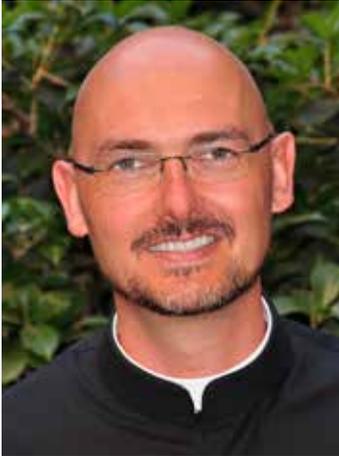


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Dear Confreres,

2018 has been a year with a lot of events which have given a diversity of colors and flavors not only to our Society, but to all the branches of the Salvatorian Family.

First of all, it has been a year of jubilee because on September 8 it was

exactly 100 years ago that our Founder, Fr. Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan, exchanged the temporal for the eternal. In many places the Salvatorian Family has organized very beautiful events and meaningful celebrations to commemorate the gift of life and to deepen the knowledge of our Founder. It was an excellent opportunity to renew our commitment, in order to keep alive the Spirit that burned in the heart of Fr. Francis Jordan. May the Centennial help us to feel invited and available, more than ever, to announce and live the Love that God has revealed through his Son, Jesus, our Savior.

Another moment of celebration was the commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Beatification of Mother Mary of the Apostles, a woman with an apostolic heart and a sign of fidelity to the Salvatorian Mission. We see clearly in her and officially recognized by the Church, that the way indicated by our Founder to his spiritual sons and daughters can lead to sanctity, to the fullness of life. May the faithful commitment of Blessed Mary of the Apostles encourage us to keep going forward on this missionary apostolic track, shared by all branches of the Salvatorian Family, from its beginning!

In the third place, 2018, was not only a year of commemorations, but also of evaluation and programming the Salvatorian Mission from the global perspective. I refer to the General Chapters

and the General Assembly that took place at Hamont, for the Lay Salvatorians, in Rome for our Sisters, and at Sankt Ottilien for our Society. The three gatherings have been spaces of the Spirit, of fraternal sharing, of discernment, decisions, and elections. It seems to me that it is a reason for hope to see that the spiritual sons and daughters of Fr. Francis Jordan also today want to continue with his legacy which they hold in their hands, to make known, to love and to announce the Divine Savior in their historical and cultural context. Hopefully all this may empower us to move forward and encourage us to give the best of ourselves, also during the New Year, 2019, which is already nearing.

In the midst of these celebrations and internal affairs, as persons of religious and apostolic life, let us not forget the huge number of situations in the Church and in the world, which need our attention. Let us keep our eyes and ears wide open for the problems of refugees, immigrants, abused people all over the globe. Let us listen to the voice of youngsters, as Pope Francis and the Bishops gathered in the Synod, have done. It is my understanding that it is also part of our Mission to get involved in movements in favor of peace, disarmament, justice, integrity of creation and at the same time, let us keep our heart open and let us remain available to help the victims of natural disasters. Let us be creative and let us look for possibilities to overcome obstacles: may every difficulty presented to us be converted into an opportunity to change and to make progress in the Mission. Let us take advantage of the opportunities to do good and to be tools of Salvation!

May the Divine Savior bless us all. May He accompany us and guide us, to be faithful to the Salvatorian Charism, with generosity and willingness to serve wherever it may be needed making known God's great Love, revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior! Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!

*Fr. Agustín Van Baelen SDS
General Consultor*



Christmas Greetings

Please receive from the outgoing and from the new Generalate as well as from our collaborators our warmest Christmas greetings as we approach our patronal feast, along with our best wishes as we begin the New Year 2019.

Count on our prayers.

Nativity – Fresco by Giotto di Bondone

Chapters

Provincial Election in Congo (01-03 OCT 18)



The Congo Missionary Pro-Province (CD) held its Provincial Chapter in Kolwezi to elect the leadership for the next three years. Fr. Thomas Malal, General Consultor and liaison to the Pro-Province was in attendance. The delegates re-elected Fr. Floribert Kalinda for a second term as Provincial Superior. In addition, they elected Fr. Dieudonné Kongolo as the Vicar Provincial. The other consultors are Fr. Kizito Naweji, Br. Basile Kahande, and Fr. Jean-Claude Kabishi. They also elected Fr. Pascal Musumba as the Pro-Provincial

Treasurer. The members elected to the Finance Commission include: Frs. Emmanuel Ntumba (chair), Adelard Tshibang, Marcellin Mukwasay and Serge Lumbwe. The new provincialate, treasurer and Finance Commission begin their three-year term of office on 01 JAN 19. We congratulate them and wish them well in their service to our confreres in Congo.

Salvatorian Sisters General Chapter (01-30 NOV 18)



The Salvatorian Sisters gathered at Villa Maria in Rome for their XXI General Chapter. The 70 delegates were joined by translators, staff and facilitators. Among the items discussed and



approved were four proposals from the Joint Leaderships of the three branches of the Salvatorian Family. In addition, the delegates elected Sr. Maria Yaneth Moreno Rodriguez Superior General for a six-year term. Also elected were Srs. Lilly Kurian (Vicaress), Jacqueline Mwakasu Kona, Ewa Tonacka and Renária Bezerra da Silva (consultors). Members of our Generalate and Motherhouse community celebrated Mass for the Sisters periodically throughout the Chapter and Fr. Milton Zonta, Superior General, participated in the opening Mass on 01 NOV 18, addressed the Chapter on 02 NOV 18, and presided at the closing Mass on 30 NOV 18. We congratulate the new Generalate of the Sisters and pray for success in their service to the Congregation.

Implementation Chapters

The XIX General Chapter, in Ord. 14 requires in accord with GD 7.27 § b, that the administrative units conduct their implementation chapters between now and June 2019. The following units have already conducted their chapter or have scheduled it: BR (22-25 OCT 18), BE (25-26 OCT 18), D (02-05 JAN 19), GB (08-10 JAN 19), CO (26-29 APR 19), and US (24-25 JUN 19). We ask that the other units inform the General Secretary as soon as possible of the dates of their implementation chapters (generalate-secretariat@mailds.org). Also, thank you for sending the Acts of your implementation chapters via email to the same address once they are complete.

General Secretariat

General Chapter Assistant



We are very grateful to Fr. Roman Wróblewski (PL) who has served in the Secretariat since June 2018 in order to help prepare for the XIX General Chapter. During the General Chapter he managed the secretariat at the Chapter and then afterwards he was very instrumental in helping publish the Chapter Acts. His service ended on 30 OCT 18. We wish him the best and God's blessings as he prepares for a new apostolate.

Administrative Assistance

We are also grateful to Mrs. Luana Tavernier who replaced Mrs. Marina Saponara during the latter's maternity leave: We welcomed back Marina on 10 SEP 18. Thank you to both ladies for their service to the Generalate. We wish Luana success and blessing in her new employment and continued good work to Marina.

IT outsourcing

Since October 2017, our IT work has been outsourced to H3L, a local company, that has provided a variety of technicians to work in the Secretariat part time. After assessing the needs of the Generalate and Motherhouse community, the contract will be terminated in order to better meet our needs. Consequently, the Generalate is searching for someone, preferably a Salvatorian, to work full time in this role beginning in January or February. Please pray for a successful search. In the meantime, Mr. Simone Baldo will continue to work with us for three days a week until the end of February. He can be reached for assistance at generalate-ict@mailsds.org.

Motherhouse



Commemoration of our Faithful Departed

On Saturday, 03 NOV 18, members of the Motherhouse community including the Teresian Sisters who serve here, went to the cemetery of Campo Verano in Rome to pray at the gravesite of our Salvatorian confreres buried there. This is an annual event that is very meaningful for the community. This year it followed the celebration of the Eucharist in the morning at which all of our

confreres who have died between 01 NOV 17 and 31 OCT 18 were named and commemorated.

Visit by the Salvatorian Sisters Chapter Delegates



The participants of the XXI General Chapter of the Sisters came to the Motherhouse to celebrate the Eucharist and pray at the Founder's tomb on Thursday, 15 NOV 18. Afterwards the community offered an aperitif to them and enjoyed some time visiting together. In addition, we have been pleased to have groups of the Sisters come periodically to visit over the course of the Chapter.

Personnel Changes



During this time of transition when the new Generalate members are moving in and former Generalate members are preparing to leave, Fr. Milton Zonta, Superior General, has named



Fr. Adam Teneta as the interim Superior of the Motherhouse Community. He takes the place of Fr. Juan Carrasquilla Ossa, who ended his three-year contract in September. We are grateful to Fr. Adam who will serve until the end of January in this capacity unless a new Superior is named earlier. We are very grateful to Fr. Juan for his service to the community and especially for his participation in the Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) activities sponsored by the Superiors General in Rome. We wish him well in his new apostolate.



In addition, Fr. Daniele Cicirella, Treasurer of the Motherhouse community, has begun his new apostolate as parish priest of Mary Queen of Martyrs, Dragona on the outskirts of Rome. Even so, he will continue to serve as Treasurer of the community. Moreover, Fr. Milton Zonta, Superior General, has named Fr. Daniele the Legal Representative of the Society in Italy as well. Consequently, he is responsible for preparing letters of invitation for visas to those requiring them for visits to Italy. He may be contacted for this purpose via email at daniele.cicirella@mailsds.org.

Mater Salvatoris Formation House, Tor de' Cenci

During September and October, the international formation community at Tor de' Cenci was enlarged by three new members. They include Cls. Adrián Novelo (PL), Gabriel da Costa (EAMV), and Joseph Ho Trong Hoa (EAMV). They join Cls. Boniface Chimogwa Msinji, Ruphin Kabondo wa Kabondo, and Francisco Edwin Overee. The rector of the community is Fr. Charles Mbumba Mushitu assisted by Fr. Deogratias Sayoni Rukurugu Mvuyekule. We welcome them and pray for their successful formation itinerary here.

Why I became a Salvatorian...



..because I found in Father Jordan's dream an opportunity to follow the Divine Savior. His prophetic vision made me believe in a Church that responds to God's proposal.

Fr. Francisco Sydney de Macedo Gonçalves, Vicar Provincial of the Brazilian Province.

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

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 Fr. Daniele Cicirella at the Generalate (daniele.cicirella@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 also asked to contact directly Fr. Adam Teneta, the interim local superior, in order to request guest rooms and make other arrangements. He can be reached at:
E-mail: motherhouse@mailsds.org
Fax: +39 (06) 68629.400
Telephone: +39 (340) 456 5230
- 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:



We are approaching the most holy Christmas celebration when the Savior of the world, Salvator mundi, appeared and brought us peace. Now in this feast of Christmas, I too would like to wish you peace – peace with God, peace with your superiors, and peace with your fellow human beings, your confreres. You should use this short time remaining before Christmas quite well to restore peace if it is disturbed or missing somewhere.

(Chapter Talks 1898/12/23)

Congratulations

First Profession of Vows

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

- On 08 SEP 18 Cl. Dawid Piotrowski SDS, Br. Piotr Żyruń SDS, and Cl. Tomasz Gnat SDS of the Polish Province at the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, Bagno, to V. Rev. Józef Figiel SDS, Provincial Superior.

Final Profession of Vows

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

- On 08 SEP 18 Cl. Krzysztof Biegun SDS and Cl. Karol Koszyl SDS of the Polish Province at the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, Bagno, to V. Rev. Józef Figiel SDS, Provincial Superior.

Prayers

Please Pray for...

- The new Generalate of the Salvatorian Sisters
- 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).

We also send them to each member at their mail@sds.org email address.



SOFIA

Salvatorian Office
for International Aid

Apostolate in the Philippines: Ten Years *Alsa Buhay*



As our East-Asian Mission Vicariate is still heavily involved in the initial formation of members from 5 Asian countries, there is not much personnel left to develop additional apostolates in the Philippines. But that does not mean the mission would be doing nothing outside of initial formation. One of its initiatives is celebrating ten years of existence: *Alsa Buhay*.

Alsa Buhay was initiated in 2008 ("lift up your life") as a consequence of a Christmas party for slum children organized in 2007 by Br. James Rieden and Fr. Artur Chrzanowski along with some volunteers. This led to the founding of the not-for-profit entity *Puso sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc* (which means "from heart to heart" education) in 2009.

Recognizing the need and poverty of these minors, who more often than not are unable to attend regular school because they are busy contributing to the family income, they decided to do more, and something more sustainable: offer them a chance to get an education, as a passport to a better future. Inspired by the governmental Alternative



Learning Systems (ALS) program, they put in place an educational program which helps children and school dropouts of all ages. Unlike the governmental program, it is free of charge and of better quality. Through the program they get prepared in less than a year for the state exam and become eligible for either secondary school or university. After Br. James died in 2010, Fr. Artur developed the program further to include young school dropouts and illiterate adults living in Parola and Payatas, two notorious slum areas – one of them located on a huge dumpsite – in the Filipino capital.

In March 2017 Puso sa Puso received an important recognition by the Department of Education (the national Ministry) for best practices and the high-quality education the NGO is delivering in the field of ALS. This was a heartwarming notice and appraisal of the successful work and dedicated commitment of the Salvatorians involved and their team. And they keep on working notwithstanding the never-ending difficulties.

Core and additional programs

Around 2,100 learners have participated in the alternative education program, the core of all activity. On top of that, a number of additional programs have grown over the course of the years: the original Christmas party for slum children has been institutionalized and the ALS program has been enriched



with activities such as: life skill training for youths and their parents; early childhood education; basic literacy for young adults; home visits and psychosocial assistance to the children's families; spiritual education; family advocacy and support; vocational training and livelihood; human rights sessions; health prevention and care; and, programs for young mothers. In total, around 7,500 people have benefitted from Puso sa Puso's activities and additional programs.

An intense cooperation exists with the Salvatorian Sisters, who provided a talented project manager in the person of Sr. Frances Mangabat SDS. The dedicated team of instructors and social workers are supported by our novices and scholastics, as well as by young international volunteers who help out for one year with the pre-school children. Another Sister, Franciscan Sr. Mila, also joined the coordinating team four years ago. They all share the common goal of alleviating the plight of the local population, especially the school dropout children from the Parola and Payatas slums.

Emergency programs



Two times a disastrous fire broke out in the Parola slum of Manila, the area where our program is active, in March 2015 and February 2017. The reasons behind these occurrences are never clear: it might be an accident, as the homes are constructed with poor and flammable material, and the use of stoves and candles for heating and lighting is very common. But it also may have been a deliberate action. Thousands of residents lost their homes and possessions. Among those, a number of beneficiaries of the Salvatorian run programs.



The local Salvatorian communities immediately responded and helped the Puso sa Puso staff to collect and distribute essentials such as food, clothes, toiletries, medicines and bedding. Through SOFIA, the German mission procura and other channels, emergency financial help was organized.

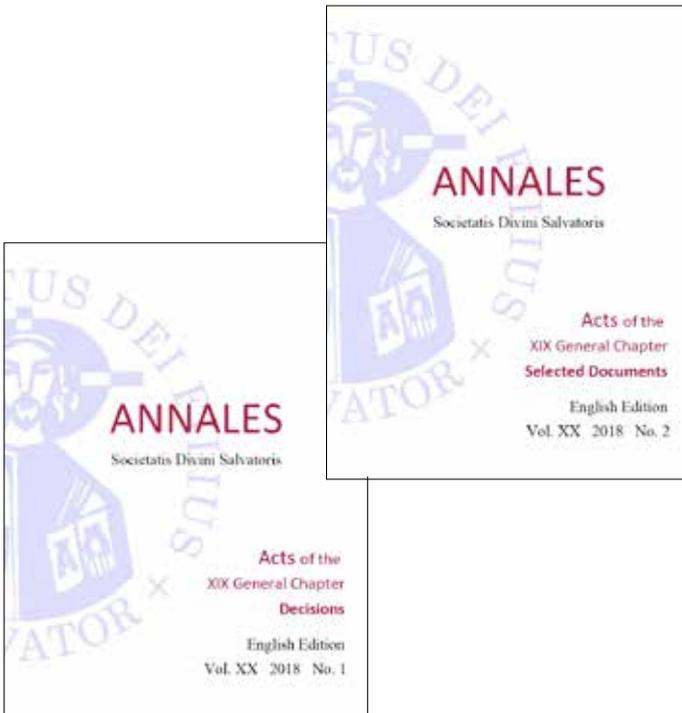
The work of SOFIA

From the year 2009 our international development office SOFIA engaged to help find support for this project. Many organizations contributed over the years and the list is impressive: from Germany (DKMR, Diocese of Augsburg, Missio Munich, PMK-Sternsinger), the Netherlands (Cordaid, PLA), the USA (private donors and Salvatorian members), Belgium (Salvatorian Relief Action) and Ireland (Misean Cara). The Princess of Liechtenstein contributed, as well as SOFIA Swiss, with many individual benefactors. All told, a total of 503,000 EUR was raised. This is irrespective of the local fundraising, which manages to collect all funds needed for the big annual Christmas party for around 1,000 slum children. Apart from the monetary contribution, SOFIA found help to strengthen the competencies and professionalism of the people involved and the programs delivered. A concrete action in this regard was the implementation of a professional external evaluation on the impact of the work and activities carried out by Puso sa Puso. The study, realized in the year 2016, highlighted strengths and weaknesses of the organization and proposed a series of recommendations for an ever-greater achievement of our goals and the betterment of these most needed and already successful programs.



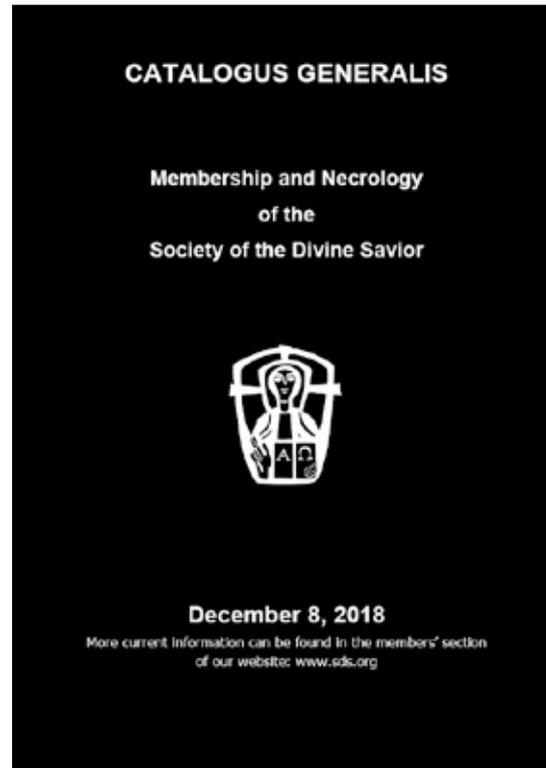
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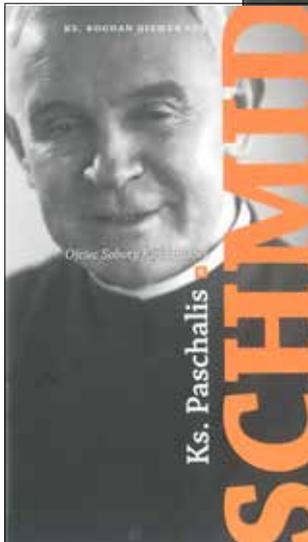
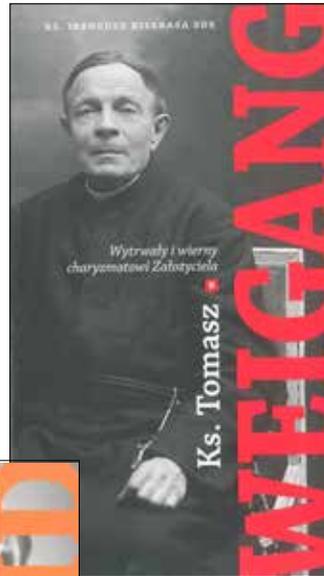
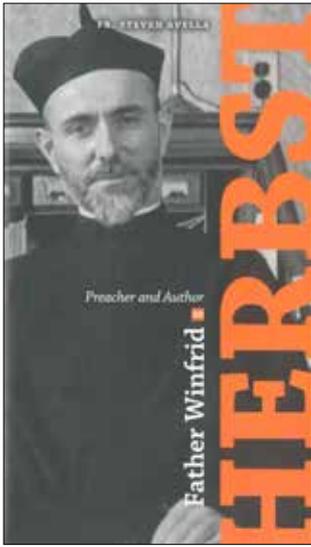
The latest volume of *Annales* containing the Decisions of the XIX General Chapter (no. 1) and Selected Documents related to the General Chapter (no. 2) have been published in English, French, German, Polish, and Spanish in PDF. The superiors and communications contacts of the various administrative units have received the PDFs via email to distribute to the confreres in their units. In addition, the PDFs are available for downloading from the sds.org website. They are accessible by entering the members section under Resources and following the links to Reports > General Chapters > 2018 or Downloads > Annales 2018 Vol. XX No. 1 or 2018 Vol XX No. 2. Two hard copies of each issue will be sent soon to each unit in the appropriate language for archival purposes. We are very grateful to all who have helped edit, translate, proof and prepare the publication of the Chapter Acts, especially to Mrs. Eva Teichmann, Communications Officer, and Fr. Raúl Gómez Ruiz, outgoing General Secretary.

Catalogus Generalis 2018



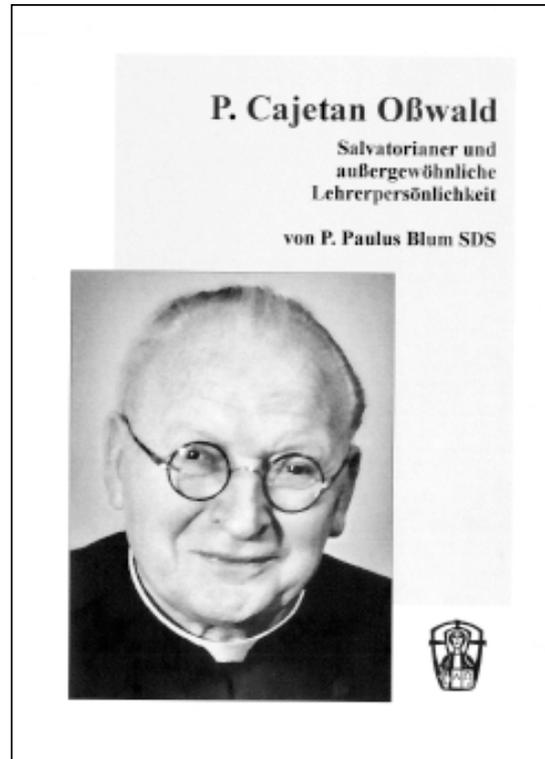
The latest edition of the *Catalogus Generalis: Membership and Necrology of the Society of the Divine Savior*, is available as of 08 DEC 18 online at www.sds.org under the members section for downloading. It, along with the database of members, is updated as new information is received. In addition, members who have activated their @mailsd.org email address can access the database on line for addresses and contact information at <http://93.51.210.14:8081/sdsonline>. The *Catalogus* is printed only in a limited edition for archival purposes. Therefore, in the interest of keeping the database and information about our members as current as possible we invite the communications contacts of each unit to send updates as changes occur to following email address: generalate-secretariat@mailsd.org. The updated *Catalogus* on our website will contain the date of the latest changes on the cover.

Salvatorians Worth Knowing



The International Historical Commission has published three more issues of this series, available through the General Secretariat (generalate-secretariat@mailsds.org). They include *Father Winfrid Herbst: Preacher and Author* (in English by Fr. Steven Avella), *Ks. Tomasz Weigang: Wyrwały i wierny charyzmatowi Założyciel* (in Polish by Fr. Ireneusz Kiełbasa SDS) and *Ks. Paschalis Schmid: Ojciec Soboty Kapłańskiej* (in Polish by Fr. Bogdan Giemza SDS). There are now 10 in this series introducing Salvatorian individuals who have made a great impact through their lives and ministry. Other issues are still in production. We are grateful to those who continue to work on this series and look forward to more.

Fr. Cajetan Osswald, Timeless Model of a Teacher



Paulus Blum: *P. Cajetan Osswald. Salvatorianer und außergewöhnliche Lehrerpersönlichkeit* [Fr. Cajetan Osswald, a Salvatorian and an Extraordinary Teacher's Personality]. Fr. Paulus Blum SDS was a student of Fr. Cajetan Osswald whom he knew for 20 years. In later years he lived with this venerated formator and confrere in the Bad Wurzach community. Based upon extensive research, his own experience and many statements from contemporaries he was able to retrace an interesting curriculum of this "charismatic teacher" and Salvatorian. At the same time, he presents the history of the two Salvatorian colleges in Hörbranz-Lochau and Bad Wurzach. As Fr. Paulus writes in his preface: "Reflecting on Fr. Cajetan Osswald is not only about refreshing memories of those who knew him personally, but it also provides a motive for one's own dealing with the past as well as a personal imperative for the future." The book can be requested at the German Provincialate in return for a donation.



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