

# 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 ”

## Formation News!

This past summer the Society of the Divine Savior celebrated ordinations to transitional diaconate for four of our men in formation. Through the grace of God, the following men have started their diaconate ministries:

- Dcn. Paul Wilkin – at St. Margaret Mary, Milwaukee, WI
- Dcn. Patric Nikolas – at Pius X Parish, Wauwatosa, WI
- Dcn. Octavio Trejo-Flores – at Mother of Good Counsel Parish, Milwaukee, WI
- Dcn. Virginus Osuagwu – at St. Therese Congregation, Milwaukee, WI



Virginus Osuagwu & Paul Wilkin ordained to the diaconate by Most Rev. Jeffery R. Haines, Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee. Patric Nikolas & Octavio Trejo-Flores celebrate their diaconate ordination.

## Is it better to give than to receive?

Everyone likes to be remembered with a gift or a blessing, especially during the holidays. However, we're not all open to giving away what we have, to someone else. Therefore, **YES**, when we give, it does affect us more profoundly. While being on the receiving end is nice... being the giver has untold benefits. Jesus said it clearly, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' (Acts 20:35).

Consider this—

Everything we have comes from God; so when we give it away, in essence we are doing God's work and we are reaching people concretely, here on earth, with His blessings.

If we are enriched in such a way that we cannot experience new things, and we are so full that we cannot take on more, then we are missing out on blessings. Therefore, it's virtuous that we share what we have to make room for the new. By giving, we have the capacity to receive more. It feels good to be a part of this cycle.

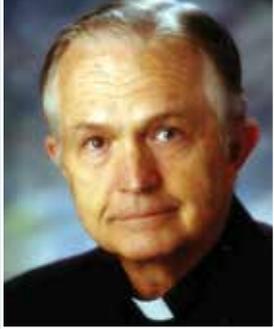
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Salvatorian Newsletter

## Starting Point

This issue of HOPE really speaks to our internationality as a religious Order and a community. We are bound to one another whether we are thousands of miles apart, or down the block. By stepping out of our comfort zones to go beyond our walls, our community, our city and even our country, we come to know God's mercy and it enriches us exponentially. In reality, God does not intend for us to just take care of business in our own very small part of the world. He wants us to go out and give of ourselves, and engage more meaningfully with those around us. When we give of ourselves freely with trust in the Lord, it truly does come back to us. Our hearts lighten. Our joy radiates. Our world mends.



No matter where a person is from, all of us, religious and lay, must work together and encourage others to know and serve the Divine Savior. We are all called to be modern day apostles and to share the gospel through example.

God Bless! Fr. Gregory

## Go, enflame all!

Our Salvatorian founder was a man with an unrelenting vision and we're grateful to be celebrating the centenary of his death. It affords us an opportunity to pause and to recall our work, and the charisms of Fr. Jordan, which have inspired so many around the world to get involved. From Asia, Africa and India to Vietnam, China, Indonesia and more, we are witness to the Lord's mercy and called to "Go, Enflame All!"

Priests and brothers of the Society of the Divine Savior gathered in Munich, Germany in late summer, to plan and share news from their respective provinces and ministries. The International Community of the Divine Savior (ICDS) which is the



## United in Christ | Unidos en Cristo

At the Salvatorian-led parish of Mother of Good Counsel (MGC) in Milwaukee, Wis., implementation of a Spanish Mass more than two years ago helped attendance take off, as well as a meaningful Hispanic ministry.

Fr. Reed Mungovan SDS serves as the administrator at the parish, and has an affinity to the Spanish language that started back in middle school. However it was in seminary school that he received the push he needed, when his mentor, and fellow Salvatorian, Fr. Raúl Gomez capriciously signed him up for a minor concentration in Spanish. “Despite my hesitation, I was being an obedient servant,” he said with a laugh. “So, I just did it!”

A Salvatorian priest for ten years, Fr. Reed’s early assignments often placed him in bi-lingual parishes with a high rate of Spanish speaking members. Even when he moved into the role of novice master for the Society, he still found time for “help out ministries” in the community, including offering sacraments and Mass to Spanish speaking Catholics.

There was not a formal Hispanic ministry in place, at MGC, when Fr. Reed was assigned there. During a conversation with the parish council president, and with Lay Salvatorian Dick Mason SDS, discussion about the growth of Spanish Masses at parishes in the area raised the possibility for development of a Hispanic ministry at MGC. With the blessing of the parish, Fr. Reed was asked to start this initiative. It began slowly with a sign on the parish lawn advertising a Spanish Mass, through word-of-mouth and on Radio Maria, an international radio show, with a local feature: Fr. Reed serves as a regular guest speaker on Radio Maria.

In just two years, this ministry has taken off! Successes include:

- Over 60 people now regularly attend the Spanish Mass: more when there is a death, anniversary or baptism.
- Religious education at MCG has grown more than 50 percent with the addition of the

Spanish Mass.

- Inception of a children’s choir at the Mass in Spanish.
- Quinceañeras Masses have grown with many choosing to continue the celebration in the MGC parish hall.
- Dick Mason SDS, who also speaks Spanish, attends the Mass regularly to welcome people and answer questions about religious education and the sacraments.

• Fr. Reed incorporates a Spanish message in his bulletin column, and the parish is working to integrate additional weekly Spanish content.

• Dcn. Octavio Trejo-Flores SDS serves at most of the Masses and Salvatorian novices, Ricardo Gutierrez and Liam Helms help as well. Fr. David Cooney SDS is available most Sundays.



Fr. Reed, Marco Melendez, Novice Liam Helms and Dcn. Sergio celebrate with Maria at her quinceañera at MGC parish.

• Catholic singer and evangelist, Gela performed a very well received, live concert in September.

### Coming soon

- Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration on December 12th to include a special Mass followed by a tamale dinner.
- Marriage and family ministry to support our Spanish speaking parishioners.

“I’m really pleased with how well our Mass in Spanish has been received,” said Fr. Reed. “We are growing as a site of Hispanic ministry on the northwest side of Milwaukee. I hope we continue to grow and reach more and more people through ‘All Ways and Means.’”

## Ministry grows beyond southern Arizona

In 2001, the Salvatorian Family initiated a new ministry in the Diocese of Tucson known as Jordan Ministry Team (JMT). Inspired by the vision of our founder, Fr. Francis Jordan, this ministry has included members of all branches of the Salvatorian Family, along with lay coworkers and members of other religious communities. The goal has been to provide

spiritual and religious formation, with a special emphasis on forming catechists and RCIA teams, preparing candidates for the permanent diaconate and lay ecclesial ministry, and supporting parish and school leadership.

2018 marks a time of transition and new beginnings for JMT. Given the election of Fr. Jeff Wocken SDS, as provincial of priests and brothers, Sr. Jane Eschweiller SDS is now serving as interim director, and Br. Silas Henderson SDS joined the team in July. JMT continues its service within the Diocese of Tucson and the recently appointed diocesan bishop, Most Rev. Edward Weisenburger, has given his blessing for JMT to expand their services beyond the boundaries of the diocese. Team members are exploring new ways to provide catechist certification programs and continuing education opportunities for other dioceses in the southwest United States.

### Four new programs are advancing including:

- Implementation of a “faith exploration” discussion group which began meeting in early September;
- Introduction of “busy people” retreats touching on various aspects of the Christian life;
- Development of a six-week training program in theological reflection for deacons and lay ministers; and,
- Inception of the Lüthen Lecture Series (named for Fr. Bonaventure Lüthen), inviting speakers from throughout the United States to Tucson for presentations on intercultural ministry, interfaith dialogue, family spirituality, liturgical art and music, and media and faith.

To learn more about the work of Jordan Ministry Team follow them on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/JordanMinistryTeam](http://www.facebook.com/JordanMinistryTeam)) and Twitter (@JordanMinTeam).



Br. Silas leads a reflection on “Family Stories” for the teachers of Santa Cruz and St. John the Evangelist Schools.

## Karibu! Welcome!

Welcome to Fr. John Tigatiga who replaces Fr. Ferdinand Lukoa. Fr. Lukoa returns to his home in Tanzania, after serving more than three years in the USA mission office.

Fr. Tigatiga, born in the Dar es Salaam region of Tanzania, joined the Salvatorians as a candidate in 2005 and made his first vows in 2007 in Namongo. He continued his religious formation, making his perpetual vows in 2014 and later that same year, was ordained a deacon. He was ordained a priest in 2015, and immediately delved into his various ministries, which ultimately landed him in the USA earlier this year, to embark on his newest assignment as Mission Director in the USA province.

“As I travel around much of the USA, I look forward to working with many and ask for prayers and support as I undertake this important work,” said Fr. Tigatiga. “I am honored and humbled by the trust that has been placed in me as I begin this new assignment.”



L: Fr. John Tigatiga SDS joins us from Tanzania as the new Mission Director. R: Fr. Ferdinand Lukoa SDS.

## Go, enflame all! - from cover

Lay branch of the Salvatorians, met in Hamont, Belgium: These are Catholic men and women, married or single, who have committed to embracing a more explicit role of ministry and leadership in the Church and the world. Mr. Ken Drake, who most recently served as director for the USA Lay Salvatorians was elected Vice President for this international branch. In addition, our Salvatorian Sisters, including several from the USA province, are convening in Rome during the month of November for their General Chapter themed “Salvatorian Women – Building Bridges of Mercy and Justice with people throughout the world.”