



Marist Profile

We arrange young volunteers into social institutions of our city, the seniorhome, kindergardens, the so called Kreisjugendring (work with the youth) and the Marist shool to secure a temporary stay here in Mindelheim (BFD contract). This state-recognized employment contract allows the volunteer to enter Germany for at least 6 month. The volunteer is fully insured during the stay, provide financial security through a small income and a fixed housing subsidy for this period, of which 200,-€ per month must be passed on to Cmi as a financial expense.

With that BFD and through close cooperation with local institutions, we can also receive volunteers without an own supportership.

The volunteer will be accompanied by our team from CMI and an established network of our former and future volunteers.

Upon arrival, the volunteer will be escorted to the authorities and introduced to the living conditions of the city.

The volunteer will be housed within the community ground. Next to the Brüderhaus is the office building, which offers a modern, modest flat-sharing community for 4 people upstairs. Ideally, a group of different nationalities will meet, like a "Young Marist Cmi Community" (YMCC), from which everyone will benefit and who will carry the Marist spirit to the outside world.

The Marist community invites to an accompanying german language course by a private teacher which should support the volunteer with the challenge of foreign language. Teacher and books are paid by the Marists

At the end of July, our outgoing volunteers are invited to travel to the l`Hermitage / France for a week. We also offer this opportunity to the incoming volunteers, because we believe that seeing the place of action of Marcellin Champagnat and the possibility of meeting Marists from all over the world in La Valla will have an absolutely profound effect on the meaningfulness of "service to others".

We want to familiarize the young people with our country and the culture and sensitize for our ideas and expectations. At the same time, we want to develop a sort of everyday structure, not only for the smooth running of the community, but also for bringing in foreign customs and traditions in regular actions. We have our monthly MarisTisch (a kind of open regulars' table for Marist interested), where the volunteers get involved with an own presentation for example of the homeland, maybe traditional cooking or devotions.

We represent the Marist values and see the culture of encounter and the exchange with the youth as a great, future-oriented treasure, which we want to help shape with sensitivity.

We hope that the young volunteers, through the cooperation in the areas of education and care, make a formative life experience and take them as enrichment and strengthening in their homeland.