



## International Community of the Divine Savior

### General Committee

June 2016

Lay Salvatorian celebrations in 2016, 2017 and 2018

Dear Salvatorian Brothers and Sisters:

How interesting are the signs of the times we are living worldwide as Lay Salvatorians.

- ) Salvatorian Laity of the United States, Brazil and Colombia will hold special anniversary dates in 2016 (US 40 years, Brazil 30 years, Colombia 25 years);
- ) Salvatorian Laity of Spain are preparing to host the European Meeting of Lay Salvatorians, to be held during 2017 in Logroño;
- ) Other units (countries) around the world are working to become voting members of the ICDS;
- ) The International Community of the Divine Savior "ICDS" tirelessly continues its work with the Holy See to be recognized as a public lay association within the Church;
- ) The whole Salvatorian Family is waiting to hear if the miracle which occurred in Brazil is to be recognized by the Holy See, thus opening the door for our Venerable Founder, Fr. Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan's beatification;
- ) As a Salvatorian Family we look toward 2018 with anticipation in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the death of our founder and as Lay Salvatorians when we will gather again in our General Assembly ...

Just imagine for a moment that in preparation for these major events, you the National or Regional Leaders, send as **"home work"** to each member the following documents (in English and Spanish) Magna Charter of the Salvatorian Family to read and study before your Annual Meetings or Celebrations :

1. The "Statutes of the International Community of the Divine Savior-ICDS-"
2. The "Operation Guidelines"
3. The " FAQ: frequently asked questions" about Lay Salvatorians and the International Community of the Divine Savior, (a simple understanding of the Statutes of the ICDS ).
4. The "Magna Charter of the Salvatorian Family"

### What are the goals? Why would you do this?

- a. To have these four documents of the ICDS, which have been developed over the last 10 years, to take root in our local organizations as fundamental pillars of our international organization.

- b. To educate and discuss in local groups, enabling us to live them in our communities, a necessary step for the **Holy See to verify is:**
  - I. frequent communication between units [countries] members worldwide; not just a gathering every 6 years,
  - II. active apostolates [ministries] with the testimony of our lives,

in other words, that **we are a truly international community, alive and vibrant**, and not separate entities or islands without communication; that we share the same spirituality with the other two branches and in our collaboration and joint mission, **we live as a true Salvatorian Family**.

#### How do we achieve these goals?

- a. Ensuring and verifying that each member of your local communities receive these documents and set dates to discuss in their groups;
- b. Summarizing, and drawing conclusions and recommendations to be presented and shared in your respective National, Regional Assemblies or Celebrations;
- c. Creating workshops or group events, including these goals in your meetings;
- d. Inviting the Salvatorian Family, the Society and Congregation members, to meet and share with them, discussions around these documents and their concordance with the Salvatorian Family Charter;
- e. Praying as communities for the best knowledge, understanding and application of these documents in all Lay Salvatorian communities around the world.

With these materials in the hands of all members within your unit, we invite you to courageously live the words found in these documents and to achieve these goals.

We ask Jesus Christ, our Divine Savior, to gather us as living Lay Salvatorian communities around the world and inspire us with the charism received from our Venerable Founder, Father Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan.

Your, very truly



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