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Walking together towards the Beatification of Father Francis Jordan

On June 19, the long-awaited news of the decree of **beatification of our Founder, Father Francis Jordan**, arrived. And on September 4 they announced the date: **May 15, 2021**. We are incredibly happy, and we are raising questions about What are we going to do as communities and as a family of the faithful, on the way to the celebration of the beatification?

Are we people of prayer?

To inspire ourselves on what to do and how to achieve the objectives we want to set ourselves, personal and community prayer is a fundamental step to carry out before, during and after this great event, **trusting that the Holy Spirit will inspire us and with our actions will come concrete fruits. We propose to include as intentions in our moments of prayer** both on the way of preparation, as in the time of celebration and the following months:

- so that in this time of creativity and celebration, the Holy Spirit may inspire us on what to do and how to do it.
- so that this beatification, beyond the great moment to celebrate, be a path of internal renewal of the Salvatorian Family and of sowing our charism bathed in the action of the Holy Spirit.
- so that we as a Salvatorian Family take advantage of growing in our identity.
- to promote joint vocations for the three branches, through our witness of life.
- so that the fruits of the beatification of Fr. Jordan, transcend our personal and community boundaries and come to positively influence the lives of others.

How to celebrate?

"Think, think, think".... Would a comic book character say ... next basic step for the plan. The idea that we propose about what to do is to think together, to meet in communities to have a brainstormingⁱ session in person or online depending on the possibilities, either as Lay Salvatorians or as a Salvatorian Family.

Why Celebrate?

As members of the Salvatorian Family, we know the Salvatorian charism and spirituality, and we are happy for the beatification of the one who received that inspiration from the Holy Spirit, and for that we are going to celebrate, but what about the others? The detail when we plan these activities to develop is to involve others close to us who do not know our charism and our style of bringing God to all, to make them fall in love a little with our spirituality and the activities that we dream of, they must have precisely the objective that everyone knows God in the Salvatorian style, promoting at the same time our charism and the vocations of the three Salvatorian branches.

Some 'crazy ideas' that we would develop on the way to Beatification

We could invite others (friends, people from the parishes, close people and collaborators of our apostolates....) to participate in some celebration activities in a creative way, such as:

- participate in a Salvatorian workshop / gathering to write and / or play and / or sing a Salvatorian song (new or old)
- write and / or proclaim and / or record and / or recreate on social media (Facebook / Youtube / Instagram ...) a poem about Salvatorian spirituality
- invite and accompany the children in painting day(s) (crayon / wax / watercolor) or creation of stories written by them, based on the life and spirituality of Father Jordan / open an exhibition with the works and generate an act public or video meeting like Zoom / Google Meet (if the restrictions by CoVid19 regulations continue)
- visit churches and Catholic schools in groups to give simple talks or testimonies accompanied by informative brochures (digital?) Telling why someone named Francis Jordan is going to be beatified; why he is a very current model of holiness for the church; why his project of gathering all the living forces of the church into one Family was far ahead of the time in which he lived; why this vision of uniting as a Family for the mission is in good agreement with the Second Vatican Council.
- promote a session of commented reading of the biography of Jordan (for example, "Jordan, a young man under fire of the spirit" written by Father Milton, which is very entertaining), going on to comment and chat about testimonies of our daily life , that highlight the key elements of Salvatorian spirituality (plan without CoVid19) organize a pilgrimage to Rome in May for the beatification / (plan with CoVid19) organize a virtual meeting on the dates of beatification to be connected together, if possible, with distance, in a square doing streaming / live transmission, so that the world can see us participating from our country.
- organize community prayer times open to all, especially inviting those who are not members of the Salvatorian Family.

We have good ideas, but we don't have the skills to develop them!

If we personally do not have artistic skills, we can build alliances with others who do have them and invite them to participate: they express their art in the Salvatorian style, through a creative process for social networks and each lay Salvatorian, inspiring them, contributing as raw materials the Salvatorian charism and spirituality and the testimony of being a Family, encouraging initiatives with great joy, providing the tools and places to organize workshops, exhibitions ... In the end, what is generated can be a publication of new phrases, poems, songs (sung on video or not), paintings

"BY ALL MEANS THAT THE CHARITY OF CHRIST INSPIRES US"

We Lay Salvatorians could also dare to proclaim or write a few lines in the form of a verse, even if we have never been artists, or share stories of Salvatorian spirituality and charism, telling testimonies of what our life is or the exemplary life of other Salvatorians.

We allow you to become crazy - hope that our "crazy ideas" will inspire you.

May everyone know Jesus Christ, our Divine Savior.



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i **Brainstorming** implies that each one expresses the ideas that come to mind: very crazy or fanciful or very sane; achievable or impossible; whether they have the skills to execute them.... all! ... in this time of "open, free reflection", no one can say things like "and with what money" ... "at what time" "that's crazy" ... "that's impossible".... "Sanitary restrictions do not allow it".... Once all those ideas or "follies" are written down on a blackboard in no order, now, in a second stage, they analyze whether some of them are viable as proposed, or with modifications. It is a process so that the brain and people do not feel limited from generating ideas. Already in the qualifying stage, you should always think of two possible scenarios: a) plan with covid19: it is not possible to travel / restricted meetings / few people gathered in different places + online union (digital) between these groups/ b)• plan without covid 19: you can travel / more dense / face-to-face meetings.