



## **AMERICA/GUATEMALA - A group of religious women involved in the protection of young orphans**

Mixco (Agenzia Fides) - Every day, a group of 180 children are assisted, helped and protected in the Hogar Nuestra Señora Consoladora, founded 33 years ago to protect orphans. The structure is located in the area of Mixco, adjacent to the Mayor Seminary in Asunción. Children between 3 and 18 years of age are educated, fed and clothed with the support of collaborators, donors and benefactors. Sister María Eva Amortegui, deputy director of the house who is in charge of the Little Apostles of Redemption, explains that the aid offered consists of food, footwear and clothing, and in some cases there are people who adopt children and adolescents. "Here we see teenagers from broken homes, children abused, abandoned and poor, while in the other places such as Santa Rosa and Sumpango, we try to give them a bit of maternal love", comments Sister Amortegui. At the age of 13 boys are transferred to a vocational center, where they can continue to study or be adopted. 28 nuns, 7 novices give lessons to children. The structure has so far assisted 10 000 orphans. (AP) (Agenzia Fides 08/01/2014)