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CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM

What is the International Schönstatt Mission Program?

It's a cultural and spiritual exchange program which is meant to help young women ages 18 to 27 to deepen their knowledge of Schönstatt's spirituality.

- Get to know different cultures
- Do volunteer work
- Participate in educational and recreational activities.
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Schönstatt Mission Countries



Dominican Republic



Argentina



Spain



USA



Brazil



Ecuador



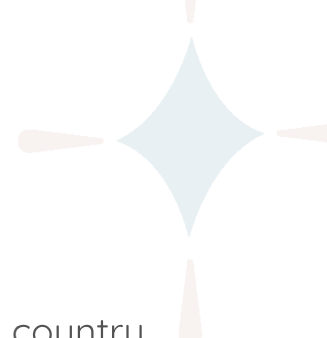
Germany

A young woman with long dark hair, wearing a white jacket, is sitting on a large white sack and smiling. In the background, a group of people is gathered outdoors, possibly at a camp or festival, with trees and a tent visible. The entire image has a blue tint.

Why Schönstatt Mission?

Through the program, young women are given the opportunity to discover and grow more deeply into the Schönstatt spirituality and in this way to become participants in and bearers of the current international mission.

The program gives young women the opportunity to participate in the Schönstatt mission of the religious and moral renewal of the world through various social projects, which focus on the role of women in society and help to overcome the challenges of social inequality. Wherever they choose to participate in the mission, the young women will receive an insight into the country's culture as well as the opportunity to explore the Schönstatt charism and to focus on the religious and moral renewal of their own inner world.



Requirements and Information for Participation

1. To be between the ages of 18 and 27 and - depending on the country chosen - to have a basic knowledge of the language.
2. Costs covered by the program: lodging, 3 meals daily, bed linen, and towels.
3. Costs not covered by the program: travel costs and/or extra programs, and medical insurance expenses. All personal and medical expenses are the responsibility of the participants.
4. Weekly required volunteer time: between 3 and 5 hours per day*, with one free day a week and another half a day free. (The volunteer time covers the cost of lodging, meals, and linens)
5. Spiritual and personal formation. This takes place outside of volunteer hours, and the young women are expected to participate, since this is an essential part of the program.
6. Docility in complying with a schedule and accepting and following our safety recommendations.
7. Personal trips within the chosen country are not part of the program and must therefore take place either before or after the program.

(Volunteer hours may vary depending on the country chosen)

Required documents to be provided by the participant:

- A letter of reference from the Branch Moderator, if you belong to the Schoenstatt Girls and Young Women or, if not, a letter of reference from either a Schoenstatt Sister of Mary from your home country or a priest.
- Volunteer agreement: This is sent beforehand for the participant to read, but is printed out and signed on the first day of the program.

- Copy of the participant's medical insurance.
- Work accident insurance: The organization contracts this. The start and end dates of the program must be determined according to the participant's possibilities. The participant must reimburse this amount.

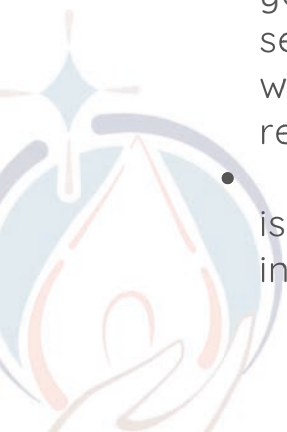
(The application for the volunteer agreement and the work accident insurance may vary according to the government regulations of the chosen country).

Notes:

- Each week, the participants have a day off to explore and relax. The weekly volunteer hours are arranged in such a way to ensure that the participants have the opportunity to see and explore the country's culture and to visit various places connected to the history of Schoenstatt.
- Participants may attend daily Mass with the Sisters' community. During their free time, they may also visit our shrines for personal prayer and/or Eucharistic adoration.
- There are also other possibilities for participating in the on-site activities of the Schoenstatt Girls and Young Women, according to the participant's interest.

Registration Process:

- **Registration Date:** at least three months before the starting date of the program through the Schoenstatt Sisters and/or Moderators from the respective countries. The sister and/or moderator who knows the young woman should send a letter of recommendation. Then the young woman may fill out the first form.
- **Selection:** will be made according to the number of available places and young women registered for the chosen country. The young women who will make the best use of this time will be selected. Availability for work and commitment to language study will be taken into account. In Germany, the countries' representativeness will be considered when distributing the quotas.
- **Confirmation:** The young women's participation in the program is confirmed when she sends the second form with more detailed information to the sister and/or moderator.



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC





DURATION: 2 to 6 months

ABOUT THE PROGRAM IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

The program's primary focus is to help in our Child Jesus Nutritional Center, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm. In the evening, the participants in the program also help with washing dishes and other chores around the house or with activities for the Schoenstatt Girls and Young Women, especially during the summer camp season. Volunteering for a few hours at the John Paul Polytechnical School is also a possibility.

Activities in the Spiritual Line:

- The young women can participate in daily holy Mass in the shrine.
- They may spend time in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament.
- They receive formation in Schoenstatt's spirituality and our Catholic Faith.
- They may participate in the religious events which take place in the parish.
- Those who wish, may be accompanied in working with their Personal Ideal.

Possible Extra Activities

- Trips to visit important places in the Dominican Republic, accompanied by the Sister responsible for the program.





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 Missionszentrale Schönstätter Marienschwestern / Apr 19, 2024



More than 30 years ago, the Sisters of Mary began the mission of the Child Jesus Nutritional Center. Their wish was to form a society with values through the educational development of children as well as the religious-moral formation of fathers and mothers. Thus, they contribute to the renewal of men and women, in whom the fundamental law of love lives and is victorious.

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ARGENTINA



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DURATION: 2 months, 6 months, or one year.

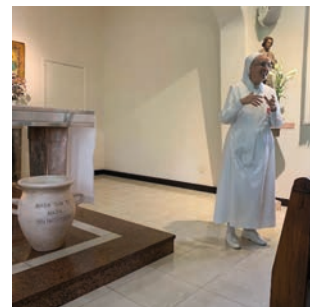
About the program in Argentina:

Bringing Mary's presence to our culture is the central experience of all of our apostolic works. The young women who participate in the program are invited to join us in this challenge.

Depending on their language skills, they will be offered assignments in the different apostolic fields of the Sisters in Argentina:

LA NAZARENA, Human Development Center was founded to better meet the educational, health, and labor needs of low-income families. Volunteer tasks include: help in school support, gym classes, workshops, visits to hospitals and care homes for people in vulnerable situations.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SHRINE. Its mission is to offer a Marian and religious experience to the thousands of pilgrims who visit every week. The young women may work in the different areas of pilgrim service, either with the evangelizing mission within and outside of the property, collaborating in the Retreat House and Buffet, or preparing products for sale in the gift shop. Depending on the program participants' studies, the possibility of volunteer experiences in colleges or the MATER DEI HOSPITAL can be evaluated. Throughout the week, we will have meetings in which we will develop the topic of one's mission in life through self knowledge, self-education, and the growth of the inner life.





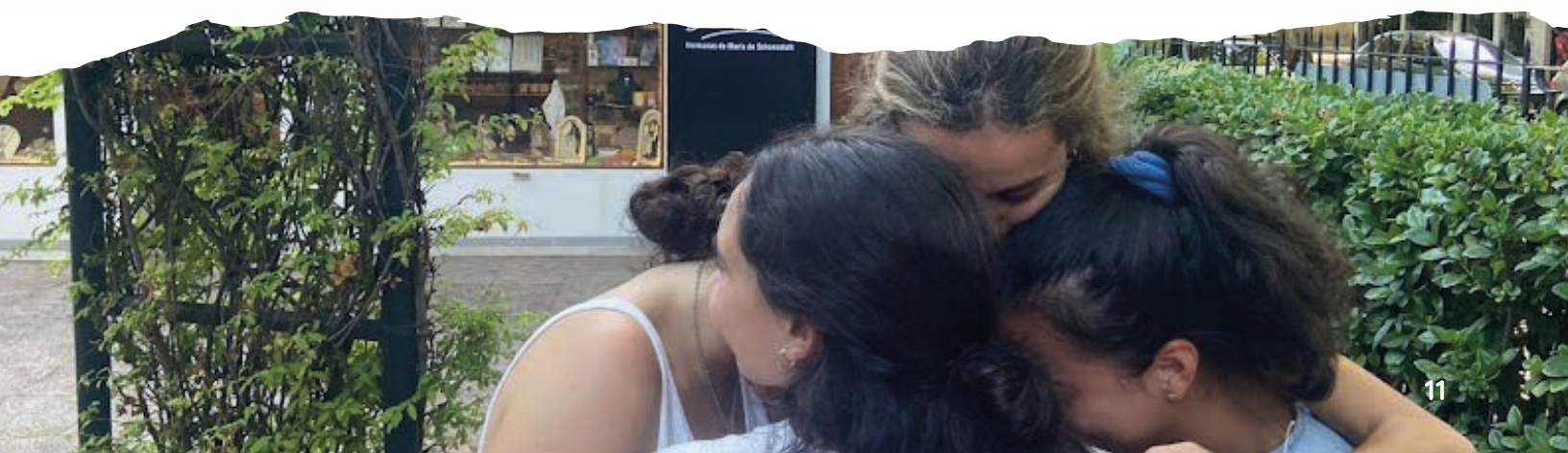
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Activities in the Spiritual Line:

- In addition to the formation on the mission in life, the young women may participate in the community holy Mass of the Sisters and may take advantage of the opportunities for personal prayer in the shrine.

Other Possible Extra Activities:

- Pilgrimage to the first Schoenstatt Daughter Shrine in the world.
- Pilgrimage through the different footsteps of Father Joseph Kentenich in Argentina. Guided visits to the different fields of work of the Sisters in Argentina (School, Hospital).
- Participation in a youth mission in some regions of the country.
- Participation in National Girls' Youth or Schoenstatt Professional Women's Camps and Workshops.



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SPAIN



SPAIN

DURATION: 2 months

ABOUT THE PROGRAM IN SPAIN

- Opportunities for various apostolic activities which help to raise the awareness of the role of the Church in responding to today's social realities.
- Formation in Schoenstatt's spirituality, applied to the being of woman and the life processes she experiences.
- The opportunity to learn about the richness of Spanish culture and the different forms and dynamics of the development of the Schoenstatt Movement in Spain

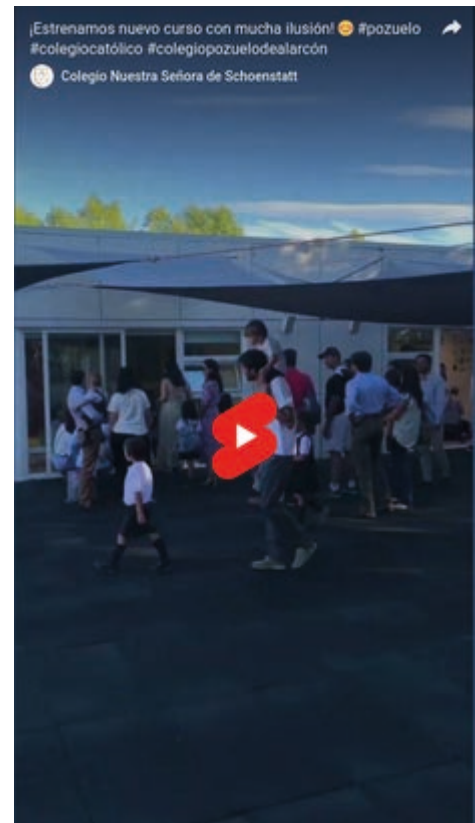


What is offered?

- Various experiences with the Schoenstatt Movement, our school, "Our Lady of Schoenstatt," and in other apostolic fields.
- Experiences with the Sisters' community in day to day life.

Practical Aspects

- One day off per week.
- Invitation to participate in some of the community prayers of the Sisters, for example, Morning Prayer and Holy Hour.



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UNITED STATES



UNITED STATES (Waukesha, Wisconsin)

DURATION: 2 to 6 months

Through the Covenant of Love with Mary, we want to create and foster a Marian culture in our world, help participants get to know themselves better, discover their mission, and explore the beauty of trusting in God's plans.

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE PROGRAM IN THE U.S.A.

Each participant will be asked to help with household chores at our retreat center for approximately three hours daily. This may include tasks such as: washing dishes, helping to prepare meals, serving visitors, cleaning, making beds, gardening, etc.

Two hours of the day will be dedicated to spiritual/personal formation and evangelization work, and this will include:

- an introduction to Schoenstatt's mission and spirituality.
- Working with the Sisters, learning more about the community, and experiencing our way of life.
- Listening to inspiring testimonials, taking tours, and discovering the history that shaped us.
- Being part of our apostolic mission by assisting in various events organized by the Schoenstatt Movement.
- Participating in conversations about faith.
- Learning new skills and developing God-given talents. Each week, there is a free day to explore American culture and visit various places connected to Schoenstatt's history and our founder's time in Milwaukee.



Activities in the Spiritual Line:

- The participants may attend daily Mass in our Provincial House.
- Deepen their relationship with God and the Blessed Mother.
- Spend time in prayer at our Marian shrine and retreat center.

Notes:

- Upon arrival, participants will be asked to complete VIRTUS training on protecting minors and vulnerable adults.
- Participants must arrive and depart from the Milwaukee or Chicago airport.



BRAZIL



JFBRASIL

BRAZIL (Atibaia)



DURATION: 3 months

PLACES: 3

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE PROGRAM IN BRAZIL

- The young women will stay at the province's headquarters in Atibaia (about 1 hour from São Paulo/Guarulhos International Airport), lodging at the Sister M. Emilie Engel House.
- They will have the opportunity to experience other shrines and also stay in our other houses: **Vila Mariana, Brasilia, Londrina, and Rio de Janeiro.**
- During the program, they will have the opportunity to experience: working with children, ages 2-4 years old, in the Raio de Sol Day Care Center (social care area), helping in the Mãe de Deus School, welcoming and attending to the pilgrims at the shrine, helping with the apostolate of the Schoenstatt Pilgrim Mother, and the Secretariat of the Schoenstatt Girls and Young Women. They will also participate in various activities with the Girls' Youth.
- They will have daily free time, times of prayer, spiritual and/or cultural formation.
- They will have the opportunity to share meals, recreational activities, and religious experiences with young women from Brazil, as well as the opportunity for encounters with the Sisters of Mary.





Brazil (SANTA MARIA)

DURATION: 2 to 6 months

PROGRAM

The young women will live in a designated area within the Sisters' house and will also have their meals there. They will work for four hours daily in household tasks, apostolic activities, and other areas, depending on the needs of the Schoenstatt center.

Participants can contribute in the following areas:

- In the kindergarten (children from 0 to 6 years old – Santa Maria).
- In the social project (children and young people in social vulnerability – Santa Maria).
- In the Shrine pastoral: conducting events with pilgrims or developing a project within the Schoenstatt Movement (Santa Maria and Garanhuns).
- In "Metalarte" (sacred art workshop – Santa Maria).



Campanha da Mãe Peregrina de Schoenstatt

During this time, the young women will have daily free time, time for prayer, and spiritual activities. For those who wish, there is the possibility to attend the daily Holy Mass at the Shrine and to participate in Eucharistic Adoration, both together and individually.

The program offers the opportunity to follow the paths of our Father and Founder, Father Kentenich, and Deacon João Luiz Pozzobon at the origin of the Campaign of the Pilgrim Mother of Schoenstatt in Santa Maria and surrounding cities.

The offerings aim to help the young women grow in their personalities through the spirituality of Schoenstatt (self-education, personal ideal). Once a week, they will have a free day for excursions, rest, and hobbies.



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ECUADOR



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DURATION: 1 month, maximum 1.5 months

PLACES: Minimum 2, maximum 4

PROGRAM

The program will be structured by weeks to give the young women different experiences.

- The weeks would include Holy Week Missions in a rural area.
- Mission Manta or Mission Quito (Schoenstatt Apostolate) Formation and social apostolate.
- The distribution of the day's activities:



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Morning:

- 2 hours of help in the house and shrine
- 2 hours of formation/prayer according to the topic of interest, if there are specific wishes. The hope is that through this means the young women can find themselves and God.

Afternoon:

- Social apostolate

Saturday: free

The program's content is flexible. It can be adapted depending on the young women's concerns, but the goal remains to achieve a balance between Schoenstatt and social and spiritual development.



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GERMANY



GERMANY



DURATION: 2 months

FINANCING:

While participating in the program in Schönstatt, the young women are entitled to room and board but do not receive extra money for other personal or transportation expenses, e.g., travel to and from the airport. A contribution is required to cover the costs of the trips and activities included in the program. If it is impossible for a young woman to pay the full amount prior to the trip, the Sister can communicate with the Sister responsible for the program in Germany in order to find a solution together.

- **SELECTION CRITERIA:**

Openness to Schönstatt's spirituality and desire to stay for an extended time in Schönstatt's place of origin. Ability to live in community with other young women and to work as part of a team. Willingness to relate to people from other cultures. Willingness to do housework. Willingness to participate in the entire program, respecting the beginning and end dates.



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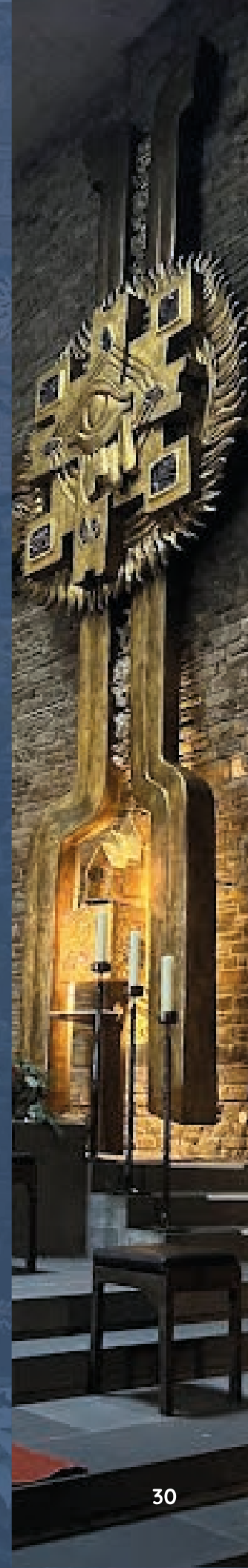
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BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE PROGRAM IN SCHÖNSTATT, GERMANY

The Schoenstatt Mission Program in Germany allows the young women to get to know Schoenstatt's place of origin and to experience it at its source. This permeates the development of the months of stay on site. The girls live in the different Sisters' houses in Schoenstatt and have the opportunity to visit the Original Shrine and the tomb of Father Joseph Kentenich, founder of the International Schoenstatt Work, daily. They work (4 hours a day) in the mornings and after lunch, helping out with house chores and other activities directly related to the apostolate (depending on the possibilities available). On Sundays, they work 2 hours. At 3:30 PM each day, they begin the activities specific to the program. They have one afternoon and a full day off from work each week in order to have a full day for the program. With the economic contributions made by the participants, the young women are able to participate in trips to different places in Germany, following in the footsteps of Father Joseph Kentenich (e.g. Gymnich, Dachau, Metternich, etc.). The official program with the included organized activities lasts approximately 8 weeks. If a young woman's studies or work make it impossible for her to participate in the entire program, she can request to participate in only part of it and this request will be evaluated. In either case, whether a young woman participates in the full program or if she participates only in part of it, she should let us know in advance the exact day of her arrival and departure, so that the program can be organized according to the needs and possibilities of the young women.



THE ROAD (CAMINO) TO SANTIAGO



DURATION: 2 weeks

Dare to walk with Mary!

The Sisters of Mary invite you to live a transforming experience: to walk the Camino de Santiago de Compostella. More than a physical journey, it will be an inner journey of encounter with God, the Blessed Mother, and the spiritual brothers and sisters we meet on the road.

St. John Paul II reminded us that "to go on pilgrimage is also to walk within oneself," that is precisely what we want to propose to you: a pilgrimage of the heart, where every step is an act of surrender, faith, and community.

We will carry the mission which Father Kentenich left us in our hearts: "We walk with Mary through life, with the certainty that she is the great Missionary, who works miracles of transformation in hearts".

What will you take away from this experience?

- A more profound encounter with God and yourself.
- The joy of serving and sharing faith in community.
- The certainty that the Blessed Mother walks with you every step.

**"Whoever decides for Mary will never walk alone." - Fr. Joseph
Kentenich**

We look forward to seeing you!

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