December 12, 1904 in Ribeirao, Brazil. John married in 1923 and had two children when his wife died of an illness. He married again and had 5 more children. In 1950 when Pope Pius XII proclaimed the dogma of the Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven, John was inspired to begin taking our Mother Thrice Admirable in a wooden shrine that weighed 25 pounds to visit families, hospitals and schools and promoted the rosary. He did this all on foot while continually saying the rosary and the traveling picture was soon given its own name – the Pilgrim Mother. He liked to call himself her little donkey.

Father Kentenich heard of and approved this apostolate. John eventually became a Deacon for the Church and in the end walked 140,000 km carrying our Blessed Mother. In 1984 25 Pilgrim MTAs (*What are those? see the following article*) were blessed and sent out. One came to the United States.

One day in June of 1985 while walking to Mass at the Schoenstatt Shrine John was hit by a truck and died soon afterwards. At his funeral Father Bianchini spoke and said that John was a man of global proportions, speaking to every part of the Church and to all peoples. He also said that he was a totally Marian man. He was madly in love with Mary. And John was a youthful man. He had a young spirit and was able to understand and communicate with young people. Bishop Ivo added that he lived a life of deep prayer – prayer that transformed others and that he was a man of peace. He radiated peace and reconciled many families. He was and man of inner peace and felt free before man and God. *Thank you for your fidelity and love, Deacon John.*

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT **ARCHBISHOP TIMOTHY DOLAN** OF MILWAUKEE HAS TO SAY ABOUT THIS MOVEMENT SEE THE SECOND ATTACHMENT. His observations are inspiring.

Still AVAILABLE

Covenant of Love consecration

Father Gerald Langsch, Schoenstatt priest, will be in town, October 27. Those interested in making their Covenant of Love on this day, please contact Carole DiFabio csdmi@aol.com or 538-2979

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Annual Day of Reflection

Saturday, October 27th, 2007 in Delphi. More details as they are available. Father Gerald Langsch will be with us as well as other inspiring speakers.

DID YOU KNOW? #3

Schoenstatt Father Joy was in Indiana in July and celebrated Mass at our Schoenstatt Wayside Shrine. He is from India and reported that they have 150 Schoenstatt priests in India. Another Schoenstatt member will be writing up a little summary of that Mass and day to share later.

DID YOU KNOW #4

What is the MTA? The name of the image in the Schoenstatt shrines including the Pilgrim Shrines in your homes. **MTA = Mother Thrice Admirable.** Why is she thrice admirable? She is admirable: 1) as the Mother of God, the Redeemer and of the redeemed 2) in her power, her kindness and her faithfulness 3) as the daughter of the Father, Mother of the Eternal Word, and vessel and shrine of the Holy Spirit.

TRY THIS LINK <http://schoenstatt.de>

SOURCES:

A Hero Today Not Tomorrow: The Life of John Louis Pozzobon, a poor pilgrim and deacon.

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200 Questions About Schoenstatt

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