



Sisters of Mary
World Villages for Children
Helping children break free from a life of poverty

Spiritual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Plus an unforgettable trip to
the Sisters of Mary Girlstown

September 19 - 22, 2025

Join Most Reverend Erik T. Pohlmeier,
Bishop of the Diocese of St Augustine and
Father Rafael Lavilla, Pastor at St. John Paul II
for a life-changing pilgrimage this Jubilee year.

An Extraordinary Experience!

- **Tepeyac Hill**

Climb Tepeyac Hill where the Blessed Mother appeared and spoke
to St. Juan Diego

- **Daily Mass**

Attend Mass daily with Bishop Pohlmeier, including Mass at the
Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Sisters of Mary Girlstown

- **Venerable Aloysius Schwartz**

Learn about the work of Venerable Aloysius Schwartz, founder of
the Sisters of Mary

- **Sisters of Mary Girlstown**

Witness how the Sisters of Mary are transforming the lives of
poor children through education, faith formation and vocational
skills training

ACT FAST!
Limited Space
Register Today!



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**Subject to Change*

Day 1: Friday, September 19

Depart USA | Arrive in Mexico

- Depart to Mexico City via independently scheduled flights
- 6 PM Opening Mass at the hotel followed by
- Welcome dinner with an orientation talk
- Overnight in Mexico City

Day 2: Saturday, September 20

Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe

- Buffet breakfast at the hotel. Depart by motorcoach to the world-famous Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the most visited Marian Shrine in the world
- See the miraculous image, the tilma of St. Juan Diego, at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Guided tour of the Shrine, the New Basilica, Old Basilica, Tepeyac Hill, and much more
- Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant
- Participate in Holy Mass at the Basilica
- Time to pray, shop & explore the grounds of the Shrine
- Dinner presentation: Sisters of Mary programs around the world

Day 3: Sunday, September 21

Sisters of Mary Girlstown

- Buffet breakfast at the hotel and depart for Girlstown
- Be inspired as you celebrate Holy Mass with over 3,000 students
- Enjoy an amazing musical performance by the students
- Lunch buffet with the Sisters of Mary
- Tour Girlstown and see how the Sisters are transforming lives
- Pray in the personal chapel of Ven. Aloysius Schwartz, Founder of SM
- Time to play and enjoy being with the students
- Return to the hotel for a farewell dinner with your fellow pilgrims

Day 4: Monday, September 22

Depart Mexico | Arrive in USA

- 7 AM Celebrate Holy Mass
- Buffet breakfast at the hotel
- Depart for the airport and return home on independent flights

Biography of Bishop Erik T. Pohlmeier

Bishop Erik Thomas Pohlmeier, born July 20, 1971, became the 11th bishop of the Diocese of St. Augustine, Florida, after his appointment by Pope Francis on May 24, 2022. He was ordained and installed on July 22, 2022, succeeding Bishop Felipe J. Estévez. His episcopal motto is "Seek first the kingdom of God."

Ordained a priest on July 25, 1998, at Subiaco Abbey in Arkansas, Bishop Pohlmeier served in the Diocese of Little Rock in various pastoral roles. He ministered at several parishes, including Christ the King in Little Rock, St. John the Baptist in Hot Springs, and Our Lady of the Holy Souls in Little Rock. He also held key diocesan positions, such as director of permanent diaconate formation and director of faith formation.

Pope Francis appointed him as bishop on May 24, 2022. Now leading 174,000 Catholics across 17 counties in North Florida, Bishop Pohlmeier focuses on evangelization, strengthening the faith, and engaging the community throughout the Diocese of St. Augustine, Florida.



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TOUR INCLUDES

- Three nights accommodations at a luxury hotel in Mexico City
- Meals:
 - Breakfast buffet daily at the hotel
 - Group lunch on Saturday in a reputable, quality local restaurant
 - Buffet lunch on Sunday with the Sisters of Mary
 - Dinner each night with the group
- Professional guided tour at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in English
- Personal audio devices for group tours
- Arrangement of Holy Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe Saturday
- Holy Mass with the Sisters of Mary and the girls on Sunday
- Daily Mass on Friday and Monday
- Spiritual support from Bishop Pohlmeier
- Luxury motorcoach transportation within Mexico for specified sightseeing
- Support of staff and professional English-speaking guides
- Gratuities are included for the tour manager, the Shrine guide, and drivers

YOUR TOUR DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Airfare: **this package is sold land only.**
- Meals and beverages outside of the itinerary and special meal requests
- Other personal expenses
- Travel insurance - highly encouraged
- Items not specifically mentioned above

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PRICES STARTING AT

\$1,699*

per person, double occupancy

*single supplement +\$300

*Payments are non-refundable.
 Cancel For Any Reason (CFAR) travel protection
 is highly recommended.*

Pilgrimage Prep Suggestions

Priest and Beggar by Kevin Wells

To Live is Christ by Aloysius Schwartz

Killing Me Softly by Aloysius Schwartz

Mission and Ministry Article by Fr. Dwight Longenecker
dwrightlongenecker.com/mission-and-ministry/

*Our Lady of Guadalupe: Mother of the Civilization
 of Love* by Carl Anderson & Eduardo Chaves

Guadalupe and The Flower World Prophecy
 by Joseph Julian Gonzalez & Monique Gonzalez

The Story of Guadalupe by Luis de la Vega



Why Visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe

- The most toured Marian shrine in the world
- Home of the miraculous tilma of St. Juan Diego
(A miraculous image created by God)
- New Basilica (completed in 1976) can hold 10,000+ pilgrims and features a moving walkway for viewing the tilma
- Old Basilica (built in the 1700s) still stands nearby but was replaced due to structural concerns
- Tepeyac Hill, where the Virgin appeared, includes a chapel and stunning views of the area
- Capilla del Pocito (Chapel of the Little Well) marks the spot where a miraculous spring is believed to have appeared

Sisters of Mary

In 1964, Venerable Fr. Aloysius Schwartz founded the Sisters of Mary to serve the poorest of the poor. Today, 400 Sisters operate our Boystowns and Girlstowns in seven countries. They have rescued and transformed more than 170,000 of the world's most vulnerable children from the most desperate circumstances.

Boystown & Girlstown

Girlstown and Boystown are safe havens for the current group of 21,000 poor and vulnerable children who have hope for a brighter future thanks to the Sisters. In a joyful, and safe environment, children thrive as members of a loving family while receiving an education and faith formation. Upon graduation, many students receive scholarships to study at universities and others find good jobs. Visit the website to read the amazing success stories and triumphs of our graduates. www.worldvillages.org



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