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*Blessed
Pentecost*

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

Dear Lay Salvatorian sisters and brothers,

Pentecost is a moment to pause and reflect. What is my life about? What is important to me? - What do I believe in and where do I find the divine? One could write many spiritual and theological lines here. But it's actually about the little flame in our hearts that keeps calling out, rekindles, re-motivates - and never lets us rest.

We Salvatorians are committed to the Salvatorian mission. The very word "we" makes it clear that this does not refer to the individual, but to the community. It is the community that gives us courage, that sustains us when things get difficult again. It is the community that drives us to remain faithful to our mission, to our promise. And in and through it, we also find the Spirit of God, who breathes life into us and strengthens us. He invites us to proclaim the good news to all of creation.

However, this must not and cannot lead us to violate or exploit creation, or to act as its owners and masters. No, rather, we are called to be stewards who care for its well-being, so that future generations may also live with and from it. For in this creation, God's Spirit and God's love are present everywhere, even if we do not (yet) recognize or suspect it.

As an Association of the Faithful, we are a "providential answer" arising from the Holy Spirit, as John Paul II. expressed. Unity and mission are the two essential aspects of the Church's life and two priorities of the Petrine ministry, which has to be expressed also in our life as Salvatorian laity.

Let us pray on this feast of Pentecost, that we deepen our life in the smaller and broader communities and the awareness as members of the ICDS increases.

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**In Christ, our Lord,
let's go and evangelize,
we are sent ...**