

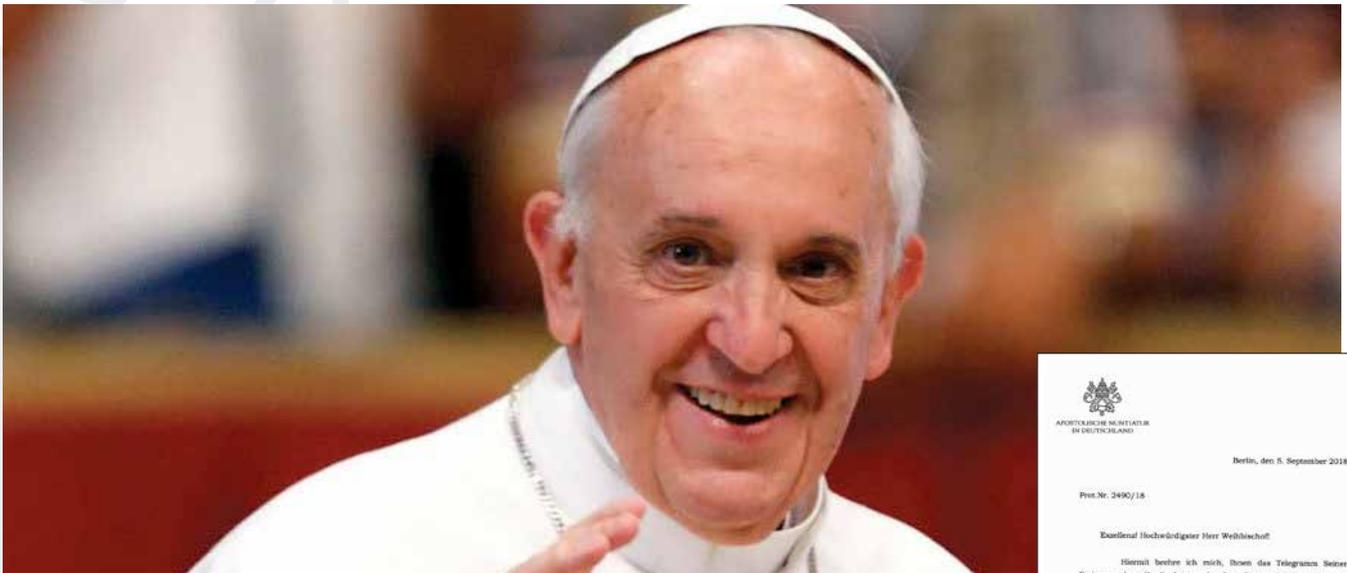
# Informationes

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Secretary of State Cardinal Pietro Parolin sent a message through the Nuncio to Germany with the blessings from His Holiness Pope Francis to the delegates of the XIX General Chapter and to the members of the Salvatorian Family on the occasion of the Centenary of the death of our Venerable Founder. It was read by Most Rev. Dr. Michael Gerber, Auxiliary Bishop of Freiburg, at the end of the Mass at Gurtweil on 09 SEP 18. The text of the message appears below.



## **Blessed by Pope Francis**

*Pope Francis was delighted to know that the Society of the Divine Savior celebrates, at the same time as its XIX General Chapter, the Centenary of the death of its Founder, God's servant Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan. His Holiness joins himself in prayer with all the brothers and sisters of the Salvatorian family, as well as their friends and supporters and asks for the gifts of the Holy Spirit for your mission in the Church and in the world.*

*To let oneself be touched by Jesus and to make Jesus tangible for the people: that is the secret of religious life. Being touched at the heart takes place by the words of the Gospel, by the Sacraments and also in our good deeds, in which we may recognize him in the countenance of the brothers and sisters in need. Whereas for us to make Jesus tangible is possible only by humbling ourselves: "When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we entreat" (1 Cor 4:12 ff). By participating in his surrender to the Cross we become manifest as parts of the body of Christ. This appears exemplarily in Father Jordan's life. May the Salvatorian family emulate his example with gratitude and carry on his work as apostles throughout the world. To this end, Pope Francis grants with all his heart his apostolic blessing to all Salvatorians and to the faithful joining the thanksgiving service at Gurtweil.*



## Generalate Travel Plans



The members of the Generalate will be away from the Motherhouse on these dates in October and November:

### Fr. Chris:

06-14 OCT      **Poland**  
 Celebration of Bl. Mary of  
 the Apostles & rest

### Fr. Thomas:

15 SEP-      **DR Congo**  
 23 OCT      Province Chapter & rest

## XIX General Chapter



### Four Weeks of Hard Work, Discernment & Sharing

On 13 AUG 18 the XIX General Chapter began with the celebration of the Eucharist with Archabbot Jeremias Schroeder OSB presiding in the abbey church of St. Ottilien. Afterwards, the delegates gathered for the first session in which the scrutators, the secretary of the Chapter, the

presidium and the recording secretary were elected. In addition, the facilitators, the periti, parliamentary and other organizational procedures proposed by the Superior General were approved as well.



The second day of the General Chapter was devoted to an overview of the state of the Society. This included the Unit reports on Mission and Formation. It also involved the Generalate's report of what has been achieved during the last 6 years. In addition, the Superior General gave his report which included some priorities and paradigms to guide the Society toward the future. Afterwards the capitulars were invited to share and contribute their insights and concerns with respect to the reports.



The Chapter proceeded with a lecture by Claretian Father José Cristo Rey García Paredes about the new understanding of mission and the role of the Holy Spirit in our mission. The delegates then worked on the input of the previous days and reflected individually and in language groups, in order to develop a draft of priorities and guidelines for our Society during the next 6 years.



He also spoke about the principle of religious indifference and availability. This was followed by discussions and a review of the procedures for the election of the Superior General.



Then, for many days in a row, the capitulars met in working committees to study six different topics, based on a series of proposals previously presented to the General Chapter: SDS Identity & Vocation, Salvatorian Family, Mission, Formation, Administrative Organization, Constitution & General Directory, Finances. In between, the General Treasurer explained the overall financial situation of the Society and several Units presented their new social projects and apostolates initiated in honor of the Centenary of the death of our Founder.

The capitulars received another external spiritual input, this time by Jesuit Fr. Stefan Kiechle. He spoke about the qualities needed of a Superior General and the process of spiritual discernment.



During the course of the General Chapter, the capitulars also welcomed Mr. Christian Patzl, newly elected President of the International Community of the Divine Savior (ICDS) as an observer along with Mrs. Rita van Olmen, one of the councilors. Also, they welcomed two

representatives of the Salvatorian Sisters, Sr. Edith Bramberger, Superior General, and Sr. María Yaneth Moreno, Vicaress. They also welcomed as a special guest, His Eminence, Cardinal Reinhard Marx, Archbishop of Munich.



During the last weeks of the General Chapter the capitulars were busy continuing to work their way through the many proposals, and, in particular, discussing the proposed Changes to Chapter 7 of the Constitution and General Directory. In addition, the Writing Committee drafted the Final Document which will contain all the ordinances and recommendations of the XIX General Chapter. On the other hand, the revisions to the Constitution need to be authorized by the Vatican. All Administrative Units will have to hold implementation chapters within 9 months after the end of this XIX General Chapter but no later than 15 JUN 19.



Fortunately it was not all grim drudgery: on all three Sundays the capitulars had the opportunity to participate in excursions to destinations nearby St. Ottilien chosen for their particular historical and artistical interest and beauty. These outings were

highly appreciated by the capitulars. In particular, they included a visit to our parish and provincialate at St. Willibald, Munich; a trip to Neuschwanstein and Fr. Pancratius Pfeiffer's nearby home; and, a visit to Bad Wurzach and the Shrine of Maria Steinbach staffed by our German confreres.



The capitulars had a chance to evaluate the General Chapter in two ways. First they completed a form and then gave oral comments in a plenary session dedicated to this purpose. Despite individual concerns about the shortage of time to discuss some major reports and contributions, the overall Chapter evaluation was that of a highly intense and exciting spiritual experience which allowed every single capitular to be and to feel part of the process of shaping the Society for the next 6 years.

A big "Thank you!" to all who assisted the capitulars, especially to the two facilitators, Sr. Dulcelene Ceccato SDS and Fr. Dennis Thiessen SDS. Thanks also to Fr. Raúl Gómez Ruiz, Fr. Roman Wroblewski and Mrs. Eva Teichmann for preparing and compiling the Chapter

documents. Special thanks to the 8 interpreters and to Fr. Hubert Veeseer for organizing the beautiful outings and evening events *in loco*. Many thanks also to the six scholastics which were present to help with all kinds of chores.

### Reconfirmation of Superior General



During the XIX General Chapter Fr. Milton Zonta was reelected Superior General of the Society. Fr. Milton Zonta is 58 years old and was born in Brazil. In 1979 he joined the Society of the Divine Savior. From 2006 to 2012 he was a member of the General Council and in 2012 he was elected for the first time as the 11<sup>th</sup> Superior General.



### Election of new General Council

The delegates also elected the new Generalate which is composed of: Fr. Adam Teneta, Vicar General (PL; currently serving as the General Postulator), Fr. Joseph Rodrigues, General Consultor (US; he has just finished two consecutive

terms as Provincial Superior), Fr. Agustín Van Baelen, General Consultor (VE; currently serving as General Mission Secretary), Fr. Sunil Thomas Kashamkattil, General Consultor (IMV; serving a second term of office as Superior) and Fr. Ferdinand Lukoa, General Consultor (TA; currently completing his task in the USA as fundraiser for our expansion units). All consultors were elected in the first ballot.





The delegates then re-elected Fr. Scott Wallenfelsz of the US Province as General Treasurer for the next Generalate term, as well as the new members of the International Finance Commission as follows: Fr. Krzysztof

Kowalczyk (PL), Fr. Luis Munilla Peña (ES), and Fr. Erhard Rauch (AU).

All other positions and international commissions will be determined later in the fall.

The new Generalate will initiate its service with the celebration of the Eucharist and an installation ceremony on 8 DEC 18. Let us congratulate all the newly and reelected confreres and pray for them as they take up their duties at the service of the Society.

## Chapter Documentation

The Final Documents (Acts) and other relevant documents produced in preparation of and during the XIX General Chapter are collected in the 5 Chapter languages in the forthcoming *Annales* vol. XX No. 1 and 2, to be published as soon as possible.

To read in detail the day-to-day of the Chapter, please visit the Chapter blog [www.sds19.org](http://www.sds19.org). There, as well as on the particular Chapter Facebook page, you will find more pictures and links to Powerpoint presentations and Youtube videos prepared by the Units about their apostolates.

## Centenary's Celebrations and Pilgrimage

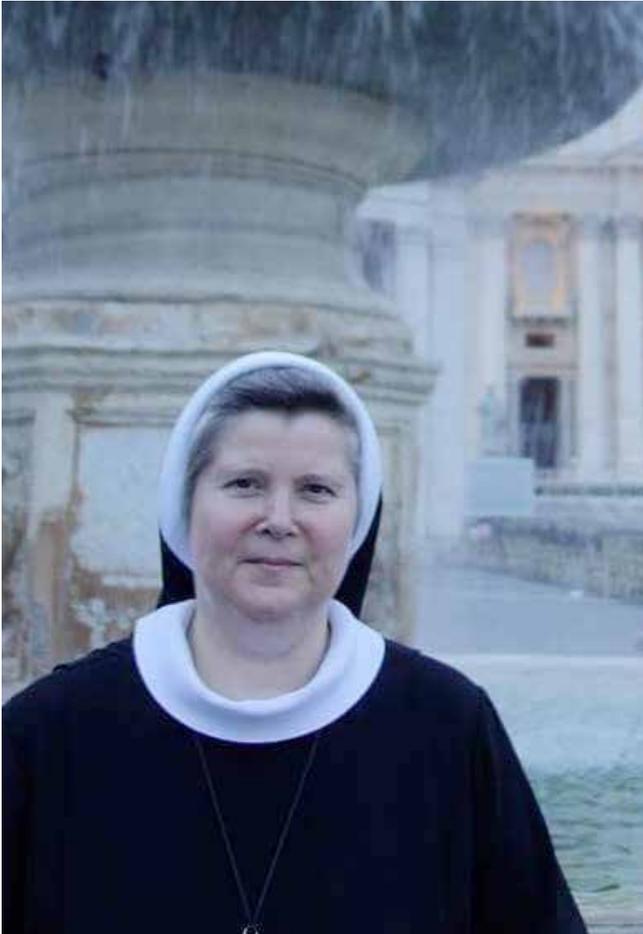
The XIX General Chapter was completed with a three-day Jubilee Celebration of the Centenary of the death of the Founder. The Celebration took place at St. Peter's seminary near Freiburg, Tifers (Switzerland) and Gurtweil from 07-09 SEP 18. We were joined by several Salvatorians of the

three branches from as far away as Australia. In addition, Fr. Gerard Rogowski, former Superior General, presided at the Mass on Friday 07 SEP 18 with Sr. Ulrike Musick providing a reflection on the importance of St. Peter for Fr. Jordan. Also, Bishop Charles Morerod of Fribourg presided at the Mass on 08 SEP 18 in Tifers and Auxiliary Bishop Michael Gerber of Freiburg presided on Sunday 09 SEP 18 at Gurtweil. The celebration was beautiful and joyful.



## Motherhouse

### “New Entry” Sr. Damiana



The Motherhouse community welcomes Sr. Damiana Bozena Kilianska CST from Poland. Actually, this is Sr. Damiana’s second time with us since from 2007 throughout 2010 she worked at the service of the Motherhouse community. Sr. Damiana belongs to the Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Theresa (Teresian Sisters): she made her profession in 1981 and studied Theology in Suwalki (PL). Afterwards she worked for 15 years as a catechist for the youth in Suwalki and Monki. From 1989-2001 and 2001-2007 she served in the Motherhouse of her Congregation as General Secretary and then as General Superior respectively. Before joining us on 19 AUG 18 here in Rome, she again worked in Poland as a school catechist.

## Travelling to Rome

Members needing a visa in order to enter Italy are asked to note the following:

- One is required to provide the following information: the first and last names of the member as they appear in his passport; the member’s place of birth (i.e., city/state/country); the number of the member’s passport and dates of arrival and departure from Europe.
- This information should be sent directly to Father Krzysztof (Chris) Kowalczyk at the Generalate ([krzysztof.kowalczyk@mailsds.org](mailto:krzysztof.kowalczyk@mailsds.org)). Since it takes some time to complete all the steps, please send this information sufficiently in advance of the planned visit.
- Members planning to visit the Motherhouse are asked to contact directly the local superior in order to request guest rooms and make other arrangements. He can be reached at:

**E-mail:** [generalate-secretariat@mailsds.org](mailto:generalate-secretariat@mailsds.org)

**Fax:** +39 (06) 68629.400

**Telephone:** +39 (06) 68629.203

- Please be advised that because of the planned papal celebrations and audiences, we may be unable to meet you at or take you to the airport, especially on Sunday and Wednesday.

### From Father Jordan:



*Apply yourself with all diligence,  
as if you had nothing to hope for from God;  
and then hope for everything from God,  
as if you had put forth no effort at all.  
(SD I/94).*

## Rectifications

### New ICDS Leadership

Some details published in *Informationes* n. 34 with respect to the new ICDS leadership require amendment: Mrs. Ann Cullender was appointed Secretary, and Mr. Sabin Ormazá will be her Assistant. Mr. Mike O'Sullivan (GB) was appointed treasurer but will not serve on the Council. The start date of the new term of the ICDS leadership is 08 DEC 18. We apologize for any inconvenience.

### Cancellation of 2019 Salvatorian World Youth Days

The planned gathering of youth associated with our Salvatorian apostolates around the world scheduled for 16-21 JAN 19 in Cartagena (Colombia), announced in previous issues of *Informationes* has been cancelled due to financial and logistical difficulties. Nevertheless, members should persist in encouraging youths to attend the World Youth Day 2019 in Panama (21-27 JAN 19).

### Golden Jubilee of the Beatification of Bl. Mary of the Apostles (13 OCT 18)

Blessed Mary of the Apostles (born Therese von Wüllenweber), the first female member of the first grade of the Apostolic Teaching Society and later co-founder along with Fr. Jordan of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Divine



Savior, was beatified by Bl. Pope Paul VI on 13 OCT 1968. The pope confirmed her as an exemplar and intercessor for a truly apostolic life. Her remains are preserved in a special chapel in her honor at the general motherhouse of the Congregation and a relic is kept in the Founder's Chapel at the motherhouse of the Society, both in Rome. Her feast is celebrated on September 5. At the beatification in Rome, Paul VI said of her:

*"The life and vocation of Blessed Mary is marked by two qualities: the apostolate and missionary service. These are wonderfully blended in her person. Her own words reveal this: 'I feel strongly drawn to everything apostolic'; and 'promised the dear God to dedicate myself to the missions as far as my strength would allow.' – What is the Apostolate? It is, above all, an interior voice, at once disturbing and consoling, as sweet as it is imperious, troublesome yet loving. . . It expresses the supreme secret of love: Lord, what would you have me do? (cf. Acts 9:5). The apostolate is vocation, election, interior meeting with Christ. . . abandonment to his holy will. It is a sure substitution of our hearts – though poor, restless, changeable and sometimes faithless – eager to love with the heart of Jesus. . . The apostolate engenders the need to run, to act, to devise, to dare everything possible for the expansion of the reign of God, for the salvation of others, of everyone!"*

Bl. Mary of the Apostles pray for us!

## Why I became a Salvatorian...



*...because the doors were opened for me to the great family of God and now he is calling me to invite others.*

Fr. Efraín Corona, Superior of the Vicariate of Venezuela

To see other statements and photos go to [sds.org/vocations](http://sds.org/vocations) and click on each of the first four categories: “Called by God,” “Consecrated Religious,” “To be a Salvatorian” and “Formation Stages.”

## Prayers

### Please Pray for...

- SOFIA Advisory Board Meeting in Rome (29-30 OCT 18)
- The General Chapter of the Salvatorian Sisters, Rome (31 OCT-30 NOV 18)
- A successful beginning of the new Generalate's term
- The official recognition of the ICDS by the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life
- Those in Formation and their Formators
- Acceptance of a miracle for the beatification of Fr. Jordan
- Our deceased confreres

**Please note that we are posting death notices on the SDS website ([www.sds.org](http://www.sds.org)).**

**We also send them to each member at their [mailds.org](mailto:mailds.org) email address.**

## Congratulations

### First Profession of Vows

Congratulations to our new confreres who recently made their first profession:

- On 08 SEP 18, Clerics Landry Kabange Yumba SDS, Maurice Bomb Kabash SDS, Estimé Bowa Tente SDS, Stiphano Raharinarivo SDS, Guillaume Kasongo Kabulo SDS, Alidor Ngoyi Kazadi SDS, Aristote Makina Nzetema SDS, René Amisi Kisima SDS, Hugo Kazadi Katunga SDS and Arsène Kataya Mwambile SDS from the Congo Missionary Pro-Province at Saints Pierre et Paul Cathedral, Lubumbashi to Rev. Floribert Kalinda Mulikita SDS, Pro-Provincial Superior.

### Final Profession of Vows

Congratulations to the following confreres who made their final profession of vows:

- On 15 AUG 18, Cl. Virginus Onyeka Onuagwu SDS and Cl. Paul Timothy Wilkin SDS of the US Province at St. Anne's Salvatorian Campus, Milwaukee to Rev. Peter Schuessler SDS, Vicar Provincial.

### Ordination to the Diaconate

Congratulations to the following confreres who were ordained deacon:

- On 18 AUG 18, Cl. Virginus Onyeka Onuagwu SDS and Cl. Paul Timothy Wilkin SDS of the US Province, at St. Pius X Community Parish, Wauwatosa by Most Rev. Jeffrey Robert Haines, Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee.

### Ordination to the Priesthood

Congratulations to the following confreres who were ordained priests:

- On 08 SEP 18, Deacons Anicet Fana Tshifufu SDS, Delphin Mutombo Mulangu SDS, Félicien Lubambula Féruzi SDS, Jules Kapya Kafilu SDS and Raphaël Kasongo wa Kavula SDS from the Congo Missionary Pro-Province at Saints Pierre et Paul Cathedral, Lubumbashi by Most Rev. Nestor Ngoy Katahwa, Bishop of the Diocese of Kolwezi.



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