

SOCIAL SEMINARIAN

The ever-changing and growing presence of social media opens the door for new ways to communicate and share the Salvatorian charisms. Adapting to the times has a significant role in how we are called to respond.

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his TikTok account, which is geared toward Spanish-speaking viewers.

His account, named Arquero_de_Dios, translates to Archer of God. "The name seemed very fitting to me because I am trying to create a bridge - an arch - for people to really know the Salvatorians," he said. For content ideas, he counts on the support of his novice director, Fr. David Cooney SDS, other Salvatorians, and has recently started collaborating with other Catholic Tik-Tockers.

He's gaining attention on Catholic radio and television in Chile, Argentina, Columbia, and, most recently, a station in Los Angeles, California. "I hope



to share a glimpse of life 'beyond the collar' with viewers

Cl. Ricardo works with his novice master, Fr. David, to regularly create new content

and listeners. My goal is to have them see that religious are human like everyone else. We laugh; we cry; we get frustrated; and we like to have fun too," said Ricardo. "I want to share our Salvatorian charisms and humanity, and encourage vocations."



Cl. Ricardo engages members of his community house in his Tiktok video messaging.

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beatification will reaffirm for the universal Church that the pursuit of holiness and salvation is only possible when we overcome our differences and place our trust in the unconditional mercy and providence of God."

FR. JORDAN Soon to be called "Blessed"

"Now in this feast of Christmas, I too would like to wish you peace - peace with God...and peace with your fellow human beings... use this short time remaining before Christmas quite well to restore peace if it is disturbed or missing somewhere."

Jordan Talks

FRONT LINE FAITH

Nurses and doctors are hospital front-liners dealing with the physical health of so many during this Covid-19 Pandemic. Who takes care of the spiritual needs of staff, their patients, and patient families during these unprecedented times? Fr. John Vianney Muweesi, SDS, a Salvatorian priest, serves on the front line as a hospital chaplain at All Saints Hospital in Racine, Wisconsin.

His ministry, which has always focused on staff, patients, and families' spiritual and emotional care needs, has had to adapt. Due to the virus, he mostly stays out of hospital rooms to minimize contact and unnecessary patient exposure. Ministry to patients is primarily via telephone calls. He only goes into patient areas when there is an absolute need for spiritual or pastoral care for patients or families as circumstances dictate. For Catholic patients, this could be a need for the sacrament of anointing of the sick or reconciliation. "My ministry is more of a personal connection, interactive approach; so, these restrictions have become one of my toughest challenges, more so as most of our patients due to medical conditions may not be able to answer phones," he said.



Fr. John's ministry has adapted with the reality of the pandemic.



He continues to reach out and connect by phone with isolated patients and their families who cannot visit them. Medical staff often asks for the hospital chaplains to reach out to families, especially those overwhelmed or struggling to cope. When a patient is in critical condition, dying or deceased, the immediate family is allowed to come in. Chaplains are invited to support the families, using caution and exercising CDC guidelines.

Supporting the hospital associates has become an essential part of Fr. John's chaplain ministry. "Walking around and offering encouragement has become a daily part of my routine. Listening to staff that may be experiencing spiritual and emotional distress or feeling overwhelmed on the front line has become an essential part of my ministry," he said. "These front-line workers deal with their fear of contracting the virus and spreading it to their families.

They feel loss and grief for the patients for whom they care."

"My level of anxiety was high initially," said Fr. John. "I've become spiritually stronger, embracing my Salvatorian mission to proclaim the Gospel through all ways and means possible. I'm humbled and blessed to be able to participate and continue Jesus' healing and compassionate ministry for those I encounter."

BEGINNINGS

Many people had come to recognize the Salvatorians through our seminaries, schools and parishes. However, before the mid-1960s, we were most known for our publications. As early as 1910, our magazines were found in Catholic homes, schools and parishes throughout the USA. It was a way for our community to embrace the vision

of our founder, Fr. Francis Jordan, “to proclaim the goodness and kindness of the Savior by all ways and means possible.” Evolutions for the Hope newsletter have been happening for decades as we acclimate to be apostles for our times. Today we share the latest adaption.



Photo progression of publications | Manna – The Saviors Call – The Salvatorian – Hope

BLESSINGS IN A PANDEMIC

Despite a year full of challenges, heartache, adapting and heroes we have come to the final months of the year. We're grateful for God's mercy which has allowed us to continue to serve in so many ways despite the ever-changing realities of a pandemic. And, we are humbled by the many blessings we have continued to experience from our readers and generous benefactors.

Please continue to keep our priests and brothers in your prayers. Support their work to be a faithful presence in so many lives with your gift today. If you haven't already, now would be a great time to consider a legacy gift to the Society. A reply envelope is included for convenient giving. Or, call our office at 800-254-4902 to discuss a planned gift.

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.

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STARTING POINT

As I step into Fr. Gregory's shoes and begin the journey to get to know and pray with you, I am humbled. Thank you for welcoming me into your heart with this new beginning and coincidentally new face of the Hope Newsletter. Transitions, though challenging, can also be very healing.

The somewhat daily, changing realities of this past year have at times, been overwhelming. However, it has also been a powerful opportunity for growth and resilience. The four week season of Advent, which is just around the corner, is a time of miracles. We look forward to these days as they have the power to transform us if we can open our hearts to the graces of the season.

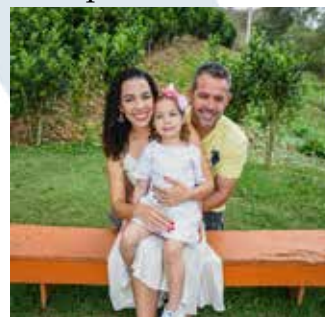
In the Divine Savior, Bro. Silas



THE MIRACLE Jordan's Intercession

Pope Francis declared on June 19, 2020, that a miraculous healing was worked by God through the intercession of our founder, Fr. Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan. We are now able to share more details of this miracle which has paved the way for our founder to be called "Blessed."

A young couple, who were expecting a baby in 2014 in Jundiai, Brazil, was informed by several medical doctors and specialists that their unborn child



was suffering an incurable bone disease

The miracle child, now 7 years old, pictured with her parents.

(skeletal dysplasia). Being members of a group of Lay Salvatorians, the parents began to pray through the intercession of the Venerable Servant of God, Fr. Francis Jordan, inviting other members of the Salvatorian Family to join them. The child was born completely healthy on September 8, 2014, the Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Mother and the anniversary of Fr. Francis Jordan's death.

"Fr. Jordan valued universality, inclusiveness and collaboration as essential to the mission of proclaiming the Gospel throughout the world. This is just as true in our times as it was in the late 19th century," said Fr. Jeff Wocken SDS, USA provincial of the Society of the Divine Savior. "His

Miracle continued inside