## **SCHOENSTATT INTERNATIONAL 2014**



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## A WORLD WIDE FAMILY COMES TOGETHER

Pilgrims from 50 different nations are participating in the Jubilee pilgrimage to Schoenstatt. Pilgrims that booked their trip with the travel agency IQ Incoming are accommodated closer to Schoenstatt.

The countdown to the big jubilee pilgrimage to Schoenstatt and Rome continues. Before the deadline to book your trip with the commissioned travel agency IQ Incoming, August 15, 2014, so pilgrims from around 50 countries have been registered with this company. "We are very excited that pilgrims from so many different nations are coming to the Original Shrine. We will be an international family," said Sister Luciane Machens from the Organizations team 2014.

From the intercontinental pilgrims, the Spanish-speaking lands from Latin America are dominating, as expected, with 250 pilgrims from Paraguay, 220 pilgrims from Argentina, 200 pilgrims from Ecuador. Chile has the largest pilgrimage group with over 400 pilgrims. From the biggest South American country, Brazil, 300 people are coming on pilgrimage to the MTA. The biggest European pilgrim groups, besides Germany, are coming from Spain and Poland. Especially exciting: People from every continent are coming to Schoenstatt, from Burundi, South Africa, Kenya and even pilgrims from the Philippines.

Around 1900 Pilgrims are using the offer from the travel agency IQ Incoming. Whoever isn't using that agency must take care of travel to and from Germany, accommodations, and transportation to and from Schoenstatt. Also, with the agency you can get your tickets for the jubilee. Especially exciting: 70% of the pilgrims who register with this agency will be accommodated less than 30 kilometers from Schoenstatt. That means for these pilgrims, a shorter bus ride and longer time in the founding place of the Schoenstatt movement.

You can still register without any problems with IQ Incoming until August 15. However after August 15, you can still try your luck with IQ Incoming. For groups with 20 or more people the agency will be happy to see if accommodations are still available. You can book your trip here: http://schoenstatt.iq-incoming.de/

Other organizational things that pilgrims who come on their own to Schoenstatt have to take care of besides booking the flight and hotel, they must also find transportation for example from the airport to the hotel and then the hotel to Schoenstatt. "That can cost a lot of time very quickly if you are not prepared," warned Sister Luciane. The Office 2014 requests that you book your jubilee tickets early as well as your type of travel to Schoenstatt, whether it is by car, bus, or train. Only previously registered buses will have access to the grounds. Accommodations in Schoenstatt are unfortunately not possible because we don't have enough beds.

Are you flying to Germany without IQ Incoming? For those pilgrims we have a checklist that you can download here.

