

FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MOTHER FRANCES IN EUROPE

A two- week program in Europe (ITALY, AUSTRIA, GERMANY)
For the Sisters with Temporary Vows and Novices in their second year of Novitiate

Preparation

Background preparation for participants. Novitiate and Temporary Professed Directors are responsible for participants preparation:

- Study of the historical development of our congregation (texts or congregational website – SSM Historical Project)
- Biography of Mother Frances
- Languages in order to able to communicate with the sisters

Goals/Objectives

1. To move the Congregation toward development of a more global vision of the world and church (G.C. goal #3)
2. To foster unity and promote a deeper appreciation of the diversity and internationality of all members (G.C. goal #4)
3. To promote formation of our newer members (see G.C. goal #6)
4. To deepen our knowledge of Mother Frances and learn more about the history of our Congregation in Europe (different cultures, ministries)
5. To learn more about SSM Charism and Mission
6. To become acquainted with the Sisters in the different parts of the Congregation through interaction, sharing prayer, reflection
7. To allow time for personal prayer, time to internalize, reflect and share what they have learned

Content

Theological/Spiritual Reflection. Historical introduction on the places they visit, visit in person and/or virtual visit of significant places of the congregation. Time available for personal/community prayer, time to internalize, reflect on content offered, sharing and dialogue with the sisters they meet in the various places.

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