

SHRINE SOUNDINGS

Jubilee Family Shrine and Retreat Center



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Deep Gratitude

The Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary at Schoenstatt on the Lake want to thank you for your prayers and gifts at Christmas. We are truly grateful and try to represent you and bring your intentions daily to the shrine of Our Mother Thrice Admirable, Queen, and Victress of Schoenstatt. May this New Year be one of growing closer to Mary and her Son. May you and your loved ones be blessed with joy and peace, health and success, and God's grace.



Sr M Elizabeth, Sr M Alice, Sr M Candace, Sr Rita-Marie, Sr M Ellen, Sr M Deanne, & Sr M Jessica.

Sr Miriam is settling into Waukesha, Wisconsin, at the new office of the Schoenstatt Rosary Campaign (SRC) located in the Retreat Center in the shadow of the International Shrine of the Father Kingdom. Among many other things she is preparing for the national convention of the SRC in mid-June.

It is a joy for me to work with the Schoenstatt Family here in Minnesota. I grew up in the Milroy area and have deep roots to our shrine on the shores of Lake Sleepy Eye. Our MTA has many graces waiting for us and rewards all the sacrifices involved with making a pilgrimage to her shrine. Come often

on a real or spiritual visit to say a little prayer.

It is a gift to work with the activities and retreats and to serve the nine mothers groups and 12 couples groups. As to the question of how my adjustment back to my home state has been, I noticed

✓ a switch to billboards to like geotherm heat & MN Farmers Care during long country drives at 55 mph
✓ or instead of the latest car/SUV on display, the spotlight machine could be the latest John Deere tractor.

✓ you go to daily Mass and mention to Monsignor you're off shopping for Christmas baking and he catches the last parishioners to make sure he's telling you the store that has walnuts still on sale.

✓ as much as I have experienced "Schoenstatt Connections" wherever I went nationally with my engagements for the SRC, here it is: watch out, most everyone is related somehow.

✓ although the schedules are more hectic than when I left Minnesota in the mid-1970s, there is still a comfortable, casual touch, like, potlucks come with "Can you email me the recipe too?"

✓ Yes, I love Minnesota and our great Schoenstatt mission, even with frigid winters and all the snow.

*United in our love for the MTA and Her Son,
Sister M Jessica*





Epiphany Party

What a beautiful way to start the New Year with 75 dads, moms, children, grandparents, and sisters celebrating at our annual Christmas Gathering. As children rehearsed the pageant with Chris Rockers and Lori Spear, Sister M Candace shared a talk with the adults. All then went for a visit to the Jubilee Family Shrine and were eager to begin the gingerbread shrines prepared by Tim & Gloria Wolf. Later, everyone shared and enjoyed bars, cookies



and drinks, including the Chad & Theresa Chryst Family from Andover.

As we look into the year before us, we already have twice the record of snow and yes, it will be a late spring—as Ash Wednesday is March 9 with the Easter Feast celebrated this spring on April 24. In our Schoenstatt History we have the 35th anniversary of our first Minnesota Shrine coming this October 3. As a handy reminder, the scheduled Schoenstatt activities for 2011 will be printed on page four.

Pinpoint Shrine Location

For Mapquest or GPS devices, use this address:
840 Prescott Ave NW, Sleepy Eye, MN 56085.
Turn onto the road under the Anna M Hillesheim memorial archway to the shrine and center.
Visit our website often: www.schoenstattmn.com

Miami Shrine Dedicated

The 10th Shrine on USA soil was dedicated by Auxiliary Bishop Felipe de Jesús Estévez on December 12, 2010, in Miami, Florida. For 25 years striving was underway with members from 24 South American countries. The shrine mission is *Way to the Merciful Father*. Our Minnesota Family sent a large octagonal MTA picture for their center. Sister M Elizabeth had served there and represented us.



Common Resolution

Youth, mothers and couples groups are well underway for January through May. The common group resolution is emphasized with many good results. Father Kentenich knew the importance of unity in diversity and saw that one striving point for the month would slowly and quietly bring the group closer in their striving for holiness. Here are just a few samples coming from the various group topics:

- Mary, what can I bring you today? A little gift to the mother-in-waiting.
- Pray a daily act of contrition and consecration for everyone in the group.
- Pick a room to make it clean for Baby Jesus.
- Honor Mary with our Home Shrine Title throughout the day.
- This group each chose one of the Seven Joys of the BVM & prayed a rosary decade meditating on it.
- This group pledge to set aside a weekly Schoenstatt hour as a contribution to the capital of grace (even in the busy Christmas Season).

Certainly Our MTA must be pleased with every effort. If you would like to start a couples or mothers or singles group call Sister Jessica at 612-618-9334 or email srjessica@schrsmary.org.