

Supplementary Information

The Sisters of Mary is a religious congregation of women under the leadership of its Superior General, Sr. Maria Cho. It is a congregation recognized by the Congregation of Religious Institutes in Rome on March 2, 2000 as a Religious Institute of Pontifical Right.

Founder: Venerable Aloysius Philip Schwartz (1930-1992)

Founded on: August 15, 1964

**Officially decreed
as a Diocesan Religious
Congregation on:** March 2, 1993

**Declared as Religious Institute
of Pontifical Right on:** March 2, 2000

**Countries wherein charity programs
for the poorest of the poor are operated
and maintained:** Korea, the Philippines,
Mexico, Guatemala
Brazil, Honduras
and Tanzania

**Overall Chairperson of the Board
of all charity programs:** Sr. Maria Cho

Headquarters: Sisters of Mary of
Banneux, Inc.
Biga, Silang, Philippines

Purposes of the
Sisters of Mary of Banneux, Inc.

- (a) To establish, operate and maintain a child welfare program for the care and education of underprivileged children, especially orphaned and abandoned children and street children, and to provide a free medical service program for the poorest of the poor;
- (b) To set-up, supervise and maintain a shelter for the destitute and the homeless, the care and rehabilitation of mendicants and the mentally or physically handicapped and shelter for unwed mothers;
- (c) To establish, provide and maintain a medical service program that will extend health and medical services to the above beneficiaries; and
- (d) To devise and maintain other programs to assist and serve the poorest of the poor.

Article 2 of the Constitutions of The Sisters of Mary defines their purpose as following Christ more fervently in prayer and more closely proclaiming the Kingdom of God particularly in doing good to people, concretely in terms of educational/vocational welfare of the underprivileged children or youth, medical care to the sick and the dying, shelter service to the homeless and the helpless.

THE SISTERS OF MARY, INC.
Korea

Profile

Year of Incorporation 1 9 6 8
Places of operations Busan and Seoul, South Korea

The Sisters of Mary
20-11, Baengnyeonsan-ro
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The Sisters of Mary operates and maintains charity programs for child and adult welfare and medical care in Korea.

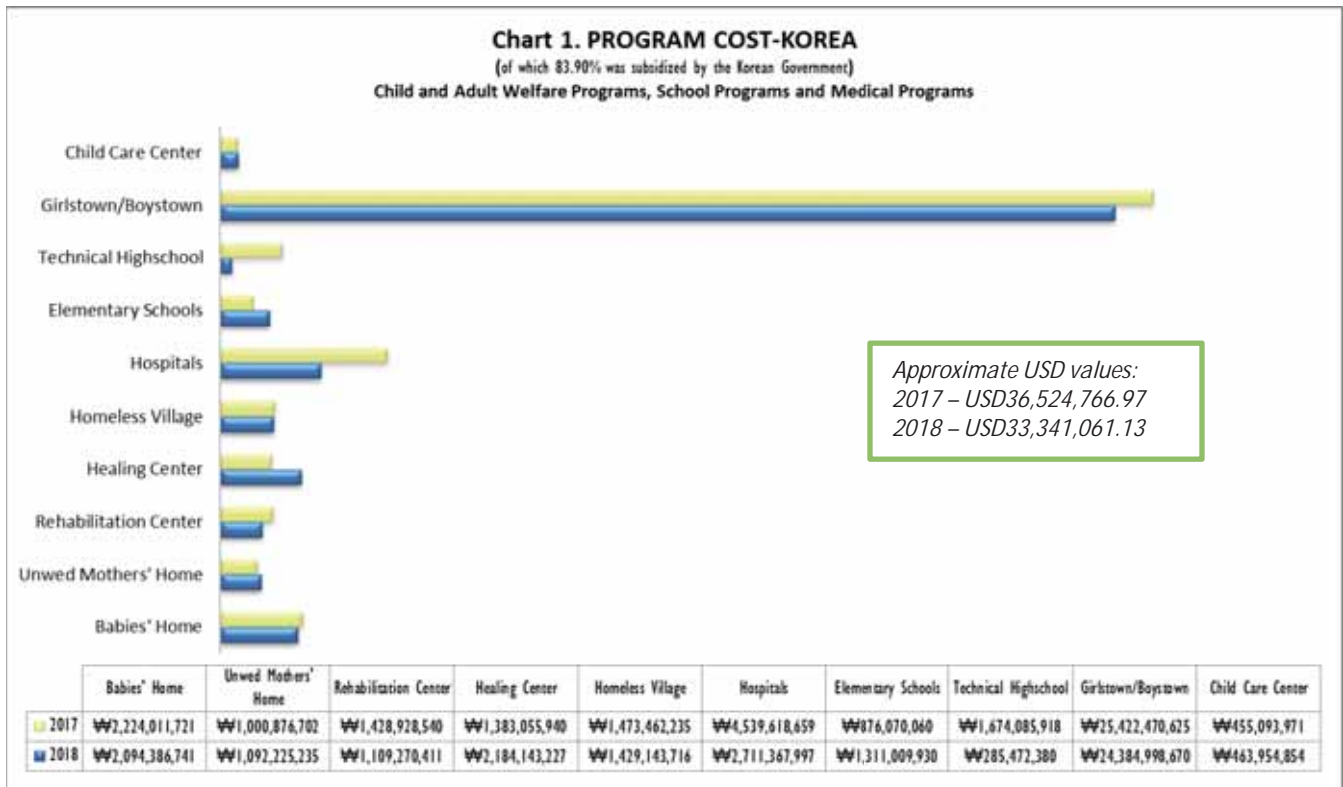


BUSAN and SEOUL, Korea

The Sisters of Mary operates and maintains charity programs for education, medical care, child and adult welfare in Korea. Expenditures for these programs include operating expenses, administrative expenses and other expenses.

In Busan, complete renovation of the kitchen floors in the dormitories was completed this year. A house was purchased and renovated into a bakery that provides bread to homeless people. Waterproofing was done at the hospital roof. A 12-seater passenger van was purchased. Computers were purchased too. This year, the Busan Technical High-school was closed on February 28, 2018.

The construction of the Aloysius Family Center in Seoul was completed and inaugurated on December 8, 2018. The Center will provide free dental treatments and out-patient medical consultations to the poor and the children from the Boystown and Girlstown.



CHILD WELFARE AND SCHOOL PROGRAMS

BOYSTOWN AND GIRLSTOWN Busan (1964), Seoul (1975)

The Boystown and Girlstown in Busan and Seoul continue to provide shelter and education to abandoned or orphaned children, residential care for babies and temporary care for toddlers.

BUSAN - Beneficiaries – 295 children

19 teachers	106 staff	3 nurses	34 nuns
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SEOUL - Beneficiaries – 337 children and 39 babies

168 staff	2 nurses	26 nuns
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ALOYSIUS HEALING CENTER Busan (2010), CHILD COUNSELING THERAPY CENTER Seoul (2017)

The centers accept students with emotional and behavioral problems for consultation, guidance, counseling, treatment and therapy. The child therapies include sand play therapy, cognitive behavioral therapy, play, therapy, art therapy and music therapy.

ALOYSIUS HEALING CENTER Beneficiaries – 12 out-patients/day

7 staff	2 nun
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CHILD COUNSELING THERAPY CENTER Beneficiaries – 33 children

27 staff	1 nurse
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CHILD CARE CENTER Seoul (2016)

The Center is for temporary child-care during specific periods such as parents' time at work. It provides kindergarten lessons to older children.

Beneficiaries – 67 toddlers

11 staff	1 nun
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KOREA

ADULT WELFARE PROGRAMS

MARIA VILLAGE OF THE HOMELESS (1969)

Maria Village of the homeless gives shelter for homeless, destitute and handicapped men and women and provides some medical assistance to tubercular patients.

MARIA VILLAGE OF THE HOMELESS Beneficiaries 97 residents

14 staff 1 nurse 4 nuns

EXPECTANT MOTHER'S HOME Busan (1984)

The home provides temporary residential care for unwed pregnant women and their babies upon birth.

Beneficiaries – 16 residents, 8 babies

10 staff 1 nurse 2 nuns

PAJU REHABILITATION CENTER OF THE HOMELESS Seoul (2001)

The Center provides shelter, activities to rehabilitate alcoholics and a home for disabled or mentally challenged men.

Beneficiaries – 46 residents

14 staff 13 brothers

MEDICAL PROGRAMS

ALOYSIUS HOSPITAL Busan (1970),

The hospital provides medical and nursing services for migrant workers and the poor who cannot obtain healthcare benefits.

Aloysius Hospital, Busan Beneficiaries –130 average daily out-patients / 16 average daily admissions

20 staff	3 doctors, 19 nurses	6 nuns
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Migrant workers continue to be treated at the Aloysius Hospital. Many of them come from Vietnam, Russia, East Timor and the Philippines.

SISTERS OF MARY OF BANNEUX, INC. Philippines

Profile

Year of Incorporation

1 9 8 5

Places of operations

Biga & Adlas, Silang, Cavite;
Talisay & Minglanilla, Cebu



The Sisters of Mary Girlstown
Brgy. Biga II, Silang, Cavite

The Sisters of Mary Girlstown
J. P. Rizal St., Talisay City, Cebu

The Sisters of Mary Boystown
Brgy. Adlas, Silang, Cavite

The Sisters of Mary Boystown
Bo. Tungkop, Minglanilla, Cebu

Brothers of Christ
Brgy Biclatan, General Trias, Cavite



The Sisters of Mary operates and maintains charity programs for child and adult welfare and medical care in the Philippines.



CAVITE and CEBU, Philippines

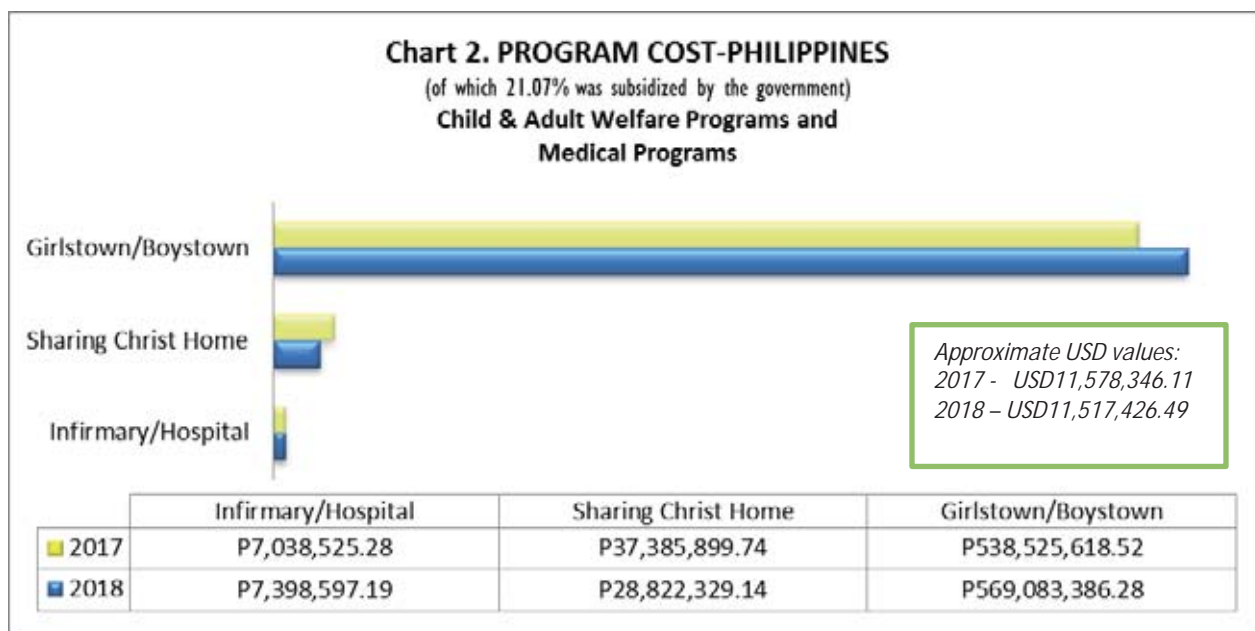
The charity programs in the Philippines continue to provide temporary shelter and junior and senior high school with specialization in different vocation trainings to boys and girls from the poorest of the poor families aged between 12-18 years old. Out-patient medical care for the poor and the students is provided by the infirmaries. The Sisters of Mary with the Brothers of Christ provide residential care and permanent shelter in Amadeo, Cavite to homeless mentally-challenged men. Male out-of-school youth undergo classes in General Trias to prepare them for an acceleration examination to be eligible for a high-school diploma. Technical courses are integrated in these classes to further qualify the graduates for jobs. Expenditures include operating expenses, administrative expenses and other expenses.

This year 100 kilowatt peak (kwp) solar panels were installed at the Biga campus. The solar panels will provide almost 10% savings on electric billings. Spare parts of laundry and kitchen equipment, computers, science laboratory tools, musical instruments and a dental chair were purchased. Shower rooms and toilets were renovated in Doty Building. The influent pumps of the sewage treatment plant were replaced. Two rooms were renovated at the infirmary as caregiving workshops of the students. Wooden jalousies were replaced with extruded aluminum jalousies. Also completed this year were installation of 2 high volume low speed fans at the gym, installation of kitchen hood fire suppression system, rehabilitation of fire-fighting equipment and accessories, steel grilles for the side stairs and the rehabilitation of the deep wells.

A new light duty truck with passenger van was purchased for Adlas campus. Repainting of the external surfaces of the buildings was started this year. Several projects were also completed this year. A fire detection and alarm communication system was installed. Additional water tanks were installed on the buildings. A new upgraded library was completed along with updated books and magazines. Musical instruments, ovens, CAD plotter, wireless portable speakers systems, laptops and computers were purchased.

Repairs and renovations of the kitchen, workshops, toilets and bathrooms and the science laboratory were completed this year in Talisay. Computers, laptops, music instruments, television sets, ovens, inverters, sewing machines and a passenger van were purchased.

In Minglanilla, repairs of the ceiling eaves and the roofs of the workshops were completed this year. The exterior of 2 buildings, a workshop and the outdoor and indoor basketball courts were repainted. Laptops, musical instruments and 2 washing machines were purchased.



Child & Adult Welfare Programs

BOYSTOWN & GIRLSTOWN Biga (1985), Talisay (1990), Adlas (1991), Minglanilla (1995)

The Boystown and Girlstown in Cavite and Cebu are residential schools that provide high-school education with intensive vocational training for boys and girls aged 12-18 years of age who come from the poorest of the poor families all over the country.

BIGA Beneficiaries – 3,142 girls

83 teachers 72 staff 44 nuns

ADLAS Beneficiaries – 2,042 boys

66 teachers 62 staff 25 nuns

TALISAY Beneficiaries – 3,085 girls

82 teachers 72 staff 34 nuns

MINGLANILLA Beneficiaries – 2,070 boys

66 teachers 53 staff 18 nuns

SHARING CHRIST HOME General Trias (2008)

The Home provides Alternative Learning System (ALS) Program Education, technical training and residential care services to out-of-school youth.

Beneficiaries – 131 out-of-school boys

6 teachers

17 staff

24 brothers, 1 priest, 2 nuns

SHARING CHRIST HOME Amadeo (2012)

The Home provides permanent shelter and residential care to homeless and helpless mentally challenged men.

Beneficiaries – 25 residents

14 brothers

1 priest

Medical Programs

SISTERS OF MARY INFIRMARIES (J.P. Rizal Memorial Foundation) Biga (2010) and (Marie Doty Maternal and Children's Infirmary) Minglanilla (2011)

The Infirmaries provide medical services to all students and medical consultation services to the poor of nearby communities.

Cavite Beneficiaries – 82 daily average out-patients

8 staff	3 doctors, 2 nurses	2 nuns
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Cebu Beneficiaries – 77 daily average out-patients

5 staff	2 doctors, 2 nurses	2 nuns
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HERMANAS DE MARIA Mexico

Profile

Year of Incorporation

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Places of Operations

Chalco, Edo. de Mexico & Acatlán de Juárez, Jalisco, Mexico

**Hermanas de Maria, Villa de las Niñas
Carr. Chalco-Mixquic Km. 2.5,
Chalco, Edo. de Mexico, C.P. 56600**



**Hermanas de Maria , Villa de los
Niños-Guadalajara
Los Laureles Carr. Fed. 35,
Guadalajara-Jiq. Km. 116,
Acatlán de Juárez, Jalisco, Mexico
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The Sisters of Mary operates and maintains charity programs for child and adult welfare in Mexico.

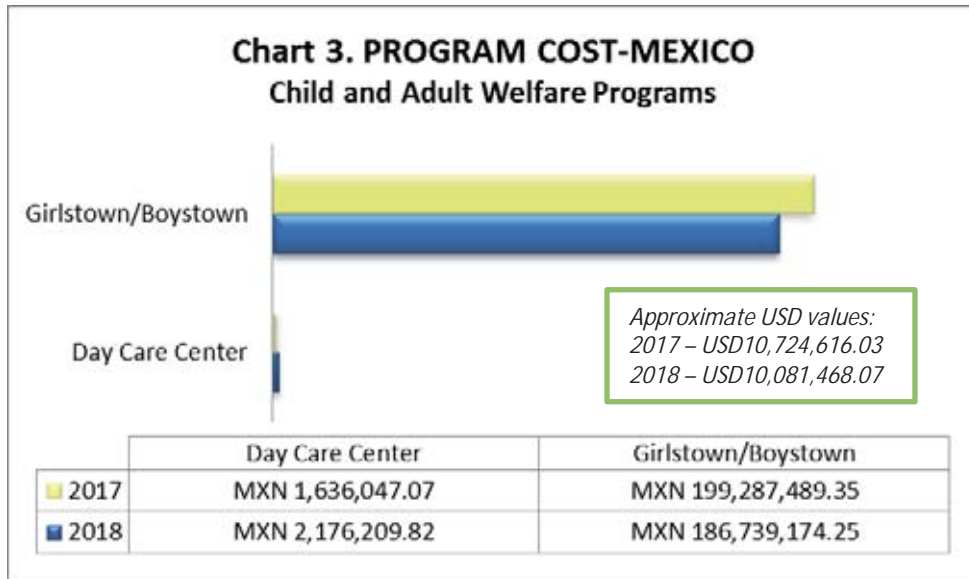


CHALCO AND GUADALAJARA, Mexico

The Boystown in Guadalajara and Girlstown in Chalco continue to provide temporary shelter, technical, middle-school and high school education to children from the poorest of the poor families whose ages range from 12-18 years of age. Toddlers from poor families are looked after at the day care center. Older children in the day care center attend kindergarten classes. Expenditures include operating expenses, administrative expenses and other expenses.

The renovation of an existing house into a museum for the memorabilia of Ven. Schwartz and construction of a spiritual center for students and graduates were completed this year and inaugurated on June 24, 2018. Upkeep of several facilities in Chalco were done this year. The gymnasiums were re-varnished. The industrial workshop was repainted. Structural reinforcements were made on one building that was damaged during an earthquake. Toilet doors were replaced. Two washing machines were purchased.

Constructions of an outdoor gym and welding workshop were completed this year in Guadalajara. A science and chemical laboratory was completed as well. The track and field was rehabilitated along with the drinking fountains surrounding it.



Child & Adult Welfare Programs

BOYSTOWN & GIRLSTOWN Chalco (1990), Guadalajara (1998)

The Boystown and Girlstown are residential schools that provide technical training, middle-school and high- school for children from the poorest of the poor families whose ages range from 12-18 years old.

Chalco Beneficiaries – 3,429 girls

108 teachers	72 staff , 1 doctor, 2 nurses	41 nuns
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Guadalajara Beneficiaries – 2,115 boys

82 teachers	34 staff, 3 doctors	18 nuns
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DAY CARE CENTER Chalco (2007)

The Center is for temporary child-care during specific periods such as parents' time at work. It provides kindergarten lessons to older children.

Beneficiaries –119 toddlers

6 teachers	8 staff	2 nuns
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Hermanas de Maria Guatemala

Profile

Year of Incorporation

1997

Place of Operation

Guatemala



The Sisters of Mary operates and maintains charity programs for child and adult welfare and medical care in Guatemala.

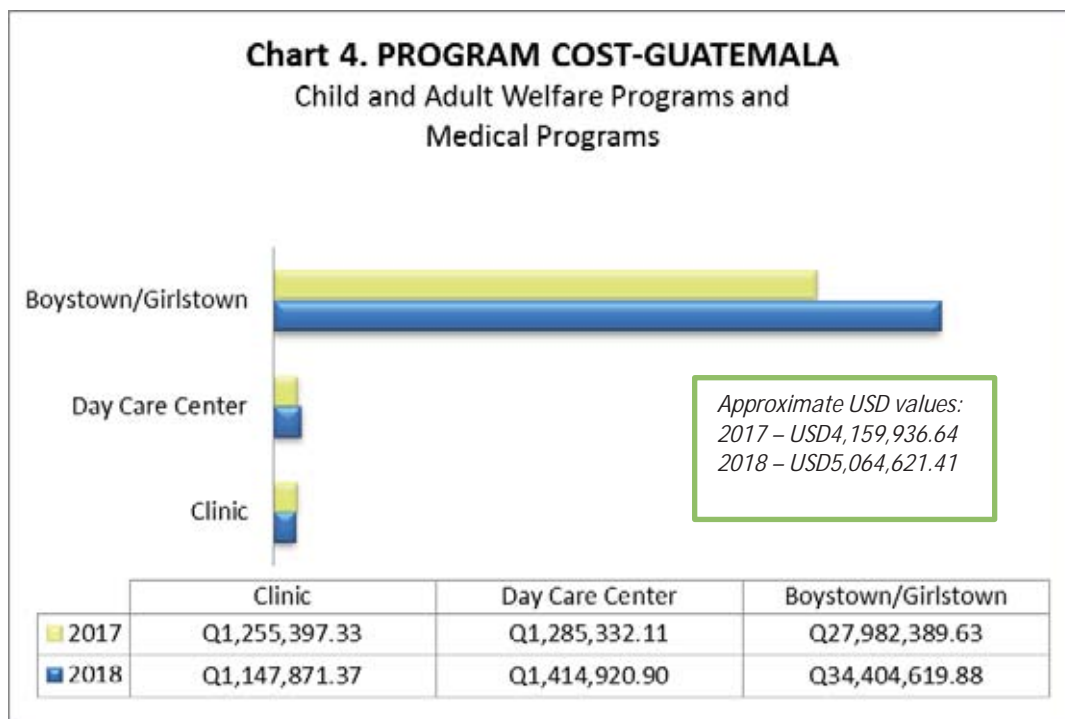


Zona-6 and Zona-13, Guatemala

The Boystown and Girlstown in Zona-6 and Zona-13 continue to provide temporary shelter, middle and high-school education to children from the poorest of the poor families whose ages range from 12-18 years. The medical clinic continues to provide free out-patient medical treatment, medicine and food to poor and sick people. Expenditures include operating expenses, administrative expenses and other expenses.

General maintenance of the showers, clinic and boilers were completed at Zona 13 this year. School desks, security cameras and computers were purchased.

At Zona 6, general repair and maintenance of the sound system, intercom cable, food elevator and audio system were completed this year. Armchairs and blackboards were purchased replacing dilapidated ones. Two buildings were repainted.



Child & Adult Welfare Programs

BOYSTOWN & GIRLSTOWN Zona 13 (1998), Zona 6 (2000)

The Boystown and Girlstown are residential schools giving middle school and high-school education for boys and girls from the poorest of the poor families aged between 12-18 years old.

Zona 13 Beneficiaries – 900 girls

36 teachers	32 staff	15 nuns
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Zona 6 Beneficiaries – 1,188 boys

35 teachers	35 staff, 2 doctors, 1 nurse	13 nuns
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DAY CARE CENTER (2004)

The Center is for temporary child-care during specific periods such as parents' time at work. It provides older children kindergarten lessons.

Beneficiaries –110 toddlers

8 teachers	9 staff	2 nuns
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Medical Programs

CLINICA MEDICA MARIA (1997)

The clinic provides medical and nursing services to all students and medical consultation services to the poor of nearby communities.

Beneficiaries – 104 average outpatients per day		
8 staff	5 doctors, 1 nurses	1 nun

IRMAS DE MARIA DE BANNEUX

Brazil

Profile

Year of Incorporation

2001

Places of Operation

Brasilia and São Paulo

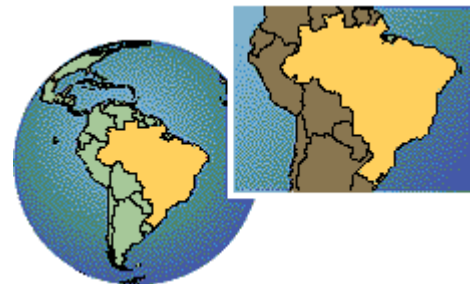
IRMAS DE MARIA
Vila das Crianças de Maria
Chacara 13-B, N. R. Alagado,
Santa Maria-DF 72000-000
Brasilia, Brazil



IRMAS DE MARIA
Bairro Las Palmas
São Bernardo do Campo
São Paulo, Brazil



The Sisters of Mary operates and maintains charity program for child welfare and medical care in Brazil.

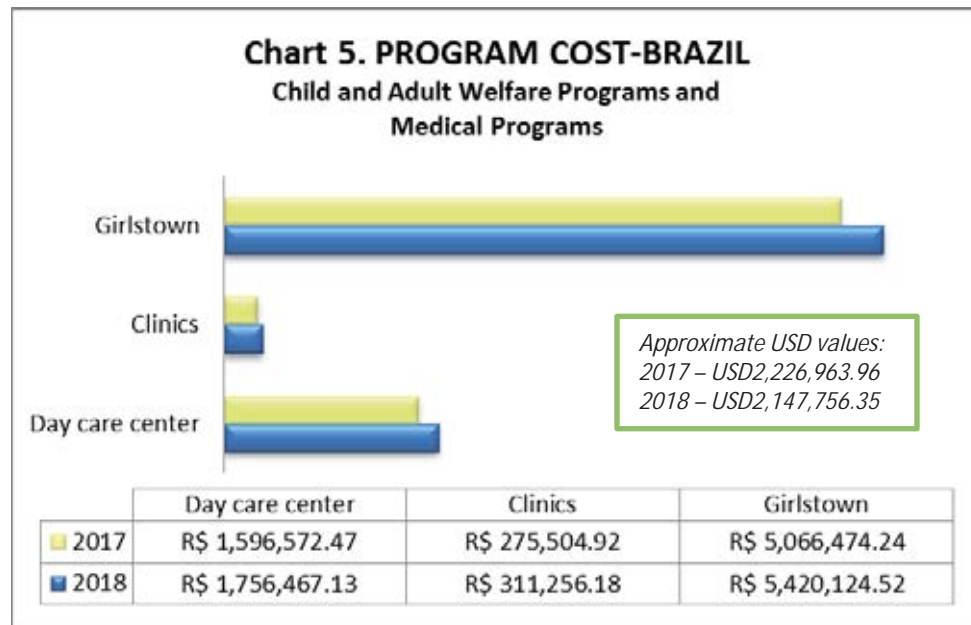


Brasilia and São Paulo, Brazil

The Girlstown in Brasilia continues to provide elementary and high-school education to girls coming from poor families. The day care centers in Brasilia and São Paulo provide temporary care to children of parents and guardians who are at work during the day. Older children in the day care center and from the neighboring poor families attend kindergarten and elementary classes. Out-patients from poor families are provided medical consultation services and medicines. Expenditures include operating, administrative and other expenses.

Construction of the grandstand in Brasilia was finished this year. Old tables and cabinets were replaced. An industrial washing machine was purchased.

A pickup truck was purchased for São Paulo. Additional computers were provided for the library.



Child Welfare Programs

GIRLSTOWN Sta Maria (2002)

The Girlstown is a residential school providing elementary and high school education to girls from poor families.

Beneficiaries –763 girls		
32 teachers	16 staff	12 nuns

DAY CARE CENTERS Sta Maria (2004), São Bernardo (2008)

The centers are for temporary child-care during specific periods such as parents' time at work. They give kindergarten and elementary education to older children

Sta. Maria Beneficiaries –90 toddlers		
4 teachers	1 staff	2 nuns

São Bernardo Beneficiaries –150 toddlers and 256 children		
16 teachers	7 staff	8 nuns

Medical Programs

CLINICA MEDICA MARIA Sta Maria (2002), São Bernardo (2010-2017)

The clinics provide medical and nursing services to all students and medical consultation services to the poor of nearby communities.

Brasilia Beneficiaries – 15 average out-patients per day

2 staff

3 doctors

1 nurse

1 nun

HERMANAS DE MARIA Honduras

Profile

Year of Incorporation

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Places of Operation

Tegucigalpa and Amarateca

LAS HERMANAS DE MARIA
Km 8, Carretera a Olancho,
Contiguo a Promdeca



LAS HERMANAS DE MARIA
Aldea Guayabillas, Valle de
Amarateca Costado Norte



The Sisters of Mary operates and maintains charity program for child welfare in Honduras.

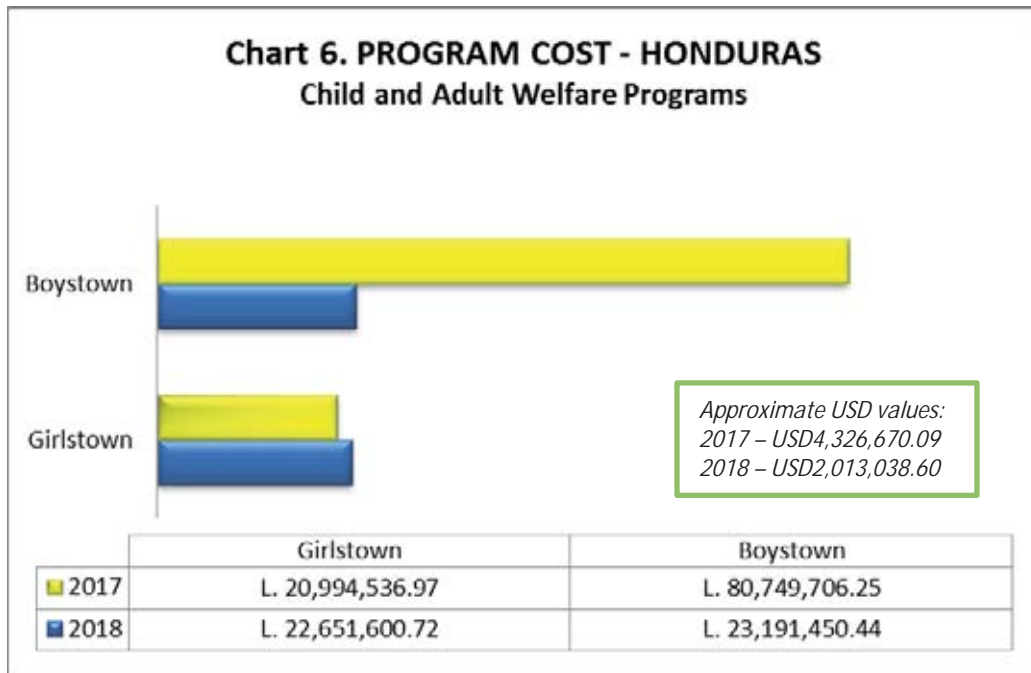


Tegucigalpa and Amaratéca, Honduras

The Girlstown in Tegucigalpa and the Boystown in Amaratéca continues to provide temporary shelter, middle-school and high-school education to boys and girls coming from poor families in Honduras. Expenditures include operating, administrative and other expenses.

Kitchen equipment, projectors and mattresses were purchased at Tegucigalpa. Lockers were built in the dormitories. A stock room was built.

The welding and automotive workshops in Amaratéca were completed this year. Laboratory equipment, musical instruments, dental xray and welding materials were purchased.



Child Welfare Programs

GIRLSTOWN (2012), BOYSTOWN (2017)

The Girlstown and Boystown are residential schools providing high school education to girls and boys from poor families.

Girlstown Beneficiaries –645 girls		
24 teachers	21 staff, 2 doctors	10 nuns

Boystown Beneficiaries –416 boys		
13 teachers	22 staff	8 nuns

THE REGISTERED TRUSTEES OF THE SISTERS OF MARY TRUST Tanzania

Profile

Year of Incorporation

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Place of Operation

Kisarawi District

**The Sisters of Mary
Kisarawi District,
Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania**



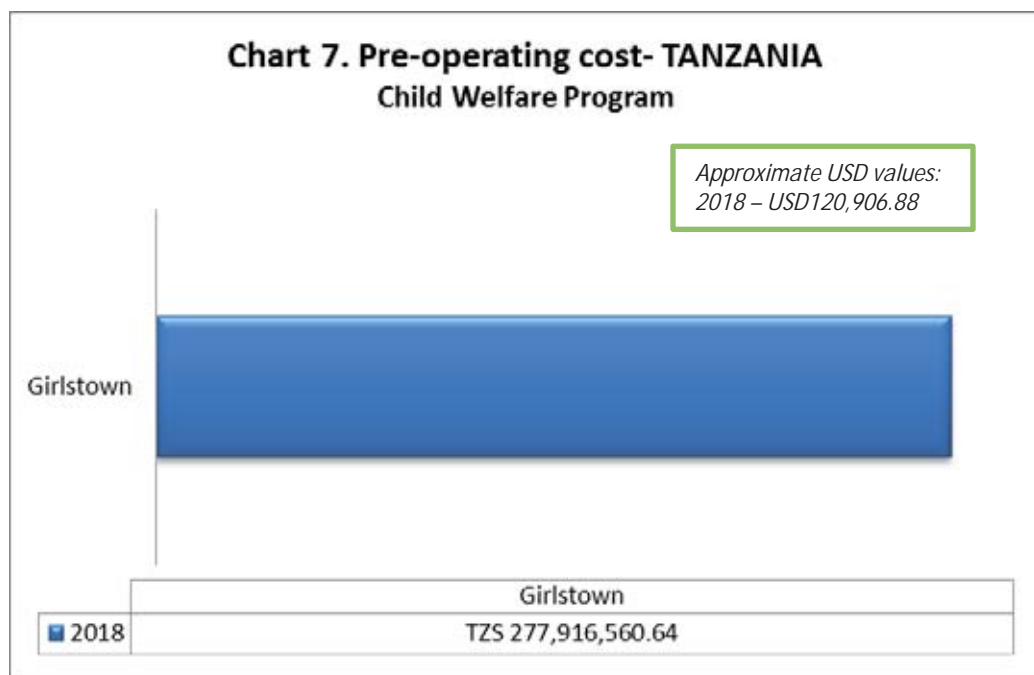
The Sisters of Mary will operate a charity program for child and adult welfare in Tanzania. Preliminary works were done this year.



Kisarawi District, Tanzania

The Sisters of Mary received the approval of their legal identity in Tanzania in May. Initial site development on a 62-acre land , under usufruct to The Sisters of Mary by the Archdiocese of Dar es Salaam, started this year. A 1-storey building will be constructed on this land that will serve as a residential school for 150 girls. Groundbreaking ceremony was done in October.

Dressmaking lessons were given to 20 women this year.



Beneficiaries of The Sisters of Mary Charity Programs



Through the generosity of the people in many places of the world, children and adults are educated, fed, housed, clothed, rehabilitated or healed through the charity programs of The Sisters of Mary. All funds received by The Sisters of Mary are being or will be utilized to promote these services.

The service and dedication of The Sisters of Mary make these charity programs continue to benefit only the poorest of the poor and alleviate their sufferings.



South Korea (1968)

SEOUL

437 children

39 babies

46 mentally challenged men

BUSAN

295 children

142 average out-patients a day

16 average in-patients a day

16 pregnant women

8 babies

97 indigent and homeless adults

Beneficiary	Total
Children	732
Babies	47
Adults	159
Total	938
142 average out patients a day	
16 average in patients a day	



Philippines (1985)

CAVITE

5,315 children

82 average out-patients

25 homeless and mentally challenged men

CEBU

5,155 children

77 average out-patients

Beneficiary	Total
Children	10,470
Adults	25
Total	10,495
159 average out patients a day	



Mexico (1991)

CHALCO

3,548 children

GUADALAJARA

2,115 children

Beneficiary	Total
Children	5,663



Guatemala (1997)

ZONA 6

1,188 children

ZONA 13

1,010 children

104 average out-patients daily

Beneficiary	Total
Children	2,198
104 average out patients a day	



Brazil (2001)

BRASILIA

853 children

15 average daily out-patient

SÃO PAULO

406 children

Beneficiary	Total
Children	1,259
15 average out patients a day	



Honduras (2011)

TEGUCIGALPA

645 children

AMARATECA

416 children

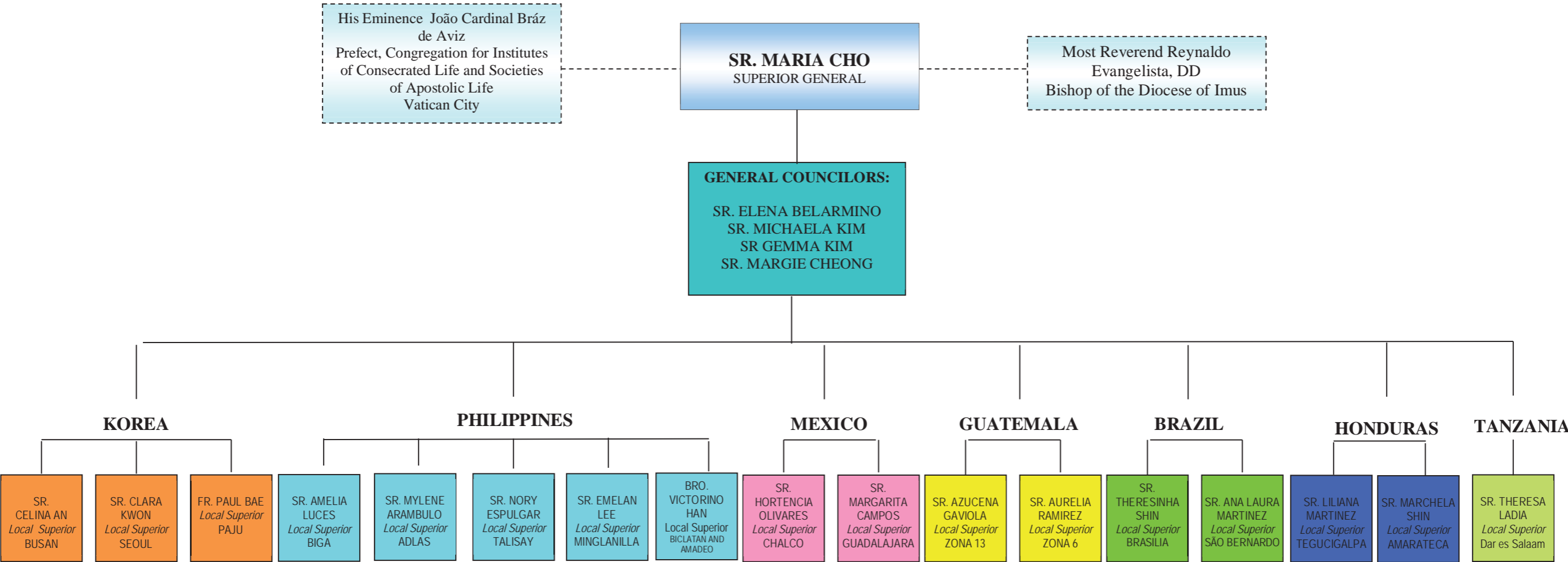
Beneficiary	Total
Children	1,061



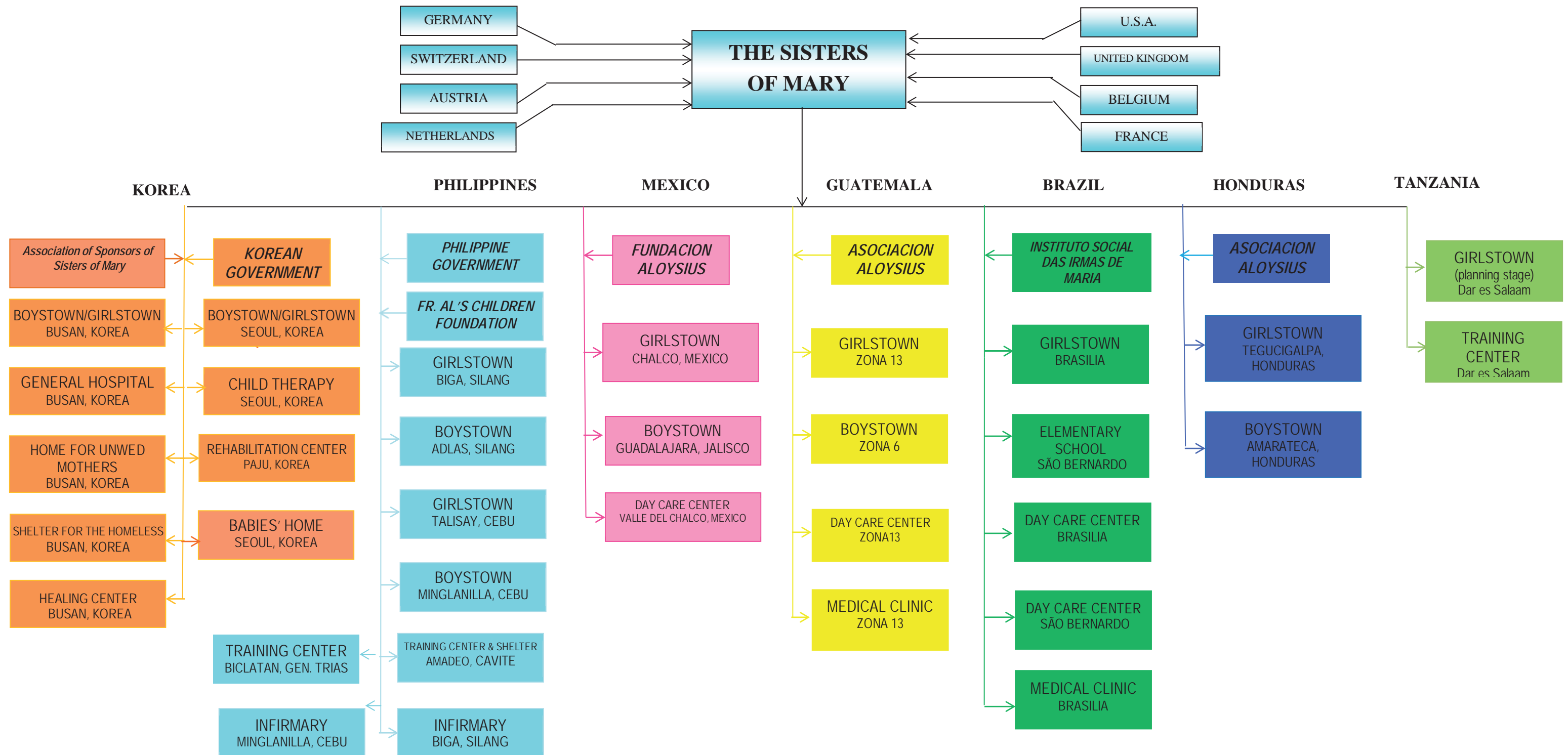
Tanzania (2018)

The Sisters of Mary in Tanzania will provide a residential school at Kisarawi District, Dar es Salaam for 150 girls in 2019. The Training Center of The Sisters of Mary will continue to provide skills-building training to women.

THE SISTERS OF MARY
FLOWCHART A: ADMINISTRATION



THE SISTERS OF MARY
 FLOWCHART B: FUNDING





**APOSTOLIC NUNCIATURE
IN KOREA**

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Prot. N. 4.129/14

The Apostolic Nunciature in Korea certifies that the Sisters of Mary is a Religious Institute of Pontifical Right, approved as such by the Holy See. Their General House is:

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This Religious Institute was founded in 1964, with the apostolate in favor orphans, poor children, unwed mothers, indigent sick and dying, homeless persons. They have orphanages, houses for the homeless and hospitals. In Korea, they also take care of the mentally handicapped. They are in the Philippines, Korea, Mexico, Guatemala, Brazil and Honduras. In all their work, they follow the teachings of the Church, in their expression of charity and respect to dignity of all human persons. The Sisters of Mary offer their services in the true spirit of evangelical charity.

The initiatives of charity of the Sisters of Mary in Korea are worthy causes and a source of edification and example.

Seoul, 27 October 2014


+Osvaldo Padilla
Apostolic Nuncio

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Dear supporters of the orphaned boys and girls of our organization:

God bless your hearts.

It's been forty years since I was a student at the Catholic University, where I had left my hometown and my parents in Busan. Back during those times when I lived in the southern part of the country, we had lived near the Boystown that Father Soh Aloysius maintained. When I was a seminarist, I often saw the boys jogging alongside the beach in the early morning. Whenever I had vacation, I visited where these boys had lived. Upon traveling with these boys to their Boystown, I discovered that it was very different from any of the other organizations that I encountered in my life, where the Sisters of Mary cared for the orphans as if they were their own children.

Now, Father Aloysius' legacy has stretched worldwide, It was realized in Seoul, but has reached to the Philippines, Mexico, Guatemala, and Honduras. A few years ago, after I became a Bishop, I came to the Dream Village in Seoul in order to pray during the Christmas holidays. Whenever I visited here, I always would think that this village, with its students, was very peaceful. When the children danced and sung during their festival, I saw that the students were very healthy and bright, even without having parents in their lives. I think the reason why the children have grown to become so brilliant is because of the Sisters of Mary.

I whole-heartedly appreciate your assistance to all of the Sisters. Thank you for any assistance, in whatever form it may be in, that you can provide to this organization.

I always pray for your blessings.

In remembrance of Mother Teresa; October 15th,2014.

Bishop Basil, Cho Kyu-man
Archdiocese of Seoul and Vicar General



BISHOP'S HOUSE

IMUS, CAVITE, 4103 PHILIPPINES

Prot. No. 047/17

28 February 2017

ENDORSEMENT

Greetings!

This is to kindly endorse the **SISTERS OF MARY** for financial assistance in support of its scholarship programs for poor children in the Philippines.

The Sisters of Mary, a religious congregation of pontifical right, was founded by Venerable Aloysius Schwartz. Located at *Brgy. Biga II, Silang, Cavite, Philippines*, this religious congregation is home to 6,000 boys and girls from poor families who are accorded free food, clothing, shelter, Catholic education and spiritual formation. For the past three decades, this Catholic charitable institution has produced 64,000 graduates and professionals whose dedication, self-reliance and Catholic orientation contribute to the transformation of society.

As the new list of candidates for the next academic year has been recently determined, the Sisters of Mary again rely on the kindness and generosity of friends and benefactors whose commitment and support become sources of strength and inspiration of poor children and their families. This letter comes to you with a sincere prayer that through your collaboration, the Church's mission in serving the poor will come to fruition through your support.

Thank you very much for your collaboration. May the Lord always look kindly on you and constantly bless you and your family.

Sincerely in the Lord Jesus,


+ REYNALDO G. EVANGELISTA, DD
Bishop of Imus



ARCHDIOCESE OF CEBU
Office of the Archbishop

11 February 2017

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

It is my joy to recommend the religious congregation of the Sisters of Mary, whose members have been serving the poorest of the poor children coming from all over the country at their Sisters of Mary School in Archdiocese of Cebu as well as in Cavite.

Their founder, Venerable Aloysius Schwartz, was invited by my predecessor, His Excellency Ricardo Cardinal Vidal, to start his community of sisters and his charitable program here in Cebu in 1990 and since then, the sisters have been efficiently and lovingly taking care and educating thousands of poor children not only giving them a high-quality of education but also forming them into good and productive citizens of the country and of the Church.

I know the sisters and have visited their schools for girls in Talisay City and their Boystown in Minglanilla several times and I am always amazed to see how God works through these simple and happy sisters, which is also radiated in the countenance of the children, who are responding very positively to their programs.

These children are provided for with their daily needs, high school education and advanced technical training and medical and dental services, totally free of charge. They rely on benefactors to sustain their works, thus, I sincerely hope that many more people would assist them financially and spiritually. I believe they deserve to be supported as they form the youth, who are the present and future of the Philippines and also in the other countries like Mexico, Guatemala, Brazil, Honduras and South Korea, where they have similar charity programs.

Thank you and may God bless all their efforts and the generosity of many.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ **JOSE S. PALMA, D.D**
Archbishop of Cebu



México, D.F. a 11 de noviembre de 2012

A quien corresponda:

Por medio de la presente dejo de manifiesto que tengo el privilegio de conocer el trabajo que realizan las Hermanas de María, en la Diócesis de Valle de Chalco, a favor de niñas y niños pobres de nuestra república mexicana, conforme al carisma de su fundador, el Siervo de Dios Aloysius Schwartz.

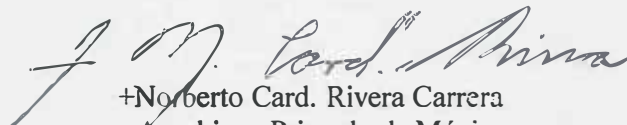
En nuestro país, cerca de cinco mil niños y niñas reciben educación secundaria y cursan el bachillerato técnico con las Hermanas de María; todos ellos provienen de familias en situación de pobreza e incluso algunos han sido abandonados. Estas hermanas se preocupan por brindarles una educación integral y totalmente gratuita, además de alimentación, vestido, atención médica y dental, formación cultural, artística y deportiva. El nivel educativo que ofrecen es elevado, lo mismo que la formación ética y espiritual, sobre todo cristiana, que imparten a estos niños.

Muestra de lo anterior es la buena fama que tienen en el campo laboral quienes han sido educados por las Hermanas de María a lo largo de los últimos 20 años. Esto ha sido posible con la gracia de Dios y con la generosidad de mucha gente que, con sus donativos, ha hecho posible la atención a tantos niños necesitados.

Cabe recordar que las Hermanas de María tienen también una guardería en uno de los lugares más pobres de la Diócesis de Valle de Chalco, donde brindan atención a las madres que trabajan y que no cuentan con los medios para cuidar a sus pequeños; de igual forma, se les brinda a estas mujeres capacitación para enfrentar la vida.

Por todo lo anterior, agradezco de antemano el apoyo económico que pueda Ud. brindar a las Hermanas de María, a fin de que puedan seguir llevando a cabo este gran proyecto a favor de tantas niñas y niños pobres de nuestro país.

Pido al Señor que lo bendiga, que pague con creces su generosidad, y que Santa María de Guadalupe lo cubra y lo proteja bajo su santo manto.


+Norberto Card. Rivera Carrera
Arzobispo Primado de México



ARZOBISPADO DE GUADALAJARA

Prot. A 4448/2014
December 8 of 2014

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The SISTERS OF MARY is a Religious Congregation of Pontifical Right founded in Pusan, Korea in 1964 by the Servant of God, Msgr. Aloysius Schwartz, an American missionary priest. Their charism is to serve the poorest of the poor in the name of Christ which the sisters effectively fulfill in Korea, the Philippines, Mexico, Guatemala and Brazil. After the demise of their founder in 1992, Sr. Michaela Kim was elected as Superior General and In charge of all their charity works.

In 1990, MSGR. SCHWARTZ and Sisters established their charity programs for the poor Mexican boys and girls in Chalco, State of Mexico, which I had the opportunity to visit. Having visited their Girlstown and Boystown schools, "*Villa de los Niños*", I was then convinced of the effectiveness and importance of their charity works for the church as well as for our country, therefore, I invited them to start a Boystown school in my Archdiocese of Guadalajara in 1998. With much dynamism and faith in the Lord, they accepted my invitation.

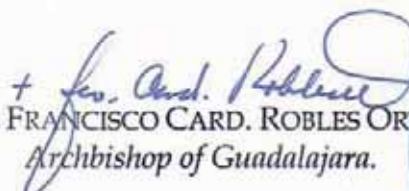
Sisters go and visit depressed areas all over the republic to search for those who are most needy. Children are provided for with food, clothing, shelter, high-quality academic and vocational education, and other needs totally free of charge. Many of the graduates are already gainfully employed and are helping their poor families.

I am always in contact with the sisters and their work and I am truly impressed with their sincere and dedicated efforts to relieve the suffering of the poor and the underprivileged children. The growth and development of their charity works is made possible through the generosity of all the donors and friends.

Therefore, I highly recommended the Sisters of Mary and their charity works and I hope that many more people would be generous enough to share their treasure to the poor under their care, so that many more children not only in my country but also from different countries could avail of this unique opportunity in preparing for their bright future.

Devotedly in Christ,


JAVIER MAGDALENO CUEVA Pbro.
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+ JOSÉ FRANCISCO CARD. ROBLES ORTEGA
Archbishop of Guadalajara.





Ciudad de Guatemala, 29 de enero de 2016

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A quien interese:

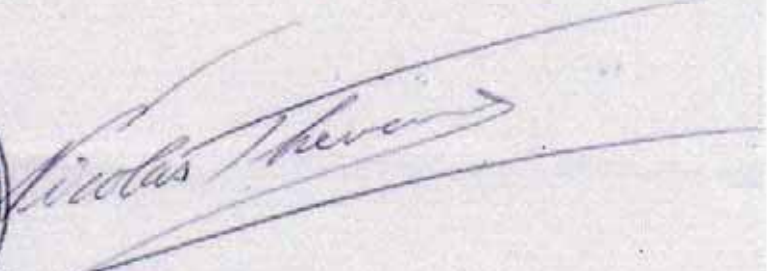
Tengo el agrado de presentar a la Congregación de “Hermanas de María” que desde hace varios años trabajan en Guatemala sosteniendo las casas llamadas “Villa de los Niños”.

Esta Congregación se dedica con esmero a brindar vivienda y educación de alta calidad a niños y jóvenes provenientes de todo el país. La gran mayoría de los alumnos provienen de familias muy pobres y necesitadas.

Para continuar con esta labor necesitan la ayuda que se les pueda prestar, por lo que me uno con mucho gusto y apoyo calurosamente esta petición asegurando que todo aporte será bien aprovechado en beneficio de quien más lo necesita.

Aprovecho la oportunidad para asegurarles mis mejores deseos y estima en Cristo.




Nicolas Thevenin
Nuncio Apostolico



Dom Nelson Westrupp, scj
Bispo de Santo André



Santo André, 30 de outubro de 2014

Aos Amigos e Amigas de coração generoso que ajudam o próximo!

Venho até Você, através desta carta, apresentar e recomendar a Congregação Religiosa das Irmãs de Maria de Banneux que realizam valioso trabalho caritativo na Diocese de Santo André-SP-Brasil, desde 2006, especialmente numa das Regiões mais carentes de São Bernardo do Campo.

Atualmente as Irmãs atendem 298 crianças matriculadas (na educação infantil que é período integral: 142 crianças em 6 turmas e no ensino fundamental, 156 alunos em 6 turmas).

Além do acolhimento e cuidado direto das crianças e suas famílias, as Irmãs apoiam a Comunidade local com a Escola e uma Clínica, onde são oferecidos atendimentos médicos, odontológicos e de acupuntura. São muitas as pessoas atendidas diariamente.

As Irmãs já iniciaram as novas inscrições e matrículas para o próximo ano (2015). Serão aproximadamente 360 crianças matriculadas.

Ao lado de todo o trabalho educacional e de saúde, as Irmãs promovem os adolescentes com esportes, trabalhos e cursos, bem como desenvolvem artesanato com as meninas.

Sou testemunha da grande obra social que as Irmãs de Maria realizam em favor dos menos favorecidos da sociedade. Elas merecem toda a nossa admiração.

Desde já, agradecemos a todas as pessoas de coração grande e generoso que decidirem tornar-se benfeitoras desta Obra tão nobre e necessária. Deus, em Seu infinito amor, haverá de recompensá-las largamente.

No Coração misericordioso de Jesus, Bom Pastor, uma especial bênção.

Dom Nelson Westrupp, scj
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DECLARAÇÃO

Declaro, que a Congregação das Irmãs de Maria de Banneux, presente nesta Arquidiocese de Brasília desde o ano de 2002, dedica-se, de modo especial, ao cuidado de jovens adolescentes em situação de risco. Dentre os vários trabalhos realizados, destaca-se a obra social denominada Instituto Social das Irmãs de Maria Banneux – Escola Vila das Crianças, localizada na cidade de Santa Maria, no Distrito Federal. O Instituto acolhe aproximadamente 850 jovens, vindas de várias regiões do Brasil. Todas as jovens recebem educação e proteção. Podem desenvolver suas habilidades e preparar-se para o mundo do trabalho e da família, sob o ideal dos valores cristãos.

Assim sendo, recomendo às pessoas de boa vontade o apoio a essa obra social empreendida pelas Irmãs de Maria de Banneux, agradecendo a generosidade de todos os seus benfeitores e desejando-lhes as bênçãos de Deus.

Brasília-DF, 05 de janeiro de 2015.


Dom Sergio da Rocha
Arcebispo da Arquidiocese de Brasília





TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Through this I am glad to recommend the Sisters of Mary, a Religious Congregation of Pontifical Right, who are serving the poorest in the name of Christ in some countries, as it is, here in Honduras.

The Congregation started working in our country in 2011 with the Girls town program which cares for the orphans, abandoned, the sick and the girls coming from the poorest families in the country. The sisters provide them fee food, clothing, shelter and high school education. Currently, they have 455 young girls from all the regions of Honduras, studying and preparing academically. Moral and spiritual values are inculcated in the minds of these youngsters to prepare them for a better future.

I have visited their community and the sisters have been part of many charity programs. I appreciate the total dedication and hard work of the Sisters. Their zeal to save souls and give witness to the love of our Lord Jesus towards the poor and the needy is commendable. They remain faithful to their charism and to the teachings of the Catholic Church as can be seen in the growth of their work and the witnessing of the beneficiaries of their program.

I wholeheartedly recommend the Sisters of Mary and I thank all the people who are supporting them and I hope that many more generous people will give their assistance to them so that they will be able to care for many poor youth and prepare them for a better tomorrow.

Tegucigalpa, M.D.C., October 20th, 2014.

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D E C R E E

The religious Institute of the **Sisters of Mary** whose principal seat is established in the Archdiocese of Manila, was founded by the Reverend Mgr. Aloysius Schwarts, and erected as of diocesan right on March 2, 1993.

The Sisters engage themselves in educational/vocational welfare of underprivileged children/youth, medical care to the sick and the dying, shelter service to homeless and helpless people.

Supported by the testimonial letters of the other diocesan Bishops concerned, His Eminence Cardinal Jaime L. Sin, Archbishop of Manila, has asked the Apostolic See to have the religious Institute of the **Sisters of Mary** recognized as of pontifical right.

The Most Holy Father Pope John Paul II, having heard the favourable opinion of the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and for Societies of Apostolic Life, has graciously granted the above mentioned request.

By means of this present Decree, therefore, this Congregation declares that, from now onwards, the Institute of the **Sisters of Mary** is a religious Institute of pontifical right.

The same Congregation moreover approves and confirms the Constitutions which correspond to the English text kept in its archives.

May the **Sisters Mary** live faithfully their religious consecration and dedicate themselves generously to the apostolate of the Institute, according to their charism.

All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

Vatican, March 2, 2000.


Eduardo Card. Martínez Somalo
Prefect

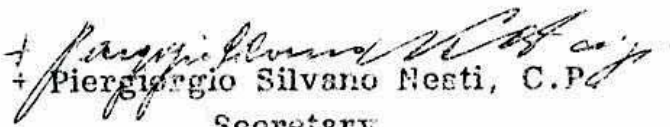

+ Piergiorgio Silvano Nesti, C.P.
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