

# 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”

## Exciting news from Rome!

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has officially authorized the promulgation of the decree regarding the miracle attributed to the intercession of our Salvatorian founder, the Venerable, Fr. Francis Mary-of-the-Cross Jordan. This completes the process on the miracle and opens definitely the way towards beatification of our founder, who will soon be called “Blessed Francis Jordan.” Your continued prayers during this process are greatly appreciated.



Official beatification portrait for Fr. Francis Jordan.

## Grateful

Each summer, we honor our Salvatorian fathers and brothers celebrating special Jubilarian years. Even though we were not able to honor these individuals in person this year, due to COVID-19, we still gratefully acknowledge and celebrate them and their ministries. Thank you for your years of service to the Society and our Savior.

### SEVENTY YEARS (1950)

- \* Br. Ervan Digman
- \* Br. Samuel Larson

### FIFTY YEARS (1970)

- \* Fr. William Kelly
- \* Br. Thomas Meyer

### SIXTY YEARS (1960)

- \* Fr. David Cooney
- \* Br. Edward Havlovic
- \* Fr. William Rimmel
- \* Fr. Joseph Wambach



## Needs continue to grow

As Fr. Greg enters retirement, we trust you will remain supportive to our Salvatorian priests and brothers. They carry on the vision and mission of our founder, Fr. Francis Jordan, through their various ministries. As you know, our ministries are based on need, and our world's needs continue to grow. We remain committed to Fr. Jordan's vision to always adapt to the signs of the time and serve God by helping His people.

Please continue to keep our priests and brothers in your prayers, and, support their work to be a faithful presence in so many lives. 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 possible planned gift.

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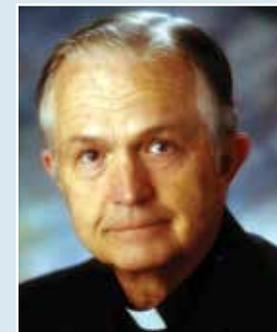
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Salvatorian Newsletter

## Starting Point

Throughout my life as a Salvatorian, I have had the joy of ministering in so many places and to so many people. And, I joyfully celebrated my 60th Jubilee of Profession just last summer! When asked to lead the production of Hope Newsletter in 1991, I willingly added spiritual director to my ministries. With your help, we have made a great deal of progress in our mission to make the Savior known and loved.



Nearly 30 years later, I have mixed emotions, as I share with you the news of my retirement. Though I will no longer be the face of HOPE, I will continue my Salvatorian ministry in retirement, offering Mass regularly within the community where I reside and by continuing to pray for you daily.

Thank you for your support of all my fellow Salvatorians and their various ministries.

You are in my prayers – God bless you always,  
Fr. Gregory

## Fr. Greg Retires - His History and Legacy

Navigating multiple ministries within various locations around the world has been a common mode of operation for Fr. Greg Coulthard SDS throughout his 60 years of service as a Salvatorian priest.

Fr. Greg, born in Milwaukee, grew up in Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin. He attended Salvatorian Seminary in St. Nazianz through high school and went on to our junior college in Colfax, Iowa, before heading to the Catholic University in Washington DC for Theology. He was ordained a priest in June 1967.



Fr. Gregory Coulthard, SDS His 1967 Ordination photo.

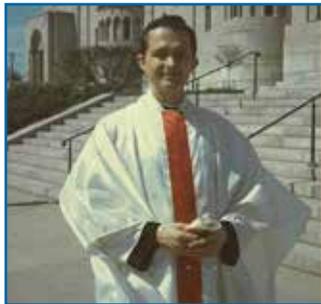
The subsequent 40 years took Fr. Greg in many different paths and geographic locations. With his degree in Library of Science, he served as dean of students and librarian at St. Pius X Seminary in Galt, California, and

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taught at schools in California and Nevada. Parish ministry led him to Arizona, Alabama, and Wisconsin. He served at our International headquarters in Rome as Secretary to the Generalate and in the USA as Director of Vocations, as well as a local coordinator. Ultimately he was asked to assume the role of

editor of Hope Newsletter and spiritual director of the Salvatorian Center starting in 1991.



Ordination above in 1967 and at our Salvatorian Novitiate House in Colfax, IA. (r)



In 1973, he began to serve in the USA Air Force as a chaplain around the world, and retired in 1998 with the rank of Colonel. "I never felt overwhelmed," he shared. "Rather, it brought me great joy to be able to minister in so many ways and places, and to so many different people."



Above: Fr. Greg at Blessed Sacrament Chapel Yakota AFB Japan July 1990 while in the Air Force.

Left: Fr. Greg serving in Thailand.

Right: Working in his office at the Salvatorian Center.

Always aligned with the Salvatorian "all ways and means" mode of ministry, Fr. Greg, in 2009, accepted the challenge of



Ministering In the Philippines!

dual roles, also serving our Salvatorian formation community in the

Philippines, as a wisdom figure. As a formator, tutor, mentor in community life and aide to the director of the English as a Second Language program, he received well-deserved recognition from leadership in Rome, for the witness of his life, 'marked by humility and joy' and a wonderful spirit of generosity.

In 2017 Fr. Greg returned full-time to the USA to carry on his leadership with Salvatorian Center. He offers Mass regularly and responds to our benefactor inquiries.

"I thank you all for your continued support of the Salvatorians and their ministry. I am happy to turn over the reins of support to Br. Silas Henderson SDS and ask for your support of him," said Fr. Greg. "You will always remain in my heart and my prayers."



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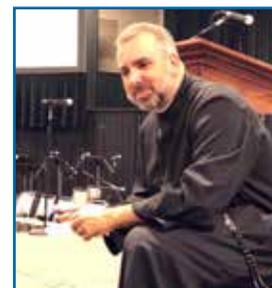
## Salvatorian Center welcomes Br. Silas as spiritual director

Silas grew up in Eastern Tennessee. He attended the local high school, was active in various clubs and activities. During these formative high school years, he also began to think about the possibility of religious life.



Br. Silas shared a reflection during a special Mass at the Founder's Chapel of the Society's Motherhouse in Rome, Italy.

As a Benedictine monk for nearly 11 years, he holds a Doctor of Ministry



Br. Silas during one of his presentations.

One of his newest publications is about St. Aloysius Gonzaga.



Degree in liturgy from Catholic Theological Union at Chicago and a Masters in Theological Studies from St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology. A catechist and retreat leader, Br. Silas is the author of four books. His reflections and articles on the liturgy, spirituality, Mary and the Saints, and discipleship have appeared in a variety of prominent Catholic publications. In addition to his new ministry as spiritual director for the Salvatorian Center and Hope Newsletter, he continues to serve as director for the collaborative Salvatorian Jordan Ministry Team based in Tucson, AZ.

"The call to religious life is a call to a specific charism (a way of life and prayer) and life in a community," he said. "Over the years, I have come to understand that this kind of shared charism and everyday life is important to me. Being part of a community, having the opportunity to pray and minister together, is an amazing way to serve the Church!"

The Salvatorians' diversity and openness to the gifts and talents of each member is a great gift to the Church. The dream of Fr. Francis Jordan, the Society's founder, was

that 'all may know the Savior.' This vision still guides this community today and challenges the Salvatorians—priests, deacons, and brothers, sisters, and lay members—to always seek new and dynamic ways to spread the Gospel.

"I am honored to take on the role of spiritual director for the Salvatorian Center, and I look forward to building a relationship with our supporters as we continue to spread the word of our Savior," said Br. Silas. "I look forward to getting to know and pray with so many."

## What does it mean to be a religious brother?

In the middle ages, lay men, whose work was to serve the needs of monks who spent almost half of their day in prayer, were the origin of what the Church today calls brothers. "In time, these 'lay brothers' became the silent workforce of religious communities," noted Br. Silas Henderson in an article written for Aletia to celebrate the first annual National Brothers Day Celebrations in 2017. "Nearly every community had them, working in the fields, sweeping the corridors, ringing bells, welcoming guests, making furniture and religious habits, tending livestock, and caring for the sick."

Religious leaders in the 17th century, such as St. John the Baptist de la Salle, began envisioning an educational role for brothers. This encouraged them to work in schools, hospitals, and missionaries as they continued to offer their silent support for their religious communities.

"While the day-to-day life of brothers might be very different than what it was, the commitment to compassion, service, and accompaniment of the poor and those in need, remains the same," wrote Br. Silas. "And yet, the vocation to serve the Church as a brother seems to be largely forgotten. I have often been asked why I want to be 'just' a brother or why I don't go 'all the way' to ordination. While we should value the gift of the priesthood, I believe it is important that we also remember the origins of religious life as a lay movement, particularly as we embrace the universal vocation of mission and service—a mission that is not only for ordained ministers."

