

# 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 ”

## Milestone Jubilees

Through God’s grace and mercy we joyfully celebrated 14 milestone jubilarians within our Salvatorian Family. We publicly thank them for their years of dedication and ongoing mission to make the Gospel known through all ways and means. Our Priests and Brothers celebrated:

### 60 years!

Fr Gregory Coulthard – September 1959 (Colfax, IA)

### 50 years!

Fr. Joe Lubrano – October 1969 ( Waukesha, WI)

Br. Roger Nelson – July 1969 (Waukesha, WI)

### 25 years!

Fr. Jeff Wocken – August 1994 (Milwaukee, WI)



*Celebrating Jubilarian anniversaries for 14 members of our Salvatorian Family.*

## A Gift to the Church

A gift to the Society is a gift to the Church. It’s not just about forming future priests and brothers. It’s about men who are seeking to do God’s work by bringing the Gospel alive through their “all ways and means” ministries, including our prayer ministries. Those diverse ministries are found in high schools, parishes, prisons, hospitals, social justice, and retirement and even in your neighborhood, or in a community on the other side of the world.

The Society touches so many different aspects of Church life and lives of the people we are blessed to encounter each day. This is why supporting our work is so important. Please consider reviewing your estate plans and establishing a legacy gift to the Society. Help us today, by sharing your gift at <https://www.salvatorians.com/support-us/make-a-donation.cfm>, Feel free to call us at 414-258-1735.

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Salvatorian Newsletter

## Starting Point

The summer sun is heating up... and so is our apostolic zeal! In this issue of HOPE, we share news of our Jubilee celebration featuring members of our Salvatorian Family and the Society, including myself. This truly is a testament to Fr. Jordan’s vision of service “through all ways and means that the love of Christ inspires.” Individuals who have been professed 60, 50 and 25 years remain relevant in their ministries: Many continue to serve in retirement, parishes and leadership roles for our USA province and more.

You will also see that our small, but vibrant, religious order celebrated the sacrament of Holy Orders with four men who were ordained to the priesthood just weeks ago. These men are primed and ready to fulfill their life of service to the Lord, as each of them enters a new chapter of his life, as a Salvatorian priest. Peek inside for a glance at what’s next for our newest priests.

Thank you for your continued prayers. Enjoy the rest of your summer.

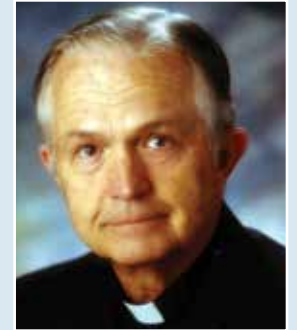
God Bless!  
Fr. Gregory

## Full house & a world of gratitude

Each and every one of our readers and friends, benefactors and alums truly mean the world to us. It is through your fervent prayers and support that the Society is sustained and given hope for our current and future ministries. More than 80 individuals were able to join us for an evening of gratitude that filled the USA Provincial House in Milwaukee, WI in May. We remain grateful and humbled by the ongoing interest and faithful support from each of you.



*Sharing a meal of thanksgiving at the Provincial House.*



## Salvatorians Celebrate the Priestly Ordination of Four Men

### Diversity at the Universal Table

Four devoted men gathered together to share and celebrate their priestly ordination on Sunday, June 23rd at the Salvatorian-led parish of Mother of Good Counsel in Milwaukee, WI. The ordinations were celebrated by the Most Reverend Jeffrey Robert Haines, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. These men had spent the last year, their diaconate year, immersing themselves into all aspects of parish and community life, as a way to put into practice all the lessons learned during religious formation.

“The formation journey is a very involved process of discernment and spiritual awakening,” said Fr. Peter Schuessler SDS, vicar provincial and director of formation for the Society. “Each of these men immersed himself in the Salvatorian charism and is now prepared to take that next step of commitment to life as a Salvatorian priest.”

“These men come from very different backgrounds, but each one is truly Salvatorian,” said Fr. Jeff Wocken SDS, USA provincial. “Universality is one of our core values. We are a diverse community called to serve people from many different walks of life. This unity in diversity requires respect and forgiveness, which is a powerful witness of Communion in our Church and world.”

**Society of the Divine Savior—Salvatorians joyfully announces the priestly ordination of the following men:**

**Fr. Patric Nikolas native of San Jose, California —**



“My diaconal year gave me the opportunity to preach, participate more thoroughly in the Mass, and get accustomed to the view from the front of the church. I used to sit in the back like a good Catholic,” he said. “Priesthood is the permanent commitment I’ve been formed to take on, and I approached June 23 with profound gratitude and humility.”

Nikolas will be teaching theology and doing sacramental ministry full time at Divine Savior Holy Angels High School in the fall.

**Fr. Octavio Trejo-Flores native of Zihuatanejo, Guerrero, Mexico —**



“Preparation for the priesthood has taken years of arduous preparation both spiritually and academically. My Salvatorian formation has given me a solid foundation for my future ministry,” said Trejo-Flores. “Throughout my diaconal year, the love that the faithful have shown me has inspired me. I ask God to help me serve His People with the same love that God shows me every day.”

Trejo-Flores returned to the Salvatorian-sponsored, Camp St. Charles, in Newburg, MD, for a third summer. He is ministering by saying Mass and participating in leadership activities with the campers. In the fall he will head to our southern region to begin service as the associate pastor of a parish in Florida.

**Fr. Virginius Osuagwu native of Nigeria —**



“Formation played a critical role in preparing me for both my ordination and the mission ahead,” said Osuagwu. “I have come to understand the meaning of grace, that is, how Jesus walks into the lives of ordinary people like me and transforms them into usable instruments to promote the reign of God.”

Osuagwu continues to explore ministry possibilities on the east coast, where Salvatorians have a significant presence. After his ordination, his interest lies within a new social justice ministry that he hopes to develop.

**Fr. Paul Wilkin native of Cincinnati, Ohio —**



“This blessed journey has included using the gifts God has graced me with so that I can serve others,” said Wilkin. “I have also received many grace filled gifts back from those I serve whether in the U.S., Vietnam or the Philippines,”

Post ordination Wilkin will continue to serve at St. Margaret Mary Parish in Milwaukee, WI.

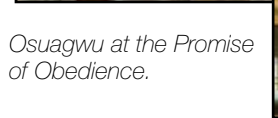
He will return to Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology in the fall to complete his final semester, and has begun looking at ministry for the future. Wilkin’s heart is set on ministry in one of the Asian countries where Salvatorians currently serve.



Auxiliary Bishop Most Rev. Jeffrey Haines is flanked by the newly ordained. (l-r) Trejo-Flores, Wilkin, Osuagwu and Nikolas.



The Laying on of Hands by Fr. Patrick Nelson SDS to Wilkin.



Osuagwu at the Promise of Obedience.



Laying Prostrate during the Litany of the Saints.



Haines congratulates the newly ordained.



Patric gives his first blessing to Haines.

## What's with all those layers?

### The Act of Vesting

When celebrating Mass and the sacraments clergy don various vestments. At their ordinations our newly ordained priests wore these vestments for the first time. The current traditional clergy apparel worn includes the amice, alb, cincture, stole, and the chasuble. To follow is a quick snapshot of what it all means.

The **Amice**, which may or may not be worn, is traditionally the first piece of vesting placed around his neck. It is symbolic of a helmet, much in the way that Roman soldiers used a cloth to collect sweat under their helmets. A priest uses this vestment as a symbol to repel the devil and collect sin.

The **Alb**, worn over the amice, symbolizes the garment of the newly baptized, also the purity of soul required for Mass.

The **Cincture**, which may or may not be worn, is a cord used as a belt to gather the alb at the waist. It is most often white, but can be the color of the day or liturgical season. Often Salvatorians will wear the black cincture from their habit to celebrate Mass.

The **Stole** is the most important and primary sign to signify priesthood and is worn like a scarf over the neck and down the front. Its origin is in the Jewish prayer shawl and is symbolic of the spiritual authority of a priest. The stole is worn for everything—Mass, confessions, exorcisms. Often priests will carry one in their vehicles for an emergency anointing of the sick.

The **Chasuble** is the final vestment and comes in many shapes but must adhere to the proper liturgical color – such as purple for lent. While in the past the chasuble has represented priestly authority, today it is more commonly understood as a symbol of charity.

**“You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.”**

– Psalm 100:4