

HOPE

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— Father Gregory SDS

Our Mission

In the spirit of our founder, Father Francis Jordan, the Society of the Divine Savior was founded more than 130 years ago and is a Catholic religious community working to share the love and mercy of our Savior, Jesus Christ, through all possible means.

“That all may know the Savior”

Summer - from cover

Vicariate, Cl. Paul Wilkin renewed his vows along with two Salvatorian sisters during a Mass at Mount Carmel Church on September 8, which is also a celebration for our founder, Fr. Francis Jordan. We celebrated the 100th anniversary of his death. Please keep all of our men in formation in prayer.



L - CIs. Patric Nikolas and Octavio Trejo-Flores renewed their vows at St. Pius X, along with two of our Salvatorian Sisters. R- Cl. Paul Wilkin at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Shrine in New Manila, Philippines renewing vows with two of our Filipino Salvatorian Sisters.

“Mission of Mercy” around the country

Our 125th anniversary celebrations wrapped up this fall. Thank you for your prayers and continued support for our mission and ministry. Follow us at www.facebook.com/salvatorians to see more photos and inspiration, and be sure to get your Mission of Mercy: Fr. Joe and Friends CD at <http://bit.ly/MissionofMercyMKE>. It will make a great Christmas gift!



Dan and Eileen Meehan were recognized and given the first “Apostles for our times” award.

Thanksgiving

Salvatorian ministries are based on need. That was our founder, Fr. Francis Jordan’s vision; that we are called to adapt to the signs of the times. Fr. Jordan was determined to share the love of God by empowering his followers to embrace the struggling, the marginalized and the lost in spirit.

The people of our world continue to struggle. Therefore the work at hand never ceases. Your contribution helps to sustain current ministries and opens the door for future ministry for our men in formation.

Where will Salvatorians serve? Wherever God calls them to be! How will YOU serve? Be a part of our mission with your prayers and financial support. Give today using the enclosed envelope and call us at 800-254-4902 if you would like to consider a legacy gift.

Please remember us in your will and trusts.

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Salvatorian Newsletter

Starting Point

Sometimes we pray so hard for what we need or want that we wonder if God is listening.



Have patience – our Heavenly Father is not a drive thru service. And, keep the faith for in Hebrews 11:6 it’s written, “And without faith it is impossible to please Him. For whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.”

I believe that sometimes... those “unanswered” prayers are His mercies in disguise. They have the power to bring you closer to Him through prayer, bring people into your life and open your eyes and heart to see the world differently – more compassionately. I often remind myself to have patience in my own prayers. I pray that if it is His will and in His time, I will be ready with an open heart.

I bring my prayers to Him over and over and I like to start by adoring and thanking Him. A great example and reminder is in the Lord’s Prayer... “Hallowed be thy Name,” comes before “give us this day.”

My prayer... I thank God you are a part of our Salvatorian Family and ask that God bless you with faith, peace and abundant love.

God Bless! Fr. Gregory

Summer of milestones

Salvatorian CIs. Patric Nikolas and Octavio Trejo-Flores returned home, after completing their summer assignments in Columbia and Maryland respectively, to renew their vows, before starting the school year as they move closer toward their diaconate ordinations.

Cl. Marcel Emeh was ordained a deacon at St. Pius X church in Wauwatosa this summer and has begun his diaconate year at our Salvatorian parish of Most Holy Trinity in Tucson, AZ.

And still abroad at our East Asian Mission



Cl. Marcel Emeh receives a blessing from Auxiliary Bishop Most Rev. Jeffrey Haines during his diaconate ordination.

God captured his attention

Salvatorian Patric Nikolas spent a good portion of the summer working and living in Columbia. “My desire to develop greater empathy for non-English speakers in the United States paid off, and I now understand what it feels like to be the outsider who doesn’t necessarily know how or even what to communicate,” he said. “It

was a lonely, disorienting feeling which motivated me all the more to learn Spanish to a professionally functional degree.”

Though Patric made perpetual vows on August 13th, he made a point of working directly with the Latin American novices while in Columbia. He was given the

task of teaching them English twice a week, and his ministry schedule was that of a Colombian novice and very demanding: Morning classes; visits to local schools, providing catechesis, activities and Masses; travel into the inner city and participation in collaborative ministries that primarily focused on helping at-risk youth.

Weekends were filled with pastoral visits, sometimes stopping at homes and small businesses, to do catechesis, pray the rosary and visit with the people in meaningful ways. “This was serious, challenging work and we would not return home until after dark,” said Patric. “About

a month into the trip I accompanied the novices to a very poor parish we staff in a pueblo named San Joaquin. The work there was similar to the novitiate, except that we were ‘on’ all the time. Pastoral visits to homes and schools were daily.” Sundays were devoted to Mass and everyone had ministries that occupied significant portions of the day.

Patric immersed himself in every aspect of their lives and as the only English speaker, did his best to communicate in Spanish.

“There were many moments where God captured my attention, often through interactions

with people, and sometimes through nature, prayer, or silence,” he shared. “One instance that comes to mind was on Trinity Sunday. Peripheral to this time I had been praying for clarity in discernment, for I hadn’t expected to love being in South America that much.”

What follows is a brief excerpt from Patric’s journal, describing what happened.

Day 28

In preparation for the mission experience, today after Mass we were all encouraged to go up the altar and choose a Scripture passage that had been written on a piece of paper shaped like a foot. Without looking at

*any of them, I chose the one closest to the altar, right in front of a large candle: “Miren sobre las montañas del que trae la buena noticia, del que proclama la paz” (Nah 2,1).**

Though not superstitious, I do notice circumstances under which God might be communicating something important. Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, I’m entering into the final leg of this adventure, and a message I was not trying to find affirms my dawning sense of vocation as it might pertain to Latin America. I’m in the mountains right now, the new Perú mission is also in the mountains, and I’m going to relax and let time and discernment reveal what, if anything, God intends this to mean for my priesthood.

**“Look upon the mountains of the one who brings the good news, who proclaims peace” (or “At this moment on the mountains, the footsteps of one bearing good news, of one announcing peace” NABRE).*

“My overall takeaway from the trip is that it changed my heart and mind,” he said. “Though I’m fundamentally the same, a whole new missionary dimension is revealing itself as possible in the future.”



Patric with his friends at the St. Peter Festival in San Joaquin.



In the mountains of Columbia, Patric reflected on what this journey may mean for his priesthood.

Exploring a new medical ministry

Our USA Salvatorian province founded a mission in Tanzania, Africa, more than 50 years ago. Today it has various missions, churches, ministries and a major university with 3000 students.

Fr. Joe Rodrigues, USA Province provincial and Fr. Ferdinand Lukoa, mission director, travelled to Tanzania to affirm and continue this collaboration. They were joined by a group of young Lay Salvatorian candidates who are committed to finding a way to make the most of each shipment that leaves our Salvatorian Mission Warehouse and Southwest Medical Aid. They wanted to see first-hand what the

greatest needs are for the people of Tanzania and identify ways to improve the process of getting supplies and support to them.

Dave Holton director of the Salvatorian



Fr. Joe Rodrigues SDS, USA provincial and Southwest Medical Aid board member, Michael Johnson, do some last minute rearranging to get as many supplies as possible into suitcases bound for Tanzania.

Mission Warehouse and his wife, Heather, Michael Johnson, from the board of directors of the Salvatorians Southwest Medical Aid ministry and Michael Gallagher, RN are hoping to initiate an outreach ministry comprised of a lay missionary group of medical personnel from the USA who will minister and coordinate shipments of medical supplies in conjunction with our SDS Mission Warehouse and Southwest Medical Aid.

The hope is to treat malaria and other illnesses, provide nutritional education and enhance remote clinics. The prayer is that they can not only send medical supplies, but nurses and doctors who will serve the needs of those in the bush country.

Please pray that this is a successful endeavor that will benefit those who have little or no access to professional healthcare.



Dave Holton, (2nd from left) and Michael Johnson (3rd from right) share some of the medical supplies that they brought with them to Tanzania, from the USA.

Salvatorian roots

An alumnus of our Salvatorian St. Nazianz Seminary, Walter Gartman, or as friends call him, Wally, isn’t shy to tell the stories of his life. The walls of his pristine garage and his meticulous home office in Sheboygan, Wis. are covered with photos and mementos of the life he and his wife Judy have shared for more than 60 years. One photo in particular stands out. It’s a photo of Wally, as a teen, playing basketball for his St. Nazianz team.

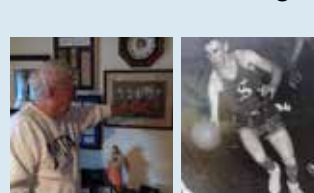
A graduate of Holy Names grade school in Sheboygan, Wally looked into St. Francis Seminary in Milwaukee and then, on the advice of his Pastor, considered and ultimately attended St. Nazianz. “When you live together and go to school together, you learn how to work with people. I learned how to solve problems,” said Wally. “I owe the Salvatorians a debt of gratitude for my time there.”

He ultimately decided not to pursue religious life after minor seminary, sharing, “There were a lot of reasons, but also I think I was too young to make a decision that important

that would impact the rest of my life.”

Wally credits his successful career to his Salvatorian education. He had learned about a job opportunity at work but it required a college degree. He applied anyway. The hiring manager, noticing that Wally had attended St. Nazianz, gave him the job because he held the Salvatorians in such high regard. Wally’s career in manufacturing management was launched, taking him around the country and the world. “I applied the skills I learned at St. Nazianz and they helped me be successful,” he said.

Wally and Judy have slowed their lives down a bit now that they are in their 80’s, but they remain committed to giving to charity, including



Walter Gartman (Wally) in his hey-day on the courts at St. Nazianz High School! Salvatorian lessons not forgotten – pictures from St. Nazianz still line the wall of his home in Wisconsin.