CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Patricia Flynn, SSND, 1990.

(Box at the right begins with SSND founding date, number of missions, and number of sisters in 1990.)

Visitation in Czechoslovakia was made in late November, 1988. Presently there are 23 sisters and one candidate in our Czechoslovakian Province. All live and minister in a retirement home located in the small village of Bila Voda, designated by the government as a place for retired religious, where approximately 400 other religious women from more than 12 congregations have retired and live. The primary ministry of our sisters is prayer and the care of the sick and elderly among them. All who are able, share in other ministries including work in the main kitchen, dining room and administrative offices.

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Very aware of the work and development of the congregation in other parts of the world, our sisters frequently remember and pray for missionaries. Their commitment to the directional statement is carried out through prayer and almsgiving. Joy, acceptance of God's will, and hope in a new future, are reflected in the lives of our sisters. Today, with all the changes which have taken place in the CSSR, their future invites our prayer, support and hope.