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Dear Salvatorians,

First of all we wish to send our warm greetings from the Meeting of the International Joint Charism Commission (IJCC) at the Motherhouse of the Society in Rome, where we have been gathered from 10 until 15 July 2017.

One of the topics we have been working on, in response to the request of the General Chapters and Assemblies of the different branches of our beloved Salvatorian Family and their current leaderships, is the need for Salvatorians around the world to deepen our identity as a "Family." Some of the discussions stressed increasing the awareness among us that all members share equally in the Salvatorian Charism, Spirituality and Mission, though the expressions differ. And that wherever possible in the Salvatorian World, the different branches of the Salvatorian Family should collaborate in order to deepen and invigorate our Identity.

While we were considering how we, as the IJCC, could help our Salvatorian Family all over the world implement this decision, we noted also the approaching centennial of Father Francis Jordan's death in September 2018. We think that the centennial provides a very good opportunity to reach the goal of being more aware and sharing our Salvatorian Charism, Spirituality and Mission and we want to encourage all the units to celebrate this centennial.

Starting from this point of view, the IJCC has prepared a reflection process to be used individually and in the communities, with a culminating reflection at a date to be determined in each unit. Although reflections at length on the Charter of the Salvatorian Family were done, this process brings us back to the Charter because it is the most up-to-date statement of our common Identity. The appreciation of our Identity as a Salvatorian Family is a lifetime process that we have to revisit frequently and the Charter provides a good starting point.

The proposed reflection process moves through the Charter, chapter by chapter. Then, as a way to commemorate the centennial of Fr. Francis Jordan's death, it culminates in a creative reflection on his Last Will and Testament.

It is our deepest hope that this process will refresh the fire and love for our Salvatorian Identity that is already burning within you. We thank you in advance for embracing this process with an open heart and open mind.

In the Divine Saviour,

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