

## **EBV's Special Gift to the Orphans at Clemens-Maria**

Coalescing around important charitable causes is second nature for the EBV team. This holiday, children living in the Clemens-Maria (Clemaki) orphanage in Putzbrunn, Germany, will get the chance to receive a special gift they wished for thanks to the support of the EBV team.

EBV's Christmas initiative at Clemens-Maria is quite simple yet personalized for each child. The 150 parentless children who live in the home sometimes until they become adults created personalized wish lists for Christmas. The wish lists are affixed to a Christmas tree located in the entrance hall of EBV's headquarters. Any EBV employee who wants to participate picks one or more wishes off the tree, buys the appropriate gift and wraps it. Shortly before Christmas Eve, EBV will deliver the packages to the orphanage, undoubtedly to the delight of the children.

"Especially in tough times, we should care about these children who are in a difficult situation and need our help," says Christian Meier, EBV's chief operating officer. "While financial donations are wonderful, we decided to personalize our charitable activity and make it an opportunity to help as an organization by involving every single employee."