

THE GRACE OF APOSTOLIC FRUITFULNESS

BECAUSE WE NEED AND WANT TO BE USED FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD, The Blessed Mother intercedes for us the **Grace of Apostolic Fruitfulness** so we can fulfill our personal mission in life, giving of ourselves in Service to our families, Parish, Diocese, and the world around us. **From the Shrine, our Mother Thrice Admirable becomes a Pilgrim Mother who goes out on a Journey of Love to bring Jesus and His message anew to the world. She brings the Shrine and the Three Pilgrimage Graces of the Shrine to support religious and moral renewal of individuals, families, family life. Our Pilgrim Mother needs willing and capable instruments to help her with her Pilgrim Mother Apostolate.**

IN THE SPIRIT OF BEING INSTRUMENTS OF THE THREE GRACES OF THE SHRINE:

In the Shrine, our Mother Thrice Admirable forms willing and capable instruments, **INSTRUMENTS OF THE THREE GRACES OF THE SHRINE**, who can help her with her Pilgrim Mother task and mission.

Let us consider a brief review of the Three Pilgrimage Graces of the Shrine and how all of us including our Mother Thrice Admirable can be useful **INSTRUMENTS OF THE THREE PILGRIMAGE GRACES OF THE SHRINE:**



THE FIRST PILGRIMAGE GRACE OF THE SHRINE – THE GRACE OF BEING AT HOME

“It is a special grace that in the Shrine we can truly feel at home with God, feel a sense of security and rest in Him in the midst of our hectic lives... Schoenstatt not only offers a spiritual home in the Shrine but also offers a natural home within the community of people who have made the covenant, who share the same ideals, and hold the same beliefs.”

Our Dear Pilgrim Mother, Queen of the Three Graces on the Move, offers us a home in her motherly heart; brings Christ and His message to deepen our relationship with Jesus her Son; brings us the Shrine, the source of the Three Pilgrimage Graces; and brings us a Shrine experience of being at home with God in His heart.

Our Dear Missionaries are deeply attached to the Shrine and are able to share with many others the Shrine experience of being at home with God in His Heart, with Mary in her heart.

Our Dear Receivers of the Pilgrim Mother, because of their commitment to offer shelter to the Blessed Mother and give her a Place of Honor in their homes, dispose themselves to receive and reap the benefits of the graces and blessings that our Blessed Mother brings and to experience feeling at home in the Shrine.



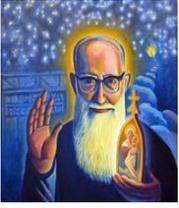
THE SECOND PILGRIMAGE GRACE OF THE SHRINE – THE GRACE OF INNER TRANSFORMATION

“We beg the Blessed Mother to let her covenant promises come true in our lives and to begin the life long process of inner transformation with us. We ask her to lead us to true inner freedom, to heal our hearts, and to fill us with faith, hope, and love. We implore her to transform us into firm personalities who can master everyday life and into God’s children who please him by fulfilling his every wish.” (SCHOENSTATT, An Introduction)

OUR DEAR PILGRIM MOTHER, Queen of the Three Graces on the Move, distributes gifts and graces from the Shrine especially the Three Pilgrimage Graces which support religious and moral renewal. She intercedes for us the Holy Spirit and she brings to us the transforming effect of the Shrine – our cradle of sanctity.

OUR DEAR MISSIONARIES of the Pilgrim Mother, through their striving to become more Christ-like, more Mary-like, become the fruit of the Holy Spirit’s work. They can be sent out to help others become more Christ-like, more Mary-like.

OUR DEAR RECEIVERS of the Pilgrim Mother, when they cooperate and remain open to the Holy Spirit's work in them during the visits of the Pilgrim Mother, open themselves to experience the transforming power of the Shrine.



THE THIRD PILGRIMAGE GRACE OF THE SHRINE – THE GRACE OF APOSTOLIC FRUITFULNESS

“The covenant of love inspires us to become holy for the sake of those entrusted to us, to live exemplary lives, and to share with others the spiritual riches we possess. In the Shrine we receive new strength for the mission and new apostolic zeal to fulfill our baptismal commitment... We have responsibilities to fulfill for the kingdom of God on earth, to reach out to the person next to us.” (SCHOENSTATT An Introduction)

OUR DEAR PILGRIM MOTHER, Queen of the Three Graces on the Move, takes care of the needs of all those she encounters just as she did in the house of her cousin Elizabeth. As our Mother and Educator, she forms us in the Shrine to become images of her Son and sends us out to bring others to her and her Son.

OUR DEAR MISSIONARIES of the Pilgrim Mother, through willingness to be Mary's instruments, are sent out as her Missionaries to spread seeds of deep Christian commitment with the Church and with God's plan for us, to share the goodness with which they have been blessed, and to be instruments of her miracles.

OUR DEAR RECEIVERS of the Pilgrim Mother support and pray for the intentions of the other members in the group; are responsible for passing the Picture of Grace on to the next family on the list; realize the importance of sharing the Pilgrim Mother with others; consider becoming Missionaries of the Pilgrim Mother themselves.

THROUGH THIS ENCOUNTER, with thanksgiving and gratitude, let us pray to be open. Let us pray to receive the **GRACE OF APOSTOLIC FRUITFULNESS** which the Blessed Mother wants to intercede for us from the Holy Spirit so we can become **useful instruments in her hands** and, under her protection and guidance, fulfill our personal mission in life – to become the saints who cradle the future of the Church. Let us pray also to be formed into **useful instruments of the Three Graces of the Shrine** so that we might help our Pilgrim Mother with her task and mission:

1) Let Us Pray: Dear Mother Thrice Admirable, Queen and Victress of Schoenstatt and Queen of the Three Graces on the Move, we pray for the grace to want to grow in our awareness of being instruments – your instruments for your task and mission and instrument of the Three Pilgrimage Graces of the Shrine. We pray too that the Three Graces of the Shrine will fill us and transform us into capable and willing instruments empowered by the Holy Spirit to be sent out to help grow the Church – to reach out to the person next to us.



2) Read and reflect with Deacon John Pozzobon – A HERO TODAY NOVENA:

Day 7 – Madly in Love – Heroic Love

Day 8 – Worldwide – A Heroic Mission

Day 9 – I Give My Life... I Am With You