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One in the Father's heart:
Omnibus omnia!
(All things to all)



For the month of May, we share an excerpt from the *Joseph Engling* biography by Fr. Alex Menningen, pages. 85-87

“God’s nature was aglow and spring was in the air. The pussy willows were blooming in the valley where the brook rushed down the hills past the shrine. On the fresh green slopes the primrose was blooming. Hill and vale were radiant with Easter sunshine. Joseph could no longer stand being inside. He had to go out into the beauty of God’s springtime. The budding, blooming life about him put him in a happy mood. Soon the Queen of May would come. Her month was only a few days away. That’s why the grass and every kind of flower were diligently at work. When she came, they would honor her with their fragrance and blossoms of a thousand colors. Did he too not want to join the flowers in singing her praise? Was he not a chosen child of Mary? Did not his heart cling to her with tender, affectionate love? He did not need to be asked a second time. Of course he wanted to help honor the Queen of May! He, too, would prepare a bouquet of flowers for her as lovely as the loveliest blossoms of spring! He would make his soul into a beautiful garden of Mary! Hurrying back to his room, he took a sheet of paper and began to write:



“*May Blossoms* from the garden of my heart presented to the Queen of May in May 1916. Mother, the whole garden of my heart is dedicated to you. For you I will plant and cultivate in it:

I. **The rose of love and esteem.** At the same time the rose symbolizes you, O Mother. As the rose is the queen of flowers, so be the Queen of my Heart. I place everything at your disposal, my Queen. In particular:

- 1) acts of surrender to you,
- 2) increasing your honor,
- 3) reading about you,
- 4) speaking about you,
- 5) reverence to your picture,
- 6) visits to your shrine,
- 7) rosary,
- 8) communion,
- 9) spiritual communion,
- 10) apostolic deeds,
- 11) efforts to make you the center of my day,
- 12) ejaculations.

II. **The forget-me-not of faithfulness in your service.** I want to be faithful to you by:

- 1) the proper recitation of my sodality prayers,
- 2) preparing for sodality meetings,
- 3) being attentive at spiritual reading,
- 4) studying attentively,
- 5) keeping silence in the study hall,
- 6) observing silence at the sound of the bell,
- 7) doing my little chores well,

- 8) making my bed properly,
- 9) keeping order in my desk,
- 10) following the inspirations of grace and of my conscience.

III. **The violet of humility and modesty.** I will cultivate this flower by:

- 1) accepting corrections patiently,
- 2) forgiving offenses,
- 3) obeying cheerfully.

IV. **The passion flower of crosses and love of sacrifice.** It thrives amid:

- 1) patient acceptance of unpleasant things,
- 2) considerate behavior,
- 3) obligingness,
- 4) mortification at table,
- 5) faithfulness to the particular examination,
- 6) reading from the book of etiquette,
- 7) reading from the rule book,
- 8) kindness to others,
- 9) other sacrifices.

V. **The lily of purity:**

- 1) guarding my eyes, especially in the dormitory,
- 2) silence in the dormitory,
- 3) praying for purity before Holy Communion.

“All this was to be his gift to Mary and his homage to Our Lady – an all-inclusive program of little sacrifices taken from everyday life for the capital of grace. How inventive love can be! This May became the springtime of his youthful love. Day after day he went into the “garden of his heart” and prepared a bouquet for the Blessed Mother. He put a tally mark behind the proper category for each gift he made. If we add them up we come to a remarkable 1712 tallies – in a single month! Again and again he hastened to the shrine to visit the Queen of May and greet her. There he prayed with ardent love the prayer he had placed at the end of the “May Blossoms”:

“Mother, I offer myself entirely to you. I give myself to you with all that I am and have. Mother, do with me as pleases you. I ask nothing for myself, only let me love you. Let me love and honor you without end.”

Calendar of Events

During the month of May: Each Monday & Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Marian Devotions in the Shrine (except May 3). Our Blessed Mother would be happy to see many of her children together in the Founder Shrine.		
May 3	7:00 p.m.	Marian Devotions and Benediction at St. Dennis Parish
May 5	8:00 a.m.	Morning with Mary Meditation: The Ascension into Heaven
May 12	10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Schoenstatt Girls’ Youth Mother/Daughter Day Join us as we celebrate Mother’s Day!! We invite all mothers and daughters (ages 6+) to come spend the day together in our Founder Shrine!! We will have a talk, activities, a mother-daughter craft, time for prayer and being together! To register, please call Schoenstatt Heights at (608) 222-7208.
May 13	2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Sion Circle Prayer for priestly vocations in the Founder Shrine.
May 18	8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration in the Founder Shrine
May 21	7:30 p.m.	Festival Planning Meeting We will meet in the Family Room after the Marian Devotions that evening.
May 26	9:30 a.m.	Men’s Group Meeting The meeting starts with prayer in the Shrine.
May 27	9:30 a.m.	Covenant Sunday - May Crowning Please bring a flower. First Communicants may come in their First Communion clothes to be part of the procession.
June 2	8:00 a.m.	Morning with Mary Meditation: The Visitation of Mary
June 7	7:00 p.m.	Marian Devotions and Benediction at St. Dennis Parish
June 10	2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Sion Circle Prayer for priestly vocations in the Founder Shrine.
June 18	8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration in the Founder Shrine
June 20		Founder Shrine Dedication Anniversary Make a personal visit to the Shrine to spend time in quiet prayer.
June 24	9:30 a.m.	Covenant Sunday Theme: TBD

Julia Anderle de Saylor would like to offer presentations about her thesis regarding Father Joseph Kentenich's pastoral outreach to the German community at St. Michael's Parish in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on the following dates. Each presentation will start at 3:30 p.m. A snack will be served. Before each presentation, everyone is welcome to join the Sisters for adoration from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. followed by a prayer service.

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| May 20 | The St. Michael's German Community, Part II
<i>Tensions between the Old and New Home, the Immigrant Experience</i> |
| Date TBD | The St. Michael's German Community, Part III
<i>Looking Heavenwards, looking to our Heavenly Home in face of past trauma and current hardships</i> |