

Lay Salvatorian Retreat

„I believe in the Church”

ICDS Poland's 20th Anniversary



From September 11-13, 2026, a retreat for Lay Salvatorians Laity was held at the Salvatorian Center for Spiritual Formation in Trzebinia under the theme “I Believe in the Church.” The retreat served as a profound reflection on the mystery of the Church, its mission, and the role of the laity in the work of evangelization.

The meeting in Trzebinia was a special occasion, because it was combined with the celebration of the 20th anniversary of ICDS Poland. The anniversary celebrations were attended by the Salvatorian Provincial, Fr. **Józef Figiel, SDS**; Fr. **Miroslaw Socala, SDS**—ecclesiastical assistant to ICDS Poland; and Provincial Sister **Noemi Raczkowska, SDS**, along with the sisters accompanying her.

The Lay Salvatorian Groups were represented by ICDS members from local communities.





As part of the joint celebration, ICDS members shared personal testimonies about their journey of faith and their commitment to the Salvatorian charism.

The participants emphasized their spiritual unity, the joy of the gathering, and their gratitude for the ICDS's twenty years of presence in Poland.

ICDS Poland - 20 Years (History)

ICDS Poland was established on May 26, 2006, in Bagno as a national community of Lay Salvatorians. From the very beginning, it has focused on spiritual formation, local communities, and collaboration with the priests and sisters of the Salvatorian Family. Over the next 13 years, the community strengthened its structure, developed local groups, organized retreats, formation meetings, and international gatherings, and engaged in apostolic work and assistance to those in need. In 2019, the Lay Salvatorians made their communal vows for the first time, alongside the renewal of religious vows by the priests and sisters.

In 2021, members of the community joyfully celebrated the beatification of Blessed Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan, Founder of the Salvatorian Family.

The years 2022-2023 brought growth to the community, including in the practice of charity through aid to refugees from Ukraine, and also resulted in the further development of the community's structures and the Holy See's recognition of the ICDS as an international private association of the faithful.

The following years (2024-2026) brought a deepening of formation, international cooperation, and bonds with both religious branches.

The community remains committed to discovering and passing on the charism of Blessed Francis Jordan and to serving the Church.

The 20-year history of ICDS Poland is a story of community growth, formation, collaboration, and apostolate—from 27 members in Bagno in 2006, to the current nationwide community of Lay Salvatorians.

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