



Sisters of Mary
World Villages for Children

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Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Plus an unforgettable trip to the Sisters of Mary Girlstown

September 18-21, 2026



Most Reverend Kevin J. Sweeney, Bishop of the Diocese of Paterson in NJ



Reverend David Wells of St. Martin of Tours Parish in Maryland



Reverend Ian Wintering, Chaplain at Seton Catholic Preparatory High School in Arizona



Kevin Wells, Catholic Speaker, Author of "Priest and Beggar"

A Journey of Faith & Joy: Guadalupe to Girlstown

A Sacred Walk up Tepeyac Hill: Climb Tepeyac Hill where the Blessed Mother appeared and spoke to St. Juan Diego in 1531

Daily Mass: Celebrate Mass daily with Bishop Kevin Sweeney and Father Dave Wells, including Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Sisters of Mary at Girlstown

Deep Spiritual Talks: Bishop Sweeney and the Wells brothers will offer pilgrims several reflections and meditations on intimacy with Our Lady, prayer, sacrifice, and Living the Faith.

Come to Intimately Know a Future American Saint: 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, and sending them out into the world as Christ-like missionaries

3 EASY WAYS TO REGISTER

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

Subject to Change

B=Breakfast | L=Lunch | D=Dinner

Friday, September 18

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, September 19

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, September 20

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, September 21

Return Home | (B in Mexico)

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

Bishop Kevin J. Sweeney

Bishop Kevin Sweeney was born in Queens, New York, and raised in St. Luke's Parish in Whitestone. A Cathedral Prep alumnus and Hall of Fame inductee, he earned his B.A. in Philosophy from St. John's University and an M.Div. in Theology from the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception. Ordained in 1997 for the Diocese of Brooklyn, he served in Jamaica and Corona, later becoming Vocation Director and founding the Pope John Paul II House of Discernment. In 2010, he became pastor of St. Michael's Parish in Brooklyn, where he served for ten years. Fluent in Spanish and experienced in ministry across cultures, Bishop Sweeney was appointed by Pope Francis and installed as the eighth Bishop of Paterson, New Jersey, on July 1, 2020.

The Wells Brothers

For the first time, brothers Fr. David Wells and Catholic author Kevin Wells will team up to help lead a pilgrimage. Ordained in 2010 for the Archdiocese of Washington, Fr. Dave serves as Pastor of St. Martin of Tours in Gaithersburg, Maryland. Fluent in Spanish, he holds a deep devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe. Kevin, a prolific Catholic writer and speaker, first fell in love with the sacred mission of the Sisters of Mary while writing *Priest & Beggar*, the acclaimed biography of their founder, Fr. Al Schwartz. And while Bishop Sweeney may be a devoted Yankees fan, the Wells brothers' unbreakable allegiance to the Orioles guarantees that this pilgrimage will have loads of faith, fellowship—and sparks!

Reverend Ian Wintering

Father Ian Wintering is a priest of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix. Having finished his studies at both the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, and St. John Vianney Theological Seminary in Denver, Fr. Ian was ordained by Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted in the summer of 2021. Known for his love of teaching and accompanying young people in their faith, Fr. Ian has served as both a Middle School and High School chaplain and teacher. He currently serves as chaplain and Theology teacher at Seton Catholic Preparatory High School in Chandler Arizona.



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 Bishop Kevin Sweeney and Father Dave Wells and inspiring talks by Kevin Wells
- 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

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

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

90 Days in Prayer with Father Al: Founder of the Sisters of Mary World Villages for Children

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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 you see the ongoing, remarkable fruits and miraculous work at the Sisters of Mary World Villages for Children. Truly a little piece of Heaven!” - John Clegg, Ponte Vedra, FL

“I encourage you to make a Pilgrimage to the Sisters of Mary Girlstown in Chalco, Mexico. Experiencing the joy, the devotion, and the enthusiasm for their Catholic Faith of more than 3,200 girls who come from extreme economic poverty, is like being transported to the early Church described in the Acts of the Apostles.” - Archbishop Joseph Naumann, Kansas City, KS

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 over 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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