

Mark your Calendars - Schoenstatt Day of Recollection

Lenten Greetings to you all. What joy is ours to be able to offer all our sacrifices and merciful deeds to our Mother to bring to our dearest Jesus. This capital of grace is then available for all who are in need. Good news! Schoenstatt of Indiana will be offering a spring Day of Reflections titled the The Child and Childlikeness. It will be offered for the whole family this April 5th in Delphi Indiana. See the attached flyer for details. Receiving our beloved Jesus at Mass will be the highlight, along with a couple of inspiring speakers – our own Father Langsch and Sister Ann Astell. Speaking of speaking ☺ Sister Ann was invited to speak to the Bishops Conference at Notre Dame a few weeks ago. She was the only woman to speak and received many compliments from the Bishops. I am sure she would not want me to write this, but we do want to congratulate our Sister Ann as she finishes her first year as a professor at Notre Dame. In our Covenant, Carole DiFabio csdmi@aol.com *ALSO please send copies of the newsletter to your members who have no email.*

Mother Thrice Admirable, pray for us.

PS HAVE YOU READ THE NEWSLETTER FROM WISCONSIN THAT IS IN YOUR SHRINE BAG?

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.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE

Dennis Kochert is our third Schoenstatt member to be called Home. Dennis died Saturday, March 8, and was a member of the Lay Franciscan Schoenstatt Circle. He was Sister Raphael Kochert's brother. May our Lady's mantle cover him and bring him to her son, Jesus. Two Rosary Campaign Circle leaders have also gone to be with our Risen Savior over the past couple years – Linda Bunnell and Joan Krupinski. May our Mother Thrice Admirable bless them abundantly for all they have done for her and souls.

REFLECTION FROM SALLY FADERAN

Powerful Devotions for Lent

We should be very grateful for our Catholic Faith. It teaches us the most important time to see our worth as God's children because during this Lenten season, the story of the love of our heavenly Father for us is more powerfully recounted to us in the Gospel readings on the Sacred Passion and Resurrection of Jesus.

As rational beings, we know when our consciences bother us because of the sins we may have committed. More disheartening are the ongoing signs of despair and evil actions that make up the greater part of the news. In the Journey of Love held after the attack on the World Center in New York, Sr. Barbara, a Schoenstatt Sister who then lived in the East Coast said that there is a network of evil and must be fought by the network of prayerful, devout people of God. We are God's devout, prayerful people. We listen to God's voice in the person of our Church leaders. Pope Benedict's latest encyclical on hope urges us to serious prayer, examination of our conscience, and frequent confession.

Ist Hail Mary:- Jesus is Condemned to Death

From the confessional pours forth God's Divine Mercy . We often see written on the EWTN screen this message: "It is an insult to God to think that our sins are greater than God's mercy." It would be to our benefit to reacquaint ourselves with the promises of Jesus in keeping our devotion active to the Divine Mercy. Among this is the promise of a holy death if we go to confession on Good Friday, be in the state of grace, doing acts of mercy – all these as we pray the Novena which ends on the Sunday after Easter, which is the Feast of Divine Mercy itself.

We should participate one of the most soul-stirring devotions, the Way of the Cross. If we can spend hours watching some silly TV program or engage in inconsequential activities, we can spend a half hour of walking in the footsteps of our Divine Lord, Jesus, by joining the Way of the Cross at our parish, or do it in church by one's self. For someone who just can't make it to church, one can incorporate the meditation in the Fourth Sorrowful Mystery when praying the Holy Rosary.

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We should keep alive our devotion to Our Blessed Mother

- 2nd - Jesus Accepts His Cross
- 3rd - Jesus Falls the First Time
- 4th -Jesus Meets His Blessed Mother
- 5th -Simon of Cyrene Helps Jesus Carry the Cross
- 6th -Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus
- 7th -Jesus Falls the Second Time
- 8th -Jesus Speaks to the Women of Jerusalem
- 9th -Jesus Falls the Third Time;
Jesus is Stripped of His Garments
- 10th -Jesus is Nailed to the Cross and Dies

Another powerful devotion is praying everyday: 2 Our Fathers, 2 Hail Mary's and 2 Glory Be's in honor of the drops of blood Jesus lost during His Passion and Crucifixion. These are the graces promised for this devotion. (see PIETA Prayer Booklet, p. 34.)

1. The plenary indulgence and remittance of your sins
2. You will be free from the pains of Purgatory.
3. If you should die before completing the said 3 years, for you, it will be the same as if you had completed them.
4. It will be upon your death the same as if you had shed your blood for the Holy Faith.
5. I will descend from Heaven to take your soul and that of your relatives until the fourth generation.

CATHOLIC RADIO INDY

interviewed Suzanne Gardiner and Rosemary Speaker in January 2008 – the topic? Schoenstatt. Thank you, Catholic Radio.

JOURNEY OF LOVE 2008

Please plan to attend the Schoenstatt Journey of Love convention up in Wisconsin in June. If you can go it is a wonderful experience in formation and growth in love for our Mother Mary and her Son. You will be present at an actual Schoenstatt shrine and be so drawn to the peace of that chapel of our Mother. The actual shrine has the same picture as our traveling shrine, but is somehow simply more gorgeous, beckoning, hopeful and full of love set in the shrine with its many graces. You will not be sorry that you said yes to this invitation from our Mother Thrice Admirable. She has many gifts in store for you – especially you who are coordinating circles. Anyone may attend and we usually have a caravan of people going if you would like some company. There is an attachment with the registration form

who is “the living fountain of graces, of love, and of hope.” It would be a tribute to her if we prayed one Hail Mary for each of her Seven Sorrows, which promises a holy death.

1. The Prophecy of Simon at the Presentation of our Lord
2. The Flight into Egypt
3. The Loss of Jesus and Finding Him at the Temple
4. Meeting Jesus on His Way to Calvary
5. The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus
6. Holding the Lifeless Body of Jesus
7. The Burial of Jesus

Along with a prayerful routine is needed a pure heart, a repentant heart, a humble heart, a loving, forgiving heart. Let us join with the Psalmist in his prayer:

*Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness;
In the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense.
Thoroughly wash me from my guilt
And of my sin cleanse me.*

*A clean heart create for me, O God,
And a steadfast spirit renew within me.
Cast me not out from your presence,
And your Holy Spirit take not from me.*

*For you are not pleased with sacrifices
Should I offer a burnt offering you would not accept it
My sacrifice, O God, is a contrite spirit
A heart contrite and humbled, O God, you will not spurn.
(Psalm 51)*

<http://schoenstattindiana.org/>

Check out this web site which our Jenny Bay, Jeff Jarboe, Maryllu Altman and Bill Strausberger have worked on. They will continue developing it

The Schoenstatt Wayside Shrine in Delphi

needs helpers who like to garden and work outdoors to gather on Saturday, March 29th from 9am to noon at the Wayside Shrine to clean up the grounds after this long winter and to plant some flowers and bulbs. Bring some garden tools and bring a smile to our Mother's face. A new box for rosaries and brochures will be added soon

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