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

## *Being an Apostle of our time ...*

In several of his writings Father Jordan spoke of the "spirit world" and especially recommended us not allow ourselves to be invaded by it. The reality of life constantly invites us to take care of ourselves and our families, it proposes to us an ideal way of life in which there should be comfort and well-being. Everything that has a sense of community, which consists in the search for the other and away from productivity and success, is seen as something suspicious.

„The world" has a complex system of values imposed subtly and distances us from building the kingdom. To be apostles today means being aware of what is the "spirit world" and fight against this individualistic and anti-community proposal appears to be the greatest force against the Kingdom we must start building here and now.

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I'm from a so called catholic country, even if many people have left the church because of very divers reasons. From my perspective I have the impression that parts of the civil society act like the famous goat running after the carrot on a stick in front of its nose. Some were brought to heel if they get various goodies, others have to fight for their life daily – but both act like on drugs. In addition you can get the impression that Church and Faith is more and more a phase-out model in our society.

So for me the question was and is: Must it be like that? Is this really the sense of our life? – Is this really the way to reduce your faith to a speedy "Our Father" and a "Job-done" Eucharist on Sunday? – No, I think there is something more!

Looking for a result I found my calling in the vocation to be a Lay Salvatorian. Why? - Because here I can use the universal instruments and tools to live my faith and relationship with God in several and universal ways. I want to take this relationship with me into my daily life, to live it also on places where it is not expected – in an easy, discreet, but honest way – which poses questions.

This may be hard to believe in today's Europe, but when questions supporting refugees get a real challenge in our society as it happens now for instance, it's time to define your position as Christian – called to support your next. Also there are situations, where you are forced to become an advocate of human rights, when you engage for victims of human trafficking and labor exploitation - or the destruction of the environment and the necessities of life.

In my opinion a relationship to God is more and needs more - it needs proper care and sufficient time. It's necessary today to make God and faith accessible in a new way to our fellows. Cute phrases or fine words alone sound antiquated and unrealistic – and do not touch the hearts. So it is very difficult today to invite someone new or interest young people for the faith and the church. Therefore the word of Fr. Jordan "Who does not burn, who does not ignite" has got an important role in my life.

My personal wish from the Holy Spirit is: To have always the right method in hands to bring the love of God to my next in a way which she/he needs at this moment.

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