



Sisters of Mary
World Villages for Children

Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Plus an unforgettable trip to the Sisters of Mary Girlstown

November 13-16, 2026

ACT FAST!
Limited Space
Register Today!

A Journey of Faith & Joy: Guadalupe to Girlstown

Encounter the miraculous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe: Visit the tilma of St. Juan Diego—an unforgettable moment of grace at the heart of this pilgrimage.

A Sacred Walk up Tepeyac Hill: Follow the path of faith as you ascend Tepeyac Hill, where the Blessed Mother appeared to St. Juan Diego in 1531.

Daily Mass: Celebrate Holy Mass each day, including Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe and with the Sisters of Mary at Girlstown, Chalco.

Come to Know a Future American Saint: Discover the life and mission of Venerable Aloysius Schwartz, founder of the Sisters of Mary, and the lasting impact of his witness to the poor.

Sisters of Mary Girlstown: Witness the transforming work of the Sisters of Mary as they lift children from poverty through education, faith formation, and vocational training—sending graduates into the world with hope, purpose, and a Christ-centered spirit.



Reverend Rafael Lavilla,
Pastor at SJPII
in Ponte Vedra, FL



Reverend David Keegan,
Pastor at Holy Family,
Jacksonville, FL

3 EASY WAYS TO REGISTER



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Pilgrimage Fee starting at \$1,799*
per person, double occupancy
(land only)



The Old and New Basilicas of Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Capuchinas Chapel, Mexico City

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**Subject to Change*

Friday, November 13

Arrive in Mexico | (D in Mexico)

- Depart to Mexico City via independently scheduled flights
- Arrive at Mexico City International Airport where members of WVC Staff will greet & escort you to a top rated airport hotel during arrival hours
- 6:00 PM Enjoy an opening Mass followed by a welcome dinner and orientation
- Overnight in Mexico City

Saturday, November 14

Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe | (B | L | D in Mexico)

- 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 and presentation: Sisters of Mary programs around the world

Sunday, November 15

Sisters of Mary Girlstown - An Encounter with Joy | (B | L | D)

- 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 at the Sisters of Mary
- Tour Girlstown and see how the Sisters are transforming lives
- Pray in the personal chapel of Venerable Aloysius Schwartz, founder of the Sisters of Mary
- Time to play and enjoy being with the students
- Return to the hotel for a farewell dinner with your fellow pilgrims

Monday, November 16

Return Home | (B in Mexico)

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

Reverend David Keegan

Father David Keegan was born in New Iberia, Louisiana, and is the fifth of six children. He spent his formative years outside Birmingham, Alabama, before moving to Northeast Florida as a young adult. After years of living a secular life, he encountered the mercy of Jesus in a life-changing way during a retreat in the fall of 2006. Sensing a call to the priesthood, he entered seminary in 2009 and was ordained a priest for the Diocese of St. Augustine in 2016. Since 2018, he has joyfully served as pastor of Holy Family Catholic Church in Jacksonville, Florida.

Reverend Rafael Lavilla

Father Rafael Lavilla was born in September 1976 in Pasig City, Metro Manila, Philippines. At just 14 years old, the same year he was accepted to the Sisters of Mary School, he made the difficult decision to instead enter the Oblates of St. Joseph Minor Seminary, beginning his 15-year with priestly formation. He was ordained a priest on November 25, 2005, served as a missionary in California starting in 2008, and moved to Jacksonville, Florida, in 2013 to join the Diocese of St. Augustine, where he was incardinated in 2019. Father Lavilla is currently the Pastor of St. John Paul II Catholic Church in Nocatee, Ponte Vedra, Florida.



The Tilma of St. Juan Diego



Sisters of Mary World Villages for Children, Girlstown

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 at 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 on Saturday
- Holy Mass with the Sisters of Mary and the girls on Sunday
- Daily Mass on Friday and Monday
- Spiritual support from Father Lavilla & Father Keegan
- Luxury motorcoach transportation within Mexico for specified sightseeing
- Support of staff and professional English-speaking guides

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
- Gratuities
- Items not specifically mentioned above

PRICES STARTING AT

\$1,799*

per person, double occupancy

*single supplement +\$300

email pilgrimages@worldvillages.org for family pricing

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

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From the Hearts of Fellow Pilgrims - Why This Pilgrimage Is Worth Taking

"Visiting Girlstown in Chalco gave me so much insight into God's love for each of His children, and for me! In seeing their joy I have seen God's infinite light and love which He longs to pour out on the world—through the Sisters, yes, but also through each one of us.." - Anna Kavanaugh, Kalamazoo, MI

"This pilgrimage is so incredibly beautiful and spiritually powerful. You see and learn about the miraculous Tilma that converted millions to the Catholic faith and then see the ongoing and remarkable fruits and miraculous work at World Villages For Children. Truly a little piece of Heaven!" - John Clegg, Ponte Vedra, FL

"The entire day at the Sisters of Mary school with the children and the Sisters was incredible, extraordinary, beyond wonderful, and inspiring !" - Linda Van Wart, Jacksonville, FL

Sisters of Mary

In 1964, Venerable Fr. Aloysius Schwartz founded the Sisters of Mary to serve the poorest of the poor. Today, almost 400 Sisters operate our Boystowns and Girlstowns in six 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 more than 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 at www.worldvillages.org.

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