



Schoenstatt Family News

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Fear not, Proclaim
the Father's Love!



*We continue to develop our motto with the topic: The American Saint – Proclaim.
Some thoughts are provided on the apostolate.*

Apostolate of Being – *Who we are* gives a message to others.

“For the Church, the first means of evangelization is the witness of an authentically Christian life, given over to God in a communion that nothing should destroy and at the same time given to one’s neighbor with limitless zeal. As we said recently to a group of people, ‘Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses.’ St. Peter expressed this well when he held up the example of a reverent and chaste life that wins over, even without a word, those who refuse to obey the word.” (EVANGELII NUNTIANDI (EN) #41, On Evangelization In The Modern World, Pope Paul VI, 1975)

“The greatest apostolate of the father and of the mother consists in being father totally and mother totally. Men and women reach the highest level of their apostolate when they totally embody the father and totally embody the mother.” (Fr. Menningen 1979 in Chile)

Apostolate of Acting – *What we say, how we reach out,* gives a message to others.

“And how are they to believe in him whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without a preacher?” (Romans 10:14)

“Preaching, the verbal proclamation of a message is indeed always indispensable.” (EN # 42)

Penny Power Project

The Madisen Schoenstatt Family is participating in the **Penny Power Project**. Please return the bank to Schoenstatt Heights when it is full. You can use this as a sacrificial gift for Lent.



This past month six cans came in with \$116.02, bringing our total for 2017 to \$238.39.

Family Retreat in Waukesha – April 21-23, 2017

All families are encouraged to attend the Family Retreat being held at the International Retreat Center in Waukesha the weekend of April 21-23. Since we will not hold the Camp Gray weekend this year, the Family Retreat would be a perfect opportunity to spend time together with other Schoenstatt families. The weekend begins with Holy Mass at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and ends at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday. The cost is \$85 per adult, \$40 for the first child, and \$20 for each additional child. Children 5 and under are free. Please register in advance by calling (262) 522-4300.

Calendar of Events

Mar. 2	7:00 p.m.	Marian Devotions and Benediction at St. Dennis Parish
Mar. 4	8:00 a.m.	Morning with Mary Meditation: "From this day all generations will call me blessed."
Mar. 4	10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Schoenstatt Heights History Group All are welcome who love Schoenstatt Heights and want to see its mission continue into the future. At this first meeting we will experience coming to Schoenstatt Heights as a pilgrim.
Mar. 12	2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Sion Circle Prayer for priestly vocations in the Founder Shrine.
Mar. 15	7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Diocesan Leadership Election Meeting We are ready to re-elect or elect a new leadership team for the next three years. At this special meeting we will explain the role of leadership, nominate candidates, and hold elections for a leader from the two "columns" which are most represented within the diocese – families and women.
Mar. 18	8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration in the Founder Shrine
Mar. 25	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Women's Day of Reflection From Fear to Fiat: Cost is \$30 and includes lunch and snacks. Check the schoenstattwisconsin.org website for additional details. Please register by March 20. Call the Sisters at (608) 222-7208 or send an email to schoenstattheights@schrsmary.org .
Mar. 26	9:30 a.m.	Covenant Sunday Theme: American Saint – The Father's Love
Apr. 1	8:00 a.m.	Morning with Mary Meditation: "The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is His Name."
Apr. 1	10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Schoenstatt Heights History Group All are welcome who love Schoenstatt Heights and want to see its mission continue into the future. At this meeting we will digitally meet our pioneers and hear their stories.
Apr. 6	7:00 p.m.	Marian Devotions and Benediction at St. Dennis Parish
Apr. 9	2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Sion Circle Prayer for priestly vocations in the Founder Shrine.
Apr. 18	8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration in the Founder Shrine
Apr. 23	9:30 a.m.	Covenant Sunday

As a Lenten gift, try a daily visit (spiritual or physical) to the (home) shrine each day. You are invited to pray the following prayer during your visit:

Dear Mother Thrice Admirable, Queen and Victress of Schoenstatt, I offer all my contributions to the capital of grace into your hands this day. Please use them as you see fit. Take care of the renewal and growth of the Schoenstatt Movement in the diocese of Madison and the other areas served by our Founder Shrine. Grant us many vocations to all branches of Schoenstatt – especially to the Schoenstatt Fathers and the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary. Send, O Lord, laborers into your vineyard and spare your people. Amen.

