

Schoenstatt of Indiana Pilgrim Mother Newsletter



Nothing without you, nothing without us!



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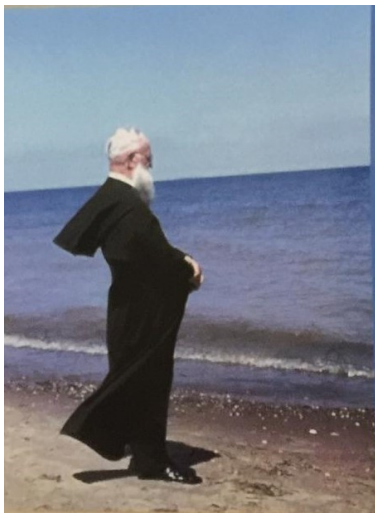
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Greetings and Happy Birthday Schoenstatt! Today 104 years ago Father Kentenich started this movement with a few words, now known as the Founding Document. The introduction, written by Father Jonathan Niehaus is below. May this inspire you to search “**Schoenstatt Founding Document**” and read the short and inspiring talk yourself. In God’s Providence we share this day with Saint Luke, whose apostolic zeal is inspiring to us as an apostolic movement, and who presents the most details about our Mother Thrice Admirable.

We have had several newsworthy happenings to report to you, besides our monthly homilies at the Schoenstatt Holy Hour: Sept 14th and 15th being one weekend and September 29th being another. We also have a new Schoenstatt Spiritual Director—Sister Deanne Niehaus, and a new Board as of August, along with a new Schoenstatt motto seen above. As always, education is part of this newsletter’s purpose, so there are tidbits here and there to learn among these articles. Like us on Facebook to see more pictures.

May our Mother’s mantle cover you and protect you and yours, Carole DiFabio, co-editor, president



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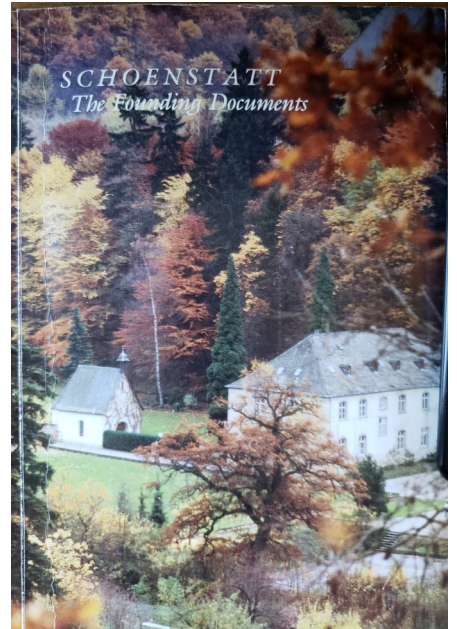
Welcome to INDIANA! Sister Deanne
and Sister Ann—our Schoenstatt
Spiritual Directors

Indiana participants of this years’ Schoenstatt Leaders’ convention in Waukesha, Wisconsin October 12 –14th were Suzanne Gardiner, Rosemary Speaker, Josh Bochert and Kirsten Bochert. The motto is chosen through the input of those in attendance and filled out in greater depth the next day in a talk, Mass and homily.



Schoenstatt's Founding Document—Introduction

by Father Jonathan Niehaus



Front cover—Original Shrine in October

In July 1914 the little-used chapel of St. Michael was placed at the disposal of the Marian Sodality, which had been founded a few months before on April 19, 1914 by Father Kentenich and the students of the Schoenstatt Minor Seminary. For years this chapel had been used for storing garden tools. By October the inside had been roughly cleaned by the boys themselves and decorated with a statue of St. Michael which had been given to them by one of the priests.

The following is the first talk given in this chapel. The date was October 18, 1914. Father Kentenich revealed a plan which was to become more and more significant as time went on. In August 1914 he read an article about an Italian lawyer, Bartolo Longo, who had asked the Blessed Mother to take up her abode in the church he had built in her honor at Pompeii. He had implored her to work miracles there, and his prayer had been answered. Since Father Kentenich was faced with preparing the boys for the First World War which had just begun, he saw this article and the gift of the chapel as an indication from Divine Providence that he should do the same as Bartolo Longo, with one exception: The Blessed

Mother should not work miracles so much in the physical order, but rather miracles of education and inner transformation. The one stipulation made was human cooperation, expressed in the form of making contributions to the capital of grace. The mutual give-and-take expressed so clearly in the talk is the foundation of the mutual covenant of love with Mary, the heart piece of Schoenstatt's spirituality.

During this talk the boys make Father Kentenich's plan their own, and together with him, sealed the first Schoenstatt covenant of love with the Blessed Mother. Since then they have been known as the founding generation, and the talk as the First Founding Document. The shrine, as the place of the covenant, has since become the home and source of grace for the entire Schoenstatt Movement.

To read this document please search ***Schoenstatt First Founding Document***

A Vigil Visit from our Mother Thrice Admirable and Father Steve Mondiek September 14th, 2018



On the way from Milwaukee to its new home in Ohio, this MTA picture, blessed by Father Kentenich himself, stopped to pay a visit to our Mary, Mother of the Eucharist Wayside Shrine in Delphi, IN.

Father Steve spoke to us about the graces our MTA wishes to give us in Indiana as he blessed the newest addition to our land and brought our Blessed Mother to the very site where our future shrine will be.

It was quite a blessing on a significant day - the vigil of the 50th anniversary celebration of Father Joseph Kentenich's death.

Father Steve said this image came from a diocese, visited us as a diocese and will find its home in a diocese, vs belonging directly to Schoenstatt.



Schoenstatt of Indiana Celebrates Past, Plans for Future

By Eileen Thompson

On Saturday, September 29, 2018, Feast of the Archangels, more than 75 adults and their children gathered at the Mary, Mother of the Eucharist Schoenstatt Wayside Shrine in Delphi, IN to celebrate the 50th and 100th anniversaries of the deaths of Schoenstatt founder, Father Joseph Kentenich (September 15, 1968) and founding member, Joseph Engling (May 31, 1918) and to foster awareness and enthusiasm for Schoenstatt of Indiana members' plans to build a daughter shrine, a replica of the Original Shrine in Germany, on the site here in Delphi.



Schoenstatt Sister of Mary, Ann Astell, who is a Professor of Theology at Notre Dame University, (pictured at left) addressed the crowd before leading the recitation of the Rosary. Bishop Emeritus William Higi celebrated Mass while Father Clayton Thompson delivered the homily. In his homily, Father Clayton explained the difference between how the angels in heaven perceive and respond to God's will and how we as human beings do. He told the people, because angels are pure spirits, they can immediately perceive and respond to our Father's requests with certainty. But, God speaks to us through our human senses and we are often uncertain. It is through seeing and hearing, pondering, discerning and



finally understanding that we can understand and respond to God's will for our lives. He commended Father Kentenich for living so faithfully out of Divine Providence though he lived in very uncertain times. Father Kentenich trusted in his Covenant of Love with our Blessed Mother through the uncertainties of WWI, the 3 years in Dachau of WWII, and his own exile to Milwaukee, Wisconsin.



Schoenstatt Sister of Mary, Deanne Niehaus, (pictured left) who lives at the International Retreat Center in Waukesha, Wisconsin, was also on hand to lend her support and to see for the first time this blessed piece of land which Schoenstatt of Indiana members hope will someday soon welcome pilgrims from all around the state, the nation and the world. Recently, Sister Deanne was assigned to the Schoenstatt of Indiana movement as its Spiritual Director.

JJ Newcomb (also pictured at left) demonstrated to the children how to live out Schoenstatt spirituality by leading them through the Joseph Engling boot camp where they learned respect for all, to sing and march joyfully as they ask for Mother Mary's help to keep spiritually and physically fit to fight the devil and his evil works.



After completing the exercises, the children received certificates of participation and a crown which they promptly laid at the feet of our Lady.

Also present were three deacons whom we wish to acknowledge. Deacon Mike Gray, who has helped us many times with our Schoenstatt Holy Hours in the past. Two new deacons and their wives also joined us, namely Deacon Stan Zak and MaryAnn Zak, and Deacon Joe Poremski with his wife, Sherry. Their presence is providential in that they were ordained on September 15th, the exact day of Father Kentenich's 50th anniversary.



Schoenstatt is Catholic movement which realizes the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a distinctive way. Its history and fruitfulness lend support to the view that it is a special initiative of God. To understand Schoenstatt, one must consider it as:

- a movement of renewal,
- a place of grace
- and a unique spirituality within the Church

As a movement of renewal in the Catholic Church, Schoenstatt works to help renew the Church and society in the spirit of the Gospel. It seeks to reconnect faith with daily life, especially through a deep love of Mary, the Mother of God. As an international movement it is present on all continents and has members from all vocations and walks in life. It is a spiritual family whose many branches and communities join to form a single Schoenstatt Family.



As a place of grace, Schoenstatt has touched the lives of millions. The Schoenstatt Shrine is the movement's spiritual home and center of life. This shrine is dedicated to Mary as the Mother Thrice Admirable, Queen and Victress of Schoenstatt. In addition to the Original Shrine in Germany, there are over 200 replica daughter shrines around the world where people gather for prayer, renewal and inspiration.

As a unique spirituality in the Church, Schoenstatt has contributed to the growth in holiness of men and women since 1914. Its characteristic features have proven especially fitting for living the faith in our modern times. As a covenant spirituality it fosters a personal relationship with God, Mary and fellow-man. As an instrument spirituality it makes Christian discipleship more tangible and in tune with God's will. As an everyday spirituality it seeks ways to form everyday life with practical steps forward in faith, hope and love.

Photos in this issue courtesy of J Haskell, CDiFabio and Eileen Thompson

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Schoenstatt Holy Hours November 21st and December 19th, 7pm, St. Tom's

UPCOMING EVENTS

Schoenstatt Advent Day of Reflection

More details to follow

Anyone interested in making a Covenant of Love or having a Home Shrine Dedication

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