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# Map of Ecuador



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# Fast Facts

- Religions: Roman Catholic 74%, Evangelical 10.4%, Jehovah's Witness 1.2%, other 6.4%
- Ecuador is named for the equator, which runs through the country.
- Ecuador was one of three countries that was created in 1830.
- Ecuador exports more bananas than any other country in the world.
- Ecuador is one of the only two countries in South America that does not share a border with Brazil.
- Most of the water people drink is bottled because of the parasites in tap water.

# Photos



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# Ecuadorian Folk Music

[https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=0FUSKO\\_6NFA](https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=0FUSKO_6NFA)

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# Work of the Handmaids

The Handmaids are supporting infant children, young mothers, and families under economic stress with critical nutrition, social support, and education.

The Handmaids work with youth to give them an education, feed them, and keep them from crime, drugs, and child labor.

The Handmaids are building community with centers for poor and minority families that provide nutrition, drug prevention, social skills training, and social and cultural activities.



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# Catholic Social Teaching

- The Handmaids are caring for the most poor and vulnerable: children, single parents, unemployed, minorities.
- The Handmaids are creating empowered communities with their community centers and programs.
- The Handmaids demonstrate, teach, and model the recognition of human rights, and our responsibilities to support all peoples' human rights.

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# Our Prayer

My God, thank you for the opportunity to learn about the people of Ecuador, the ministry of the Handmaids, and letting me share in their ministry.

Please open the ears and hearts of all the Ancillae community to the needs of the people of these Handmaid communities: the Sisters, the families, the students, the sick, and the unemployed.

May our prayers, sacrifices, and almsgiving help the Handmaids in their ministry to the people of Ecuador, and may we have the same courage to give witness to the love of your son, Jesus Christ.

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