
(Key to numbers at the right side: 1. Foundation date of motherhouse; 2. Number of missions; 3. Number of sisters)

BERLIN

Berlin resembles many a large city in which our sisters serve. It has one unique feature – a wall that divides it into two parts, West and East Berlin. Today most of the physical wall is still there, but it is now possible to cross the border freely. What wonderful reunions have taken place at the Berlin motherhouse where sisters met who had not seen one another for more than 25 years.

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The sisters in West Berlin can tell their visitors (from East Berlin) of the enthusiasm of some of the children at the Marienschule for their mission project in Brazil where they help pay the children's school fees. They can speak of Neukolin, where the sisters teach with a dedicated lay faculty, and they can show them the lively kindergarten on the motherhouse grounds. The sisters can also tell how they are implementing the directional statement: by housing refugees in one of the motherhouse buildings, and by picking up bread and cake from a neighborhood bakery to bring to Mother Theresa of Calcutta's sisters to distribute to the poor. These were also some of the general councilors' many experiences at the time of visitation.

DDR – REGION OF THE BERLIN PROVINCE

The DDR (Deutsche Demokratische Republik) has been a region of the Berlin province because of the actual physical separation of Berlin by the wall built in 1961. That wall is now open and many political and social changes have taken place there since the General Councilors visitation from September 14-29, 1989.

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In the DDR, the sisters minister in homes and schools for developmentally disabled children and adults. They also serve in parishes, a kindergarten, a home for elderly women, a residence for students and women, a diocesan office, centers where groups can come for workshops, vacations, and retreats. Others are involved in community service. Their love of Mother Theresa is evident. A new sculpture of Mother Theresa with a young girl was being carved from stone by an artist. Although an atheist, he had read the life of Mother Theresa and captured her spirit as a beautiful woman who led others through education.

At the time of visitation in DDR, there were many external freedoms of which the sisters were deprived; but there was an inner freedom that spoke of faith, hope, and trust.