

First Newsletter

Happy Feast of the Assumption, Mother Mary

There has been an idea circulating for a couple years to connect all of us who receive a visit from our Mother Thrice Admirable into our homes. Her visits in these traveling Schoenstatt shrines bring us much grace whether we perceive it or not, because our Mother in her tenderness has promised this to us, and to either a great or small degree we are members of the Schoenstatt family. This newsletter will help keep us updated in regards to this family

As members of the Rosary Campaign Circle, some of us know much about Schoenstatt and many of us know very little. Maybe we love our Mother Mary and are glad to have her visit, but know nothing else about this spirituality. The purpose of this newsletter is to let you know what is going on in our Lafayette area regarding Schoenstatt AND to provide a short teaching about some aspect of this grace-filled spirituality. This first newsletter may be a little rough around the edges. There will be no graphics so that you can download it more quickly. Feel free to ask questions, offer comments and suggestions and/or contribute a paragraph or two to the next publication. May God bless you all and may our Mother's mantel cover you especially on this Feast Day of great joy. Carole DiFabio *Schoenstatt Rosary Campaign Member* csdmi@aol.com or 538-2979

Father Kentenich, pray for us.

Deacon Pozzobon, pray for us.

St. Maximilian Kolbe, pray for us.

A TEACHING

Who is Father Kentenich?

Father Joseph Kentenich (1885-1968) is Schoenstatt's founder. He was born on November 18, 1885 in Gymnich, Germany. In 1904 he joined the Pallotine Fathers as a novice and was ordained a priest of this community on July 8, 1910. In 1912 he was appointed spiritual director of the Pallottine Minor Seminary in Schoenstatt, Germany. This was the first of a chain of events leading to the founding of Schoenstatt as part of his work with the young seminarians.

In 1919 the Pallottines allowed Fr. Kentenich to begin working full-time for what came to be know as the Schoenstatt Movement. By then it was no longer confined to the Minor Seminary, but was beginning to spread to other parts of Germany. His work expanded rapidly in the 1920's and 1930's. It was persecuted by the Nazis in the time Hitler controlled Germany, and Fr. Kentenich was also a prisoner of the Nazis for 3 1/2 years, primarily in the Dachau Concentration Camp.

He survived Dachau to begin a new phase of international expansion and growth for the Movement. He and his work were tested by the Church, leading to a time of exile from Europe (to Milwaukee, WI) in the years 1951-1965 before his full reinstatement un Pope Paul VI. His final years were spent guiding the already vast and international movement. He died on September 15, 1968 (Our Lady of Sorrows) right after celebrating Mass in Schoenstatt, Germany, where he is buried. He cause for beatification was opened by the Church in 1975. (*from 200 Questions About Schoenstatt p. 8*)

Who is Deacon Pozzobon? See the next newsletter
Why St. Maximilian? Because he used the written word to spread knowledge about the Immaculata and we ask him to bless our endeavors to make our Mother Mary more known and loved and his Feast Day was yesterday, Aug. 14th

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 Janine Reklaitis at jrek27@gmail.com

Annual Day of Reflection – Please mark your

calendars. 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? #1

There are two Schoenstatt Mother’s Groups in existence in the Lafayette area? **The Garden of Mary** and **The Star of the Sea** groups. These are groups of about ten women who will meet monthly for the rest of their lives, God willing, to grow in their love of Mary and each other in order to become “Little Marys” in the world.

HOW DOES ONE START A MOTHER’S GROUP?

Well, a group of women who would like to continue learning how to be like Mary meet monthly for a couple years – some women stay, some leave until there is a solid core group that decides they would like be dedicated to Mary as a group. Are you interested in such solidarity with other women growing in their faith? Contact Carole DiFabio at csdmi@aol.com

DID YOU KNOW #2

The only Schoenstatt Couple’s group in Indiana has been in existence 2 years now and recently decided on a name for their group – **Hands of Mary**. Jeff and Marlene Jarboe are the leaders of this group. We are looking to start a group for younger couples. Are you interested learning about holiness in family life? Contact Jeff or Marlene at jmjarboe@insightbb.com or 765-567-2216

RECENT NEWS

Congratulations to **Sister Ann Astell**. She has now moved to South Bend and will be a Professor of Theology at Notre Dame. She will be sorely missed here, but we trust that God will use His humble servant to bring many more to know Him and His Mother. Sister Ann will be back each month for the Schoenstatt Board Meetings, which brings to the front another piece of news.

We had our first Mass at the Shrine also. More details about this Schoenstatt first in the next issue.

SCHOENSTATT, INC of INDIANA now has a Board of Directors.

These members will serve for the next 3 years. The next meeting will be Sunday, August 19th 1pm at in Delphi when the officers will be elected

- Father Gerald Langsch – spiritual director
- Sister Barbara Ebbe– spiritual director
- Sister Ann Astell Janine Reklaitis
- Rosemary Speaker Suzanne Gardiner
- Jeff and Marlene Jarboe Don Faderan
- Bill and Barb Stausberger Megan Tull
- Mary Ilu Altman Julia Haskell
- Gloria Thompson Carole DiFabio
- Rennatta Berkshire Lory Nettles