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One woman recently said: “For many people, God is very distant. That’s why we need exemplary people who show us the way to God.” Sister M. Emilie is such a person; her life had one goal: to win people for God.



This well-known photo of Sister M. Emilie fascinates and motivates many people. Time and again, the impressive face

of Sister Emilie is mentioned and admired in discussions and letters. Her shining eyes, her inner detachment and freedom, her genuineness, serenity, security, and joy capture their imagination. The glow in her heart made God’s love shine in her as well as in others. Her image is impressed in hearts and is not easily forgotten.

It is different with the faces of many people whom you see on the street or on public means of transportation. They often look empty, tense, joyless – marked by hectic and stress.

Sister M. Emilie – Her Radiance

Media and advertising often show attractive and charming persons. It is different with Sister M. Emilie: Her light shines from within; it is the mirror of her soul, her deepest secret, given by God for us. Contemporary witnesses tell us how they experienced Sister M. Emilie: “She beamed at the students in the house and they felt happy when Sister M. Emilie glanced at them. I believe that none of them will ever be able to forget Sister M. Emilie. Each of them was helped by her in some way, especially at the time of exams, when Sister M. Emilie promised them her prayers.” (*Five Keys to Success*)

Sister M. Emilie lived what Mother Teresa of Calcutta expressed many years later with the words: “We will never know how much good a simple smile can accomplish.”

In difficult situations also, during the days of illness,

Sister M. Emilie showed her inner strength. She was like a radio transmission tower that radiated hope and joy. Sadness and fear could not rise near her. “Sister M. Emilie was very simple, uncomplicated, very natural, very joyful. Even after the frequent choking fits she had a kind and calming smile for those around her.”
(Unpublished source)

“In gratitude for prayer support in an exam, a co-sister wanted to give her special joy. She sent a tulip to her at the sanatorium, carefully wrapped, as a springtime greeting. Emilie thanked with her whole heart and reported that she had opened the little package immediately and experienced great joy when she unwrapped ‘the beautiful little tulip’ from the careful packaging. The other sisters who arrived in the dining room when she opened the little package admired it. But then Emilie sent the flower to a seriously ill sister who was sequestered in a different part of the house. It blossomed for a long time and gave great joy. When the sender read this, she sent a second tulip without further ado with the directive that she

should keep this one.” (*My Yes Remains*, p. 146 f.)

Sister Emilie was alert and open for the concerns and worries of others and did not think first of all of herself. Her genuine human interest was directed to fellow human beings. She gave to others a new self-awareness through the power of her benevolent nearness. She built others up and simultaneously led them closer to God.

The Secret of her Radiance

Sister M. Emilie was aware of the great gift in her life: to have found her vocation in Schoenstatt and a spiritual leader for her religious life in Father Kentenich. She surrendered to his direction and education, accepted his words seriously, and formed her life accordingly. He gave her direction and encouragement in 120 letters.

In the notes of her diary we repeatedly find the resolution: “I want to place my life confidently into the



fatherly hands of God... and entrust myself to the care of our heavenly Mother.” In God’s hands she became a child of the heavenly Father. Her favorite prayer, “I know you are my Father,” gives witness to that.

Sister M. Emilie believed in God’s loving providence. This faith is the light that allows us to recognize all events of daily life as traces of God. Even if she experienced suffering, illness, and darkness in her life, she knew: God takes care of me. I am his child. I am not alone; his hands lead me through all the obstacles of my life. Her wholehearted trust in God’s infinite love gave security, inner certainty, and protection in God. That is the secret of her radiation and inner joy.

Sister M. Emilie’s message for us is: “Joy belongs to being a Christian!”

Sister M. Emilie could say to a person who was always very serious: “It would be nice if you would occasionally smile; it does not cost anything. Try it once!” Good coaxing was successful. Her style of leadership awakened much

strength in individuals and original life.” (*Five Keys to Success*)

Let us learn from Sister Emilie to radiate joy, to become pleasant Christians who live out of the strength of faith. Because joy glows.

Impulses for Fostering Joy

For instance, a review in the evening could help us recognize God’s traces in our personal life. Gratitude and joy may thus awaken in our hearts. Concrete points that inspire reflection:

- Did I have a good conversation with somebody today?
- A kind glance and benevolent words gave me joy today.
- A long-cherished wish was fulfilled.
- Work went well and quickly today.



Let us become open and sensitive for God’s traces in daily life. Little joys make the with-one-another in daily life more pleasant, warmer, more heartfelt.

Sister M. Emilie Intercedes Healing

On March 16, 2017, I was diagnosed with lung cancer. My family and I were so devastated. I had this overwhelming feeling of fear, sadness, and worry. The following Sunday at my visit to the shrine on Mount Schoenstatt, I came to know about Sister M. Emilie.

As I read about Sister M. Emilie, I was inspired by her utmost trust in God's divine providence. Through her intercession my tumor was successfully removed, my recovery was remarkable, and I am now in remission.

Thank you, Sister M. Emilie Engel and all the Schoenstatt Sisters for my healing.

- M.T., Australia

Sister M. Emilie Helps in Professional Concerns

As a member of the Schoenstatt Movement I am happy that I may again publish an answer to prayers that were obviously answered through the intercession of our much revered Sister M. Emilie.



For some time my daughter was concerned that her husband who had a good position in a machinery company was very dissatisfied with his work, dreaded going to work every day, and in his free time fell more and more into depression. This condition had actually developed over several years and considerably worsened, so much that the whole family suffered much under it, and we even thought of separating.

Our prayers succeeded that he finally voluntarily agreed to seek psychiatric help, but that really exposed the problem and it had to be dealt with correctly.

So we decided, as in many previous cases, to involve our always helpful Sister M. Emilie, and we implored her intercession with God “twenty-four seven” via prayers and novenas. After several months of hospitalization in a psychiatric clinic, my son-in-law showed new courage in life and looked for new employment, which is nowadays not easy at age 40 plus.

But – we can hardly believe it – the right sign from above came from a large workshop for handicapped persons that was looking for a group leader in metalworking. My son-in-law immediately applied, although his chances among about 200 applicants were basically zero. But we continued to trust firmly in Sister M. Emilie. Springtime and summer passed without a response from the institution.

Then on August 15, the Solemnity of Mary’s Assumption, the positive call from the administration brought the message that he could begin this work on September 2, 2017. You can imagine that our joy was very great and that we can prove again that Sister M. Emilie contributed much to solve the problem.

My son-in-law is enthusiastic about working with handicapped people, he blossoms again like he used to, and he is content. Those who are entrusted to him are also happy and like to work with him.

I promised to publish this answer to prayers still this year and to encourage others to approach Sister M. Emilie confidently again and again. She helps always, even if – as in our case – the decision kept us waiting a long time.

- X.X., Germany

Sister M. Emilie Helps Conquer Fears



With joyful and grateful heart I may say that I belong to the Schoenstatt Movement. In the Schoenstatt spirituality the picture of Sister M. Emilie and her trust in the heavenly Father and his providence attracted me.

Some time ago fear took hold of me when I was supposed to travel somewhere by car. It blocked me and I was not able to drive. I asked Sister M. Emilie for help because I had read about her anxiety, and I said: “Sister M. Emilie, you know the feeling. I ask you: Help me overcome my fear of driving.” All the more so because my workplace was far away from my home and I had to go by car. There was no other way of getting there.

I began praying a novena to Sister M. Emilie. I often addressed her in prayer and asked her to ask the dear God and the Mother Thrice Admirable to give me courage and strength so that I would be able to start driving again. This blockage in me lasted several years.

On the intercession of Sister M. Emilie, the fear is now gone. I feel secure and protected because I am a child of God and he loves me unconditionally. One day I simply sat in the car and without any other preparation began driving. That is a great grace for me.

Thank you, Sister M. Emilie, on whose intercession I was heard and freed from fear, as well as the dear God and the Mother of Grace of Schoenstatt.





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We want to thank all who have written to us in the past to let us know that Sister M. Emilie is needed. We cannot publish all answers to petitions. But every contribution is important for the process of beatification. Therefore again the petition: Please, write your *petitions and answers to petitions* on the intercession of Sister Emilie to the Sister M. Emilie Secretariat with your **signature, date and address.**

We are also grateful for donations.

Note: The reports of answers to prayer and the words "holy," "saint," or "miracle" have a merely private character. They are not meant to anticipate the decision of the Church.

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