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In May 1944, 35 Roma and Sinti orphans were deported to Auschwitz-Birkenau from St Joseph's Orphanage in Mulfingen, which was run by nuns. The church did not protest against the deportation of the children, nor try to save them. Some of the children were subsequently used for medical experiments by SS doctors in Auschwitz. Only three of the 35 children survived.

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Did you know

... that many Roma and Sinti orphans and foster children classified as "Gypsies" were separated from their foster families and sent to concentration camps?

... that most of those children had no idea that they were "Gypsies" or even what the word meant?

For you to do

These girls can also be seen in a film on the internet. One of them is Amalie Schaich. Go to www.romasinti.eu to find out more about her.

The photo

German children in the orphanage in Mulfingen, Germany, in the care of the Sisters of St Joseph. Documentation Centre of German Sinti and Roma, Heidelberg, Germany.