



Sisters of Mary
World Villages for Children

A Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Plus an unforgettable trip to
the Sisters of Mary Girlstown

September 17-20, 2027

ACT FAST!
Limited Space
Register Today!



The Most Reverend
Earl K. Fernandes,
Bishop of the Diocese
of Columbus, Ohio



Reverend Adam
Streitenberger,
Vicar for Evangelization for
the Diocese of Columbus &
Director of The Ohio State
University Newman Center



Reverend Zachary
Goodchild,
Parochial Vicar to Our
Lady, Queen of Apostles
Parish Chillicothe, Ohio

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: Attend 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.

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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

DAY 1: Friday, September 17

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

DAY 2: Saturday, September 18

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

DAY 3: Sunday, September 19

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

- Buffet breakfast at the hotel and depart for Girlstown
- Be inspired as you attend 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

DAY 4: Monday, September 20

Return Home | (B in Mexico)

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

The Most Reverend Earl K. Fernandes, Bishop of the Diocese of Columbus, OH

The Most Reverend Earl K. Fernandes was ordained and installed as the 13th Bishop of the Diocese of Columbus on May 31, 2022. He holds a doctorate in moral theology from the Alphonsian Academy in Rome and is an accomplished scholar, author, and speaker. Bishop Fernandes serves on several USCCB committees, including Catholic Education, Doctrine, and Cultural Diversity, and sits on the Board of Trustees for the Pontifical College Josephinum and The Catholic Foundation. He is deeply committed to spreading the joy of the Gospel and fostering vibrant faith communities throughout Ohio.

Reverend Zachary Goodchild

Father Zachary Goodchild was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Columbus on May 23, 2026. A Pickerington native, he entered the Pontifical College Josephinum in 2020. During his formation, he served at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. James the Less, and the Scioto Catholic community, and completed missionary immersions in Peru. Fr. Zachary is dedicated to parish ministry, youth mentorship, and Spanish-language ministry.

Reverend Adam Streitenberger

Father Adam Streitenberger has served as a priest for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Columbus since his ordination in 2007. Over the course of his ministry, he has served in a variety of teaching, assisting, and pastoral roles across the diocese, including working as a pastor, managing diocesan initiatives as the Coordinator and Director of Evangelization, and assisting at St. Joseph Cathedral. Driven by a passion for building vibrant communities of faith, Fr. Adam currently serves as the Executive Director and Chaplain of the St. Thomas More Newman Center at The Ohio State University, where he focuses on guiding young adults, fostering spiritual growth, and forming the next generation of missionary disciples.



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 The Most Reverend Earl K. Fernandes and friends
- 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 180,000 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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