



Schoenstatt of Indiana Rosary Campaign Newsletter



Nothing without you, nothing without us!



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Dear Friends of Jesus and Mary,

*We want to join you today in thanking God for the gift of our Mother Mary and for the gift of her Rosary. We are inspired on this day that commemorates the victory of the Christians over the Turks in 1571 to also remember the **power that the rosary has to bring victory** to us in our personal lives and to bring peace to the world. **Thank you to all** who are in any way associated with the Schoenstatt Rosary Campaign. **Thank you for inviting our Mother Thrice Admirable into your homes** and for honoring her and praying the rosary with her. **What joy is hers on your account and what numerous blessings are yours on her account. Truly she loves us and guides us.***

"The rosary, though clearly Marian in character, is at a heart a Christ-centered prayer. It has all the depth of the gospel message in its entirety. It is an echo of the prayer of Mary, her perennial Magnificat for the work of the redemptive Incarnation which began in her virginal womb...It can be said that the rosary is, in some sense, a prayer-commentary on the final chapter of the Vatican II Constitution *Lumen Gentium*, a chapter that discusses the wondrous presence of the Mother of God in the mystery of Christ and the Church" (Pope John Paul II, apostolic letter *The Rosary of the Virgin Mary*).

If any of you reading this do not have our Blessed Mother visiting you with her special graces in the Schoenstatt Rosary Campaign traveling shrine and would like to have come monthly into your home, please contact Carole DiFabio at csdmi@aol.com or 538-2979

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**Please join us in thanking
and honoring
our Mother Thrice Admirable
in this month of October**

with
**Bishop Emeritus Higi
for the
2nd anniversary of the**

**Crowning of Mary as
“Queen of our Hearts”**

**October 20th, 7:00 pm
St. Elizabeth Central Chapel
14th Street, Lafayette IN**



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Thank you Deacon John Pozzobon for the Schoenstatt Rosary Campaign

John Louis Pozzobon

“the poor pilgrim and deacon” as he liked to refer to himself, was born on December 12, 1904 in Riberao, a small town in southern Brazil. He married at the age of 23. Five years later his wife Teresa died, leaving John a widower with two small children. He married a second time, and with Victoria, had five more children. In 1947 he became a member of the International Schoenstatt Movement. In 1950 in the Schoenstatt shrine in Santa Maria, Brazil, he was commissioned to carry a picture of our Mother Thrice Admirable to families and to pray the rosary with them. The stream of graces from the Schoenstatt Shrine became available for many through this Schoenstatt Rosary Campaign.

In the course of the next thirty years Deacon John walked over 87,000 miles to visit thousands of families. He took the picture of the Blessed Mother to schools, hospitals, prisons, and to anyone who would receive her. Through this apostolate he made possible the renewal of families through the intercession of the Mother of God, bringing a new “in-breaking” of grace and drawing many people back to the Church by forming families into a domestic Church.

As a “little disciple of Father Kentenich”, John reached out to the poor and founded a village for the homeless. He became a deacon in 1972 and on June 27th, 1985, he died on his way to holy Mass at the Schoenstatt Shrine. The campaign has expanded to over 95 countries. In his testament he wrote: *“I became a little donkey that went about carrying the Mother....Nobody is deemed unfit for the service of God.”*



PRAYER FOR Deacon John Pozzobon’s BEAUTIFICATION

God our Father, you made of John Louis Pozzobon an exemplary husband and father, a friend of the poor, and an untiring pilgrim. He dedicated his entire life to taking Our Lady of Schoenstatt to families, hospital, schools and prison, while praying the rosary. This is why, Father, I ask you with confidence: If it is your will, grant that this servant of yours be canonized and that through his intercession I may obtain the favor that I greatly need....He prayed with Mary, the great missionary, for your glory, for the flourishing of your Church, and for the sanctification of families. Amen

DECEMBER 10th

Schoenstatt Advent Day of Reflection

Delphi IN

Family Fun with a visit from St. Nicolas

More details to follow

Would you like to dedicate a Home Shrine or make a Covenant of Love? This could happen for you in December when Father Langsch joins us for our Day of Recollection

Contact jrek27@gmail

Prayers for Father Jonathan Niehaus as he battles cancer and for Father Gerold Langsch, our spiritual director, who is with him in Germany



REPRINT: Mary: Our Pilgrim Mother and Queen
By Sally D. Faderan

We have learned in Schoenstatt that the visit of the MTA into our homes is a source of great blessings and graces. In this month of August, we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother and her Crowning as Queen of Heaven and earth. It is her regular visits into our homes that powerfully connect us with her motherhood, her role of bringing Jesus into our families that can shape and mold us into the Marian way of life.

In the story of the Visitation, Mary arrives at Elizabeth's home after a long journey. Upon hearing Mary's voice, Elizabeth lets out a cry of joy and welcomes Mary with "You are blessed among women and blessed is the Fruit of your womb!" How did she know that Mary was blessed with the Fruit? We have learned that she was inspired by the Holy Spirit and that the same Spirit allowed her to recognize Who comes with Mary. In great awe she asked, "Why does it befall me that the **Mother of My Lord** comes to me?"

The eminent theologian, Hans Urs Von Balthasar gives this deeply learned perspective: Elizabeth felt her child leap in her womb; it was this child who was touched by the One in Mary's womb. Thus inspired, she praises the "blessedness of the Fruit of your womb!" Fr. Dieter Haas, Senior Priest at the International Center in Waukesha, WI once told us at a Journey of Love workshop that at the Visitation, John was anointed to be the Baptizer. Even in His mother's womb, Jesus' powerful love was at work!

Hans von Balthasar in his "Garland of Love" calls attention to the four missions of Jesus and Mary, of John and Elizabeth, but guides us to see the active presence of the Holy Spirit. He says that the fact that Elizabeth prays the words of the Hail Mary "with a loud voice" which is as always in the Bible, the sign that God is speaking through her mouth.

We see Jesus in this event as a child borne by his mother as a little child. No matter how big our children may have grown, we identify with our Blessed Mother bearing the child in her arms as we did our children in ours. But Jesus – in the words of von Balthasar – will never outgrow his childhood; even when he acts as an adult, he will always let himself be borne and impelled by the will of the Father as manifested by the Spirit. At the Visitation, he is carried bodily. Fr. Balthasar says it is a training as in a novitiate when a person is ordered around like a child. Now as a child and later as a man, and finally as a host (in the Holy Eucharist), the Son will himself be borne about as thing that can be disposed of – and this is he who bears the sin of the world, and, therefore, the world itself.

These are perspectives that should set us thinking about the MTA visiting us every month. Do we have a sense of excitement when the Pilgrim MTA visits us? Do we receive her with a lukewarm spirit or are we gifted with seeing with the eyes of Faith two powerful visitors who bring sacredness into our allowing the MTA into our homes? Do we reserve a place of honor for the MTA or seat her some place among lesser possessions as the TV set? Does our attitude and body language communicate a reverence that our children will quickly pick up and claim as theirs also? Do we carry Jesus around as an almost unseen guest or as THE Lord God , King of our Lives?

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Mother Thrice Admirable by
Carole DiFabio. If you have
questions or corrections, please
contact csdmi@aol.com. Or, if
you would like to tell us about
your Schoenstatt experience,
we'd love to hear from you !**

