

International “charism,” the spirit of our Founder

Fr. Francis Jordan, founder of the Salvatorians, worked for almost 25 years in one small office in the Roman motherhouse. His office was very simple... a desk, a chair and a foot-high statue of the Blessed Mother, into whose hands he often placed notes with his most urgent petitions. His only “luxury” was a large globe of the world.

It was his dream, that by its very existence in so many places, his Society would proclaim that God’s saving message was addressed to people of every race, language and way of life. Yet, it was a struggle to instill this international vision and to keep it burning brightly. People, being what we are, prefer working among our own. We find diversity uncomfortable. And since there are plenty of problems here at home, why look abroad for more work? But Fr. Jordan was implacable. Salvation was for ALL. We are sent to ALL.

Salvatorians minister in 45 countries. Our formation houses even here in the USA, have become increasingly international with men from Asia, Central America and Europe. We continue to reach out to the most vulnerable among us, especially to those caught up in the horrors of human trafficking.

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[Caption] Thirty members of our Generalate, and Superiors from around the world gathered in Rome for the XIV General Synod to consider the future of Vocations, Mission and Formation for our provinces.