



Queen

of the

THREE GRACES

on the Move!

CROWNING CEREMONY

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Schoenstatt Rosary Campaign

Show yourself as our Queen of the Three Graces on the Move! Just as you implored the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles, we ask you, to make of us your apostles, your apostles for America, your land, a land burning with love for Christ your Son.

Intercede for us the grace to make ever more fruitful the stream of graces that flows from your Schoenstatt shrine, and reaches out to many others through the Covenant of love, through the Pilgrim Shrines. We know that this will only be possible if you form us into apostles who are willing to show others, through our words and actions, that you are our Mother Thrice Admirable. Amen.

At this point the individuals or groups have the option to add their own petitions and intentions.

You are invited to conclude with a song. If there is a priest present, arrange for him to give a final blessing; and if time allows him, that he may add some inspirational words, either before or after the ceremony.

Crowning Prayer

Dear Blessed Mother, look upon us your missionaries of the Schoenstatt Rosary Campaign, who long to ignite the USA and Canada with love for you and your Son. Today, we look back to many years of rich experiences, and look ahead to a new Schoenstatt century and the many needs of our time.

We are convinced that the three graces are the answer for our times, if only we recognized the need to be children again, the need to humbly leave behind our old ways, and the need to share the goodness we have received.

Show yourself as our Queen of the Three Graces on the Move! You who have dispensed these graces for more than 100 years from the Original Shrine.

Show yourself as our Queen of the Three Graces on the Move! You who have sheltered us, and have educated us through a deep childlike attachment. You who have taken us in with our worries and concerns.

Show yourself as our Queen of the Three Graces on the Move! To you we entrust the future development of the Schoenstatt Rosary Campaign, our mission and our continued service to the Church.

Show yourself as our Queen of the Three Graces on the Move! To you we entrust our nation, the future of our children here in America. To you we entrust the many Christians that are persecuted in all parts of the world, and to you we entrust the many times we face subtle persecution in our daily living. To you we also entrust the upcoming elections and all the surrounding events.

At this point, each area, circle, or community may add their own particular title, prayer, or invocation, as part of the crowning prayer.

Crowning Ceremony

You are invited to begin with a song.

L: In the name of the Father...

As we celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy, we spiritually unite with all missionaries and coordinators of the USA, in order to crown our Mother Thrice Admirable, Queen and Victress of Schoenstatt. We crown each individual image of the Pilgrim Mother under the title of Queen of the Three Graces on the Move.

A: When we look into the loving image of our Mother and Queen, deep gratitude awakens in our hearts. Hence, we want to begin our crowning ceremony by offering our gratitude to God, through the hands of our Heavenly Mother.

L: Spiritually united across the USA and Canada, we wish to thank the Triune God for calling us to bring the image of the Blessed Mother to so many people in this land. Since the Schoenstatt Rosary Campaign began nearly 30 years ago here in North America, we know that Mary has been showing her Covenant loyalty to us and to all those she has visited. This simple act is the cause of our joy and that of the Heavenly Father.

Please list in a prayerful form the gratitude you or your community wants to offer to the MTA.

L: Dear Mother Thrice Admirable, Queen and Victress of Schoenstatt, in your images you want to reach out to those who have the task and responsibility of bringing your presence into the homes of many people. Each one of these images comes in contact with people longing to remain close to God in their daily lives. See to it that our renewed commitment, through this crowning, becomes an open door for you to continue conquering the hearts of many more for you and your Son.

Short Reflection on the Three Graces

Reader 1: Today, when the contemporary trends pull us in so many directions, we fear the danger of losing sight of our goals and of our task. The afflictions of our time are intertwined with the pains of the past and the fears of the future. Dear Mother and Queen, with *the grace of being at home* which you give us from the Shrine, you will teach us once again how to be and remain children, children of God, who are at home in his heart, and who can trust in Him in all circumstances of life.

Reader 2: Dear Mother and Queen, today, when the contemporary ideologies flood in hidden ways every form of media, we fear the danger of becoming too rigid in the face of inevitable changes or too soft in adapting to those changes. You want to set out and reach into the hearts of our people today, here and now. You do not want to leave us in our misery. You want to educate us! You want to prove that you are our Educator and that you are able to transform us. With *the grace of inner transformation* which you give us from the Shrine, you want to conquer as many hearts as possible and make of us living images of Christ for our times.

Reader 3: Dear Mother and Queen, today, when the contemporary frame of mind tends to disclose the ugly and hide beauty, you reach out to us, from your shrines, and through your pilgrim images, helping us to share with as many people as possible the face of beauty, the face of mercy, your mother heart. With *the grace of apostolic fruitfulness* which you give us from the Shrine, you will help us to reach out to others, through our words and deeds, and share with them the goodness we ourselves have received through a life in the covenant of love with you.

Each one holds the crown before the Blessed Mother. If there is a priest officiating the ceremony, he prays the following prayers. If the ceremony is done privately, at home, you may read these prayers silently.

Blessing of the Crown

Priest: Dear Heavenly Father, you who hold all power in your hands and have deigned to crown Mary, the Mother of your Son, upon her entrance into Heaven, help us to look upon this crown as a symbol of the power that you have conferred upon her since then. Grant that when we place it upon her image of grace, we may be reminded of her glory, of her motherly care, but most of all of the fact that she reigns in the Schoenstatt shrines granting the three pilgrimage graces. Therefore, Gracious Father, + bless this crown, and bless all those who, with love, faith, and devotion, will look upon the crowned image of Mary. We ask this through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns, through the power of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Instrumental music is suggested to be played while the priest blesses the crowns.

Priest, Deacon or Leader:

Heavenly Father, you created Mary immaculate from the moment of her conception and showed your mercy in allowing her to establish her throne of grace in the Schoenstatt shrine. Because you have set her as an example for us, and appointed her as our educator, the one who forms us into living images of Christ, we, too, choose her as our Mother, as our Queen, and place ourselves at her service, as her instruments. May we upon crowning her image experience an increase of grace in our lives. May we be the missionaries you need for our times - those who will bring the message of Schoenstatt to all corners of the USA; those who will render fruitful the three graces from the shrine in the homes, families, peoples, and communities we visit. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The small crown is placed on the image of the Pilgrim Mother. You may want to sing a song, play a CD or tape, or do it in silence. Once the crown is placed on the image, the following prayer may be prayed out loud.