

# *Schoenstatt Girls Youth*



to be a springtime for our world!

## ***What is Schoenstatt?***



Schoenstatt is a German word that means 'beautiful place.' In a little valley near Vallendar around the year 1914, a shrine dedicated to Mary became a place of profound grace for all those who experienced it. From this shrine a Marian movement of renewal within the Catholic Church formed and blossomed, and spread internationally.

Schoenstatt is now established in over 35 countries worldwide, and proves to be a source of greatest blessings for the Church and world.

## ***Who are the Schoenstatt Girls?***

The Schoenstatt Girls Youth is a branch of the Schoenstatt Movement that helps guide, educate, and form our girls into pure and noble youth, after the image of the Blessed Mother. With Mary as our model, we learn to bear witness to the ideals of true womanly greatness and beauty. We do this through monthly groups meetings, retreats, summer camps, pilgrimages, and more!

## ***Overview of the Schoenstatt Girls Youth Program***

Girls belonging to Schoenstatt often meet in groups once a month for meetings to learn more about Schoenstatt, the Blessed Mother and their faith. The material covered in these monthly meetings is a supplement, not replacement for faith formation classes.

Typical group size is from five to fifteen girls though the groups can be more or less. The meetings are led by mothers and/or youth leaders in connection with the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary. Workbooks and materials are available from the Schoenstatt Youth Office. The group contact person is responsible for communicating with the group members and making meeting place arrangements.

***Please see other side for age levels in the SGY!***

*The groups are divided according to age. Girls can join at any age as there is no prerequisite to belonging to their age group.*



### ***Mary's Little Crowns***

Girls from 6-8 years old belong to **Mary's Little Crowns**. They strive to resemble Mary with the joy and dignity of a child worthy of a crown. This in turn gives Mary joy. In Sacred Scripture St. Paul tells his listeners, "You are my joy and crown." (Phil. 4:1) This basic biblical message is reflected in Mary who loves and cherishes us as her joy and her little crowns. The program material leads the girls to grow in love for Mary and the Church. It teaches basic knowledge of Catholic Marian devotion (for example: feast days, the holy rosary, names of Mary, pilgrimage places, Mary's virtues, etc.) and how Schoenstatt honors our Lady.



### ***Marian Apostles***

Girls between 9-11 years old belong to Schoenstatt as **Marian Apostles**. To be an apostle means to be a person who is given and sent on a mission. The girls strive to become apostles of Mary through their thoughts, words, and actions. The program material introduces the girls to the history of Schoenstatt, and the stories of young people who loved Mary and their faith. The girls take upon themselves basic commitments to the faith and strive to form their consciences in the choices they make.



### ***Ver Sacrum Patris Youth ~ Holy Springtime of the Father!***

Girls 12 and older join the official branch of the Schoenstatt Girls Youth. They strive to become reflections of Mary, and with her help bring Christ as springtime for our nation and world! By loving the Blessed Mother and imitating her, the Schoenstatt Youth strive to bear witness to her beauty through their thoughts, words, and actions. Included in the program is self-knowledge and self-education, apostolic endeavors, opportunities for leadership training, understanding the true image of woman, growth into Schoenstatt's spirituality and preparing for a consecration to Mary known in Schoenstatt as the covenant of love.

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### ***How can I get involved?***

If you are interested in learning more about a Schoenstatt group, including meeting places and times, please contact:

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[www.schoenstattmn.net](http://www.schoenstattmn.net)

More info about Schoenstatt on the web: [www.schoenstatt.org/en](http://www.schoenstatt.org/en)

More about the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary: [www.schsrsmary.org](http://www.schsrsmary.org)

# Schoenstatt Girls' Youth of Minnesota 2019-2020 – Commitment Form

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Fall 2019

Greetings from our Schoenstatt *Jubilee Family Shrine*! As we prepare to begin this new school year, please fill out this form indicating your involvement in our program for the coming year. For those who are unable to meet with groups but who would like to belong, please contact me about age appropriate material to study at home.

Please fill out the applicable information on this form—including **parent/guardian signature**.

To help run our program (donations help pay for gas, crafts, books, telephone, etc): **we ask for a \$15.00 donation per girl or \$30.00 per family. Thank you!** Donations for gas throughout the year are also appreciated.

United in our Mother Thrice Admirable,

*Sister M. Faustina*

*If you are not interested, please indicate this on the form:*

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**Sleepy Eye, MN 56085**

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Cell phone: 612-618-9343

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Website information: www.schoenstattmn.com

## Contact Information for 2019-2020:

Daughter(s)' name(s):

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_  
*First Last*

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_  
*First Last*

*Additional names can be written on the back or on a separate piece of paper attached to this.*

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Numbers:

Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

**Parental/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date when signed** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(girls over 18 can sign their own form)*

Questions or comments:

## Group Information:

- ☐ I belong to an established group at \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I am interested in joining a group—please inform me of a group that meets nearby.
- ☐ I am an individual who cannot meet with a group but would like to work on the material at home.
- ☐ I am interested in new weekend & camp info.
- ☐ I am not interested in participating this year.
- ☐ Please take me off your mailing list.

## Group Format:

- Meet 7-8 times during the school year
- Meetings led by mothers and/or youth leaders in connection with the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary
- Contact person(s) task to contact group members and to make meeting place arrangements.
- More than one group can meet at a time with the help of adult or junior leaders.
- Groups are divided according to ages—this may vary slightly from location to location.
- Material is a supplement not a substitute for religion classes given in the parishes.

**Adult Leaders:** please mark if you have had child safe environment training: *No* *Yes (VIRTUS or other)*

Diocese: \_\_\_\_\_