

YUGOSLAVIA

Yugoslavia is a mosaic of 6 republics, 5 ethnic groups, 4 languages and 3 religions. Such a mosaic is both a strength and a challenge to the peoples of Yugoslavia. Our sisters, a fine mixture of elderly, middle aged and young, minister in two parts of this socialistic country; the Slovenian sisters are in the northwest close to Italy and Austria, and the Hungarian-speaking SSNDs are in the northeast close to Hungary and Rumania. Since they are not allowed to teach in schools, their ministries are centered around pastoral and catechetical services. Cooperating with the clergy and laity they try to be bridge builders between the various cultures. They also care for the needy and share what they have with them.

In September the people were astonished and delighted when they heard the phrase "God help us" from their national anthem on the radio for the first time since World War II. Another first was that this year Christmas was a national holiday. With trust in God they are looking forward to the future with great HOPE.

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