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## Franciscan chapel

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There is a place in Hills of Zala, close to Nagykanizsa in Hungary which is called Franciscan child farm. It can be reached on a forest track near to the village Kisfakos. The farm was founded in 1993 by a small group of Franciscan monks. The idea of creating a place for groups of children to deepen their faith and social relationships came true: a field of 1,5 ha was offered to the Franciscans. Since that time the farm was developing gradually till its present state from competition money and offerings, thanks to the altruistic work of many helping people. The buildings are created by the own hands of the founders and their friends: first the summer accommodation, then the reconstruction of the old farmhouse and finally the chapel with the community space.

The farm is used as a forest school much like a shelter, a tiny island for groups from all over the country. These students, families and scouts have given the chance to recognize themselves and the created world around them. The power of the forest, peaceful patience of the domestic animals open them up, revealing everything human in them, that has been eclipsed by the society and teach them not to be afraid of life. The chapel found its evident place. The two huge oak trees sign and protect the place as towers. The faith of the chapel and the trees is connected by now, the built- and the natural church are touching each other. The mass of the building and its roofs' contour has drawn themselves in the landscape, closing the space of the courtyard bordered by the buildings of the farm. Each opening of the chapel is framing one piece of nature, shaping space and time each step. Being inside and outside can be



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experienced at the same time.

The chapel is constructed in 2002, functioning as a community space and as a summer accommodation too.

The task was to design a low-budget building, which is able to fulfil – besides its „profan“ use – the sacral function of the chapel. The adytum is signed – besides the altar – with austere tools, like the bigger air space and the wood boarding continued in the interior. Through the opening of the south facade the view opens to the huge oak tree and the fields in the front.

The gallery is used as a summer accommodation furnished with floor mattresses.  
(architects' text)

## DATENBLATT

Architektur: SAGRA Architects (Gábor Sajtos)

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Funktion: Sakralbauten

Planung: 1999 - 2003

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Nutzfläche: 135 m<sup>2</sup>

Bebaute Fläche: 102 m<sup>2</sup>

## PUBLIKATIONEN

Hungarian Architecture 2007/4 31-32.old. Nagy György: „Come with me to a special place to rest“ Chapel of the youth homestead of grey friars

Népszabadság 2009.07.24. International fame at the end of the world – Chapel next to Nagykanizsa, at the franciscan child farm in Kisfakos - Tamás Torma

## AUSZEICHNUNGEN

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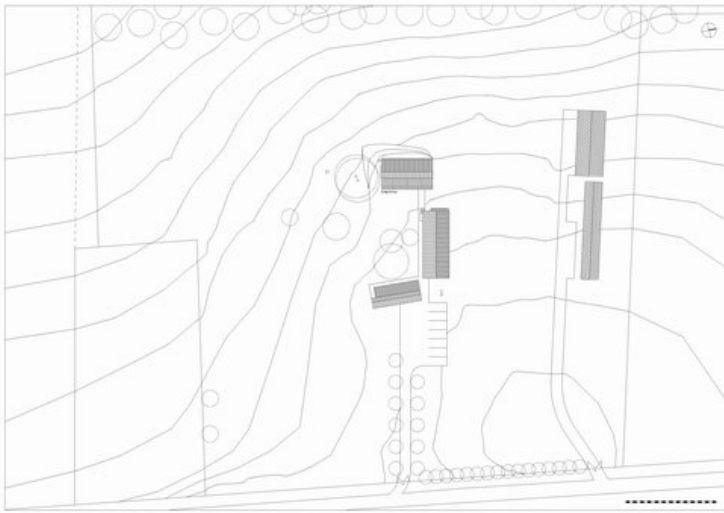


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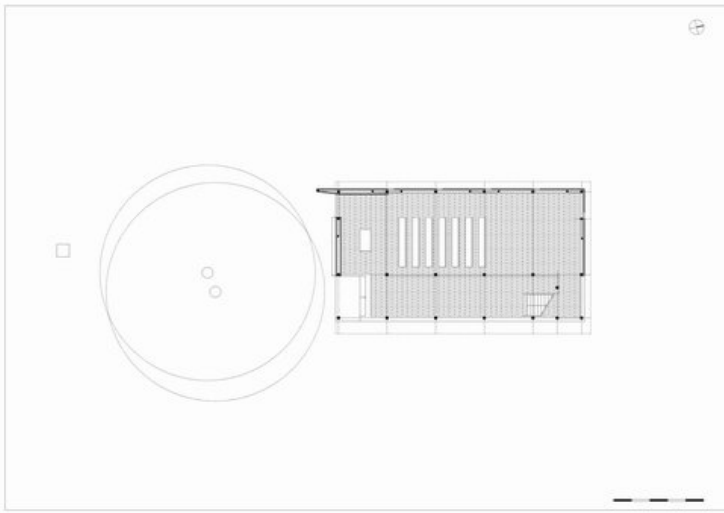


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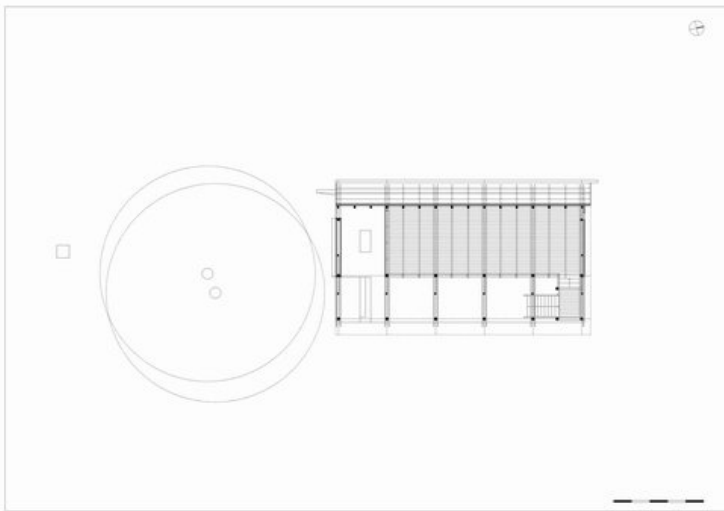
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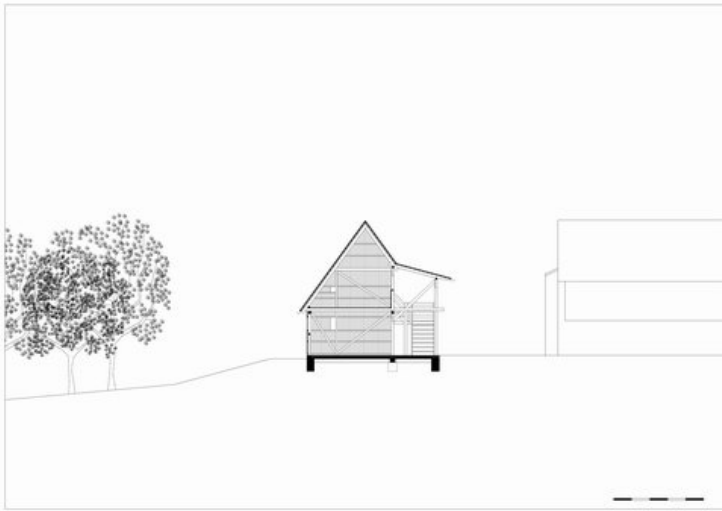


ground floor plan

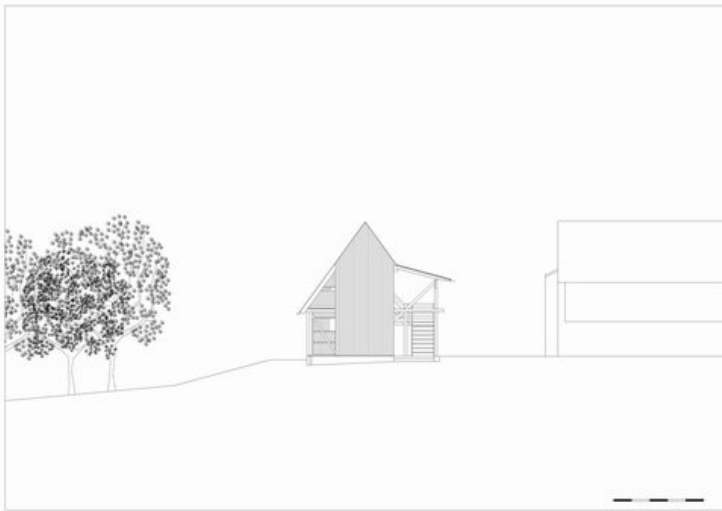


first floor plan

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section



south elevation



east elevation