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DURATION: 2 months

FINANCING:

While participating in the program in Schönstatt, the young women are entitled to room and board but do not receive extra money for other personal or transportation expenses, e.g., travel to and from the airport. A contribution is required to cover the costs of the trips and activities included in the program. If it is impossible for a young woman to pay the full amount prior to the trip, the Sister can communicate with the Sister responsible for the program in Germany in order to find a solution together.

- **SELECTION CRITERIA:**

Openness to Schönstatt's spirituality and desire to stay for an extended time in Schönstatt's place of origin. Ability to live in community with other young women and to work as part of a team. Willingness to relate to people from other cultures. Willingness to do housework. Willingness to participate in the entire program, respecting the beginning and end dates.



BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE PROGRAM IN SCHÖNSTATT, GERMANY

The Schoenstatt Mission Program in Germany allows the young women to get to know Schoenstatt's place of origin and to experience it at its source. This permeates the development of the months of stay on site. The girls live in the different Sisters' houses in Schoenstatt and have the opportunity to visit the Original Shrine and the tomb of Father Joseph Kentenich, founder of the International Schoenstatt Work, daily. They work (4 hours a day) in the mornings and after lunch, helping out with house chores and other activities directly related to the apostolate (depending on the possibilities available). On Sundays, they work 2 hours. At 3:30 PM each day, they begin the activities specific to the program. They have one afternoon and a full day off from work each week in order to have a full day for the program. With the economic contributions made by the participants, the young women are able to participate in trips to different places in Germany, following in the footsteps of Father Joseph Kentenich (e.g. Gymnich, Dachau, Metternich, etc.). The official program with the included organized activities lasts approximately 8 weeks. If a young woman's studies or work make it impossible for her to participate in the entire program, she can request to participate in only part of it and this request will be evaluated. In either case, whether a young woman participates in the full program or if she participates only in part of it, she should let us know in advance the exact day of her arrival and departure, so that the program can be organized according to the needs and possibilities of the young women.

