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*Blessed
Pentecost*

*Ignite your faith
Ignite your passion
Ignite your life
Ignite your mission*

Being an Apostle of our time ...

Being an Apostle of our times is both a challenge and a joy in my life. A challenge because the world is such a chaotic secular place during these times. Economically most households where I live both the husband and wife must work to maintain a family life with strong Christ like values; giving time for the Holy Spirit to flow freely within the members of the family is a challenge. As a person employed in a global corporate company where money is the driving factor of the companies goals and objectives, it is a challenge to see Christ sitting around the table at meetings, in the eyes of the executive that is making decisions based on his ability to achieve a bonus.

At the same time all these things bring me joy. Joy in moving through this secular world bringing my love for Christ and the church to all those I meet. Joy in making Sunday dinner to gather the family, discuss their lives, share food, laughter, tears, living and breathing our faith together. I have joy in my heart as I sit at that corporate table and raise issues of fairness, collaborative resolutions to issues at hand and raising a vision that could be achieved for the good of all.

My life as a Lay Salvatorian is filled with joy that I can live out my vocation as a married person, a mother, a leader to many through my service as a catechist in the church, as a retreat leader and as a person walking a journey of faith sharing with those I encounter the goodness and kindness of our Savior. I thank God daily for the gift of this charism and the prompting of the Holy Spirit to follow in Fr. Jordan's footsteps. I experienced the charism lived out through the gift of many Salvatorians who have been a part of my life who gave witness to it daily. I find great joy in serving the International Community of the Divine Savior during these years and am grateful to be a part of our history making years.

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When the apostles, after a long time of despair finally received the Spirit, this was a revelation for them.

Finally they realized what Jesus said and did during his lifetime.

This was the moment of recognition: Jesus had come to show them the Father and he sent them his Spirit, his way of life, which would always remain within them. They also realized that they could not keep all this for themselves and came out: The proclamation began, and all who heard them came to know Jesus as the Christ, the Savior of the world.

But what does this mean for us today?

As Father Jordan as motto for his foundation John 17.3 choosed: "This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God and Him whom you have sent, Jesus Christ" we are not far from the Pentecostal thought.

I think we do not have to look too far and too complicated but we should try to live it in the little things of every day.

Some examples:

- In the morning, leave the morning mood in the bedroom and greet everyone friendly.
- Greet the people along the way friendly
- Listen to people who come to us with their little and big problems.
- Help People in disease, both mentally and physically.
- Help children on their way to adulthood.
- Support the poor, both materially and morally.
- Do not judge people from other cultures who think and live in a different way but try to understand them.
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If we are attentive to all these and other little things of every day community can grow and the dream of Pentecost may become a reality in our divided world.

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