



### “The Savior’s Mission is our Passion”

Salvatorian spirituality is totally centered in Christ Jesus, the one who is consecrated to be Savior. Fr. Jordan is very clear when he affirms, *“Jesus is our mentor”*. And he insists: *“Let this be our motto: I must become like my divine model”*. Inspired by our mentor, Christ Jesus, and through the saving love of the Father revealed in him, we commit ourselves through the profession of the evangelical counsels, taking on his life of poverty, chastity, obedience and apostolate.

Following the example of Christ the Savior, the primary focus of every Salvatorian is the revelation of God the Savior in the totality of our being and action. Jesus Christ, our exemplar, not only reveals the Father through his words and actions but also through his entire way of being. Thus, like our mentor, Christ the Savior, who is one with the Father, we are called to discover the integration of our whole person in contemplation and action, stripping ourselves of all that does not reflect our divine model. Only in this way we become living signs of God’s saving love, capable of attracting others to him and his mission.

Our apostolic action takes its inspiration from the action of Christ the Savior, who came to bestow eternal life in abundance upon everyone. Father Jordan points to Jesus, saying: *“Think of what the Savior himself did for the salvation of souls. Think of how the holy apostles notably St. Paul labored for the salvation of souls”*. Before he proposes our mission to us, Jordan insists for himself: *“Never forget the wonderful works of God... In all your actions and behavior, significant and insignificant, let your guiding motto be: All for the greater glory of God... and for the salvation of souls”*. And he directs us by saying: *“We are called to work for the salvation of souls. And how are we to work if we have no zeal?”*

The approach which should characterize our life and apostolate also finds its inspiration in our model, Jesus Christ. Reading the writings of Fr. Jordan that refer to the Salvatorian mission, we notice a striking characteristic: the insistent call to form lay persons to be apostles or to always involve more people. We know that Jesus did not choose to act alone. From the beginning of his public life, he calls persons to follow him and to be his disciples. He calls, persuades, motivates and prepares people. And he makes them his followers, leaders and successors to continue his mission. And then, he continues to accompany them through his Spirit, who teaches all truth.

The spirit of the Savior is grounded in an inclusive love which desires salvation for everyone. This universal love should be the basic characteristic of our Salvatorian life. Fr. Jordan says, *“But love, I might say, should also be like a mother towards her child. It should be true, ready to make sacrifices, patient, attentive... It should embrace all... If our love is from God, then we shall love all... This universal love is especially and specifically for our Society”*. *“Christ died for all; because of this, our Society possesses a universal character... “Therefore, open wide your hearts and exert yourselves to be all in all, in order to win all for Christ”*.

Dear confreres as we are in the Salvatorian Missionary year let us imbibe the spirit of Jesus Christ guided by the Charism communicated to us by the Founder and continue our mission passionately for the “Glory of God and Salvation of souls”.

Fr. Sunil Thomas SDS  
Vicariate Superior



## Salvatorian Missionary Year

January 17, 2015 marked very important day for our Salvatorian Family as we celebrated the opening of Salvatorian Missionary Year. It was 125 years ago, in 1890, our Venerable Founder, Father Francis Jordan, sent the first Salvatorian Missionaries to Assam, in India. We began this memorable day with a Eucharistic Celebration and in his homily Fr. Sunil highlighted the theme “*The Savior’s Mission is our Passion*”.



In the evening we had special prayer service during which Fr. James gave a short presentation on mission. We also dedicated a Musical Album, “*Saviour*” to the Salvatorian Missionary Year, written by Dn. Joby Philip SDS.

## Sts. Peter and Paul Parish -Laitkynsew

February 1, 2015 marked one of the important days in the history of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish at Laitkynsew. The parish church which got renovated was rededicated by Most Rev. Dominic Jala, the Archbishop of Shillong. There was also the inauguration of Divine Saviour English Medium School and community centre which is the new initiative supported by SOFIA. The school was blessed by the bishop and inaugurated by Fr. Sunil Thomas SDS, the vicariate superior. The bishop spoke about the contributions of the first missionaries and the need to continue their mission. During the holy mass, the bishop also declared the “Year of the Consecrated Life.” In the afternoon there was a Eucharistic procession where many faithful participated. Our confreres from Shillong, Nagaon and Salvatorian sisters attended the celebration.





## Official Inauguration of DPMT (Daughters of Presentation of Mary in the Temple) Convent at Dhing

It was a red letter day in the annals of SDS & DPMT when finally, Presentation sisters from St. Joseph Province signed off an agreement with SDS, deciding to collaborate with Salvatorian Fathers in the Mission and School Ministry at Dhing on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2015. On this gracious occasion, Rev. Fr. Varaprasad SDS, the Principal welcomed the gathering, while, Rev. Sr. Beena, the new community superior introduced the DPMT Congregation and their Apostolate briefly in her introductory address.

Rev. Fr. Sunil Thomas SDS, the Vicariate Superior presided over the Eucharistic Celebration and exhorted the sisters in the homily to take heart when difficulties arise in the Mission not to lose hope but be persistent and trust & hope in the Lord; for he will never abandon His people. Rev. Sr. Tessy DPMT, the Provincial Superior of St. Joseph Province called for the pioneer Srs. Beena, Theresa & Ligi to render their services selflessly in collaboration with Salvatorian Fathers for the Mission & School Ministry. Fathers and brothers from Nagaon along with Venerini, Missionaries of Charity, Hospitalier Sisters of Mercy and FCC Sisters joined the celebration with the residing staff of CJS, Dhing.



## Project Management and Fundraising Workshop

From the 8-13, February a National level workshop on Project Management and Fundraising was held at the North Eastern Diocesan Social Forum, Guwahati. It was conducted by Fr. Lord Winner CMF. He trained the participants about the donor agencies, identifying the problems, baseline survey, writing projects, implementing, monitoring and other techniques. Fr. Sunil, Fr. Vimal, Fr. Chinnaiah and Fr. Johnson participated in the workshop. They benefitted much from this workshop.



**Prayers Requests**

- For the beatification of our Venerable Founder.
- Vocations to the Society
- For the benefactors
- For the deceased members
- For the Silver Jubilee
- For the Missionary Year 2015