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Salvatorian family leadership members at the public audience with Pope Leo XIV

ONE MISSION, ONE FAMILY: IJLG MEETING

The Salvatorian Family leadership teams of the Sisters of the Divine Savior (Salvatorian Sisters) Society of the Divine Savior (Salvatorian Fathers and Brothers) and the International Community of the Divine Savior (Lay Salvatorians) gathered on October 8 -11, 2025 at the Motherhouse of the Society of the Divine Savior. This International Joint Leadership Group (IJLG) meeting is a significant moment of communion, discernment and shared mission and a living expression of the charism entrusted by Blessed Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan.

The 22 participants composed of 6 Salvatorian Sisters, 10 Salvatorian Fathers and 6 Lay Salvatorians discussed current pastoral realities, explored new opportunities for joint initiatives, and strengthened their sense of unity as one global Salvatorian Family. The meeting highlighted the importance of working together across cultures and ministries to make the Savior known in today's world.

The encounter commenced with an audience with the His Holiness, Pope Leo XIV and concluded with a renewed spirit of cooperation and hope, affirming the shared responsibility of carrying forward the Salvatorian charism with creativity, openness and faith.

25 YEARS OF MISSION AND GRACE: SHELDI FORMATION HOUSE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On October 12, 2025, in the Sheldi village of Scutari in Albania, the Salvatorian family experienced a day of great joy and gratitude, celebrating the 25th anniversary of the opening of the Formation House, a concrete sign of presence, service, and hope. The celebration was made even more meaningful by the presence of Bishop Giovanni Peragine, who presided over Holy Mass, the central moment of the day. The occasion was attended by numerous faithful and Salvatorian lay people who have been active in the parish for several years. It was wonderful that some sisters came from Rome representing the Generalate and other Sisters from Porrino and Merano, witnessing the communion and unity that characterizes the Salvatorian mission at this historic moment.

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We are named after the highest Lord of heaven and earth, who came and descended: "The Saviour of the World was born!". If we want to name ourselves after him, we see how important it is to imitate him.....

Blessed Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan, JT 1899/12/12

During this important anniversary, the new Psycho-Spiritual Center was also inaugurated, a space designed to continue and strengthen the work of accompanying people. The center was created with the aim of offering integral help, promoting human, psychological, and above all spiritual formation, responding to the concrete needs of individuals and society.

This inauguration represents a further step in the journey that began 25 years ago: a journey of listening, dedication, professionalism, and faith, always oriented toward the good of the whole person. With grateful hearts, the community thanks the Lord for all that has been accomplished in these years and for what He continues to do through the Salvatorian mission, entrusting to Him the future of all those who will find welcome, support, and hope there.



Sr. Brigitte Thalhammer SDS at the inauguration of the Quendra Salvator mundi in Sheldi



57 YEARS OF BLESSED INSPIRATION: HONORING MARY OF THE APOSTLES

Therese von Wüllenweber, now known to the Sisters of the Divine Saviour (Salvatorian Sisters) as Blessed Mary of the Apostles, is the first Superior General of the Salvatorians who, in recognition of her personal virtues and values; trust in divine providence and commitment to the missions was beatified on October 13, 1968. On the 57th year of her beatification, October 13, 2025, the sisters had a simple celebration to commemorate this blessed day.

CROSSING CONTINENTS: THE FIRST SDS INTERNATIONAL ON-GOING FORMATION WORKSHOP ONLINE



As mandated in the enactments of the XXII General Chapter in 2024; to enhance holistic, synodal and intercultural formation for all members, at all levels, the 1st Salvatorian Sisters online ongoing formation was held on October 21, 2025. The topic primarily focused on strengthening the understanding of key concepts of interculturality and promoting critical reflection on prejudices, stereotypes, and racism. The invited guest speaker, Sr. Paula Jordão, hails from Portugal. She is a member of the Verbum Dei Missionary Fraternity.

After more than 30 years of missionary life, Sr. Paula lives in Rome currently and is the formation coordinator for the International Union of Superior General (UISG). 174 Salvatorian Sisters from 18 countries and speaking 7 different languages were present online.

As a universal congregation, we are living out our Salvatorian identity and showing that universal love is the bedrock of a rich interculturality. When we embrace our differences, our communities truly become places of joy and love.

May the dear God allow you to experience this day as one of undisturbed joy. May he gift you with renewed youthful strength, so that you can carry on.....

Blessed Mary of the Apostles Letter in LD note 144

CELEBRATING A WELL-LIVED SALVATORIAN RELIGIOUS LIFE!

The Congregation is blessed with sisters from around the world who devotedly dedicated themselves to the Salvatorian life and mission. Congratulations to the following on their jubilees of religious profession.

25 Years of Religious Profession:

- Sr. Benita Malar Reval (Holy Land)
- Sr. Dilani Perera (Sri Lanka)
- Sr. Vasanthini Dionysious (Sri Lanka)
- Sr. Françoise Kayakez Nasol (Congo)
- Sr. Melpomene Kayiba Mwamba (Congo)
- Sr. Astrid Kateni Kalala (Congo)
- Sr. Virginie Kat Kot (Congo)
- Sr. Yvette Ditemb Nakatshez (Congo)
- Sr. Sylvie Thumba Mutshima (Congo)

40 Years of Religious Profession:

- Sr. Maria Yaneth Moreno Rodriguez (Generalate)
- Sr. Nubia Marina Medina Moncada (Colombia)

50 Years of Religious Profession

- Sr. Selvarani Fernandopulle (Sri Lanka)

NOTE: Some of the sisters who celebrated their Jubilees in August 2025 were not included in the 3rd Quarter Edition of *Informationes*, therefore, we include them here.

TOGETHER ON THE WAY – MEETING OF EUROPEAN LEADERS

Rapid change is shaping the political situation in Europe as well as the situation in our communities. In 2022, after consultation and discernment, the decision was made that some units would merge. We are now in the middle of this process. In 2027, nine units will become four: Belgium/England/Poland; Germany/Austria; Italy/Motherhouse/South Tyrol; and the Holy Land (which already includes Israel, Palestine, and Jordan). During the meeting in Rome on November 14–15, 2025, the participants discussed the next steps: what can we learn from each other? What will remain different in each of the future units? How can we come together as one in our diversity and preserve that diversity? Interculturality is playing an increasingly important role in this. What structure will best serve us so that the sisters can live out our Salvatorian Mission according to their vocation? In some ways we need to say goodbye to the familiar and open space for the new, that is yet to come.



Members of the ELG meeting in Rome, 2025

VISIT IN COLOMBIA

Sr. Maria Yaneth Moreno Rodriguez – General Superior and Sr. Suneela Polimetla – Generalate Contact Person for Colombia Province came for a visit to Colombia from November 21, 2025 to January 7, 2026. This was the first visit made by Sr. Suneela to the province. This became a moment of getting to know the place and the people in the province for her.

During this time, Sr. Maria Yaneth was able to celebrate her 40th year of religious profession on December 8, 2025 together with some other jubilarians from the province of Colombia. It was also a privileged time for Sr. Maria Yaneth to celebrate this momentous moment in real time with her loved ones and family.



Sr. Maria Yaneth and Sr. Suneela on their arrival in Colombia

UNITED IN ORIGIN: CELEBRATING 144 AND 137 YEARS OF SALVATORIAN MISSION

On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, 2025 was the 144th foundation day of the Society of the Divine Savior and the 137th foundation day of the Sisters of the Divine Savior by Blessed Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan. It was a day of reflection and celebration of the Salvatorian Family's mission and the charism given to our founder for the Church. The foundation day was observed with the celebration of the Holy Mass and the renewal of religious vows as Salvatorians, which are part of the commitment to the mission as envisioned by our founder. Each celebration was held at different times at the Motherhouses of each branch in Rome.

WARM AND JOYFUL CHRISTMAS GATHERING WITH OUR EMPLOYEES

The Christmas season is always a special time, and every year we gather our employees for prayer and togetherness. On December 19, 2025, we took that moment to pause and reflect on the gift of Christmas, the birth of Jesus. At the same time in this celebration, we expressed our gratitude for the people who work with us and are a blessing to the Salvatorian Sisters here in the Generalate and in the Motherhouse. The moment was filled with cheerful conversations; shared laughter and a sense of unity that reminded us how important human connection is in the workplace.



Generalate members celebrating Christmas with the Staff, Rome

As we look ahead to a new year full of opportunities, the Christmas celebration served as a meaningful reminder, what a strength lies in our people. Moment like this reinforce our commitment to fostering a positive, supportive, and joyful workplace. For our employees, the celebration is an invitation to trust that their work is more than a job – it is a calling rooted in dignity, patience, and love.

CELEBRATING THE NATIVITY OF THE DIVINE SAVIOR AND THE 118TH DEATH ANNIVERSARY OF BLESSED MARY OF THE APOSTLES

Each year, the Church invites the faithful to contemplate the mystery of God's love made visible in the Nativity of the Divine Savior, December 25 – a solemnity that proclaims the astonishing truth that the eternal Word became flesh for the salvation of humanity.

Yearly, this celebration takes on a special resonance as it coincides with the death anniversary of Blessed Mary of the Apostles. Born into a German noble family in 1833, she felt a missionary calling from a young age. Instead of a life of luxury, she chose a path of service. While the midnight celebration of Christmas Day was ongoing, she passed away peacefully. Her life and legacy offer a powerful witness to what it means to respond to the Savior's birth with courageous faith and missionary zeal. This year, December 25, 2025, is the 118th death anniversary of Blessed Mary of the Apostles and the sisters from the Motherhouse joined together for a Holy Mass presided over by Rev. Fr. Hubert Kranz, SDS.



GENERALATE PROGRAM

<i>Date</i>	<i>What?</i>	<i>Who?</i>
January 5 - 9	Provincial Chapter of Brazil, São Paulo	Sr. Jacqueline
January 8 - 9	UISG Rome Constellation Meeting of General Superiors	Sr. Maria Yaneth
January 27	2nd Salvatorian Online Workshop: Key Elements from the Salvatorian Charism and Spirituality about Interculturality. Including the aspect of Healing and Reconciliation. Speaker, Sr. Dulcelene Fatima Cecato, Brazil Santa Catarina	All Generalate Members
January 28	Meeting with SDS Share Global Solidarity Office Head of Projects, Mrs. Ursula Schulten	All Generalate Members
February 1 – March 15	Official Visitation to Sri Lanka	Sr. Maria Yaneth & Sr. Suneela
February 2 - 5	Visit to Hungary	Sr. Brigitte & Sr. Ellen
February 16 – March 28	Home Visit	Sr. Jacqueline
February 21 - 23	5-Year Strategic Planning of JPIC Salvatorian Family Commission	
February 25 – March 24	Visit to Tanzania	Sr. Ellen
March 10 – 12	International Commission for Salvatorian Identity and Mission (ICSIM) Members In-Person Meeting in Rome	
March 11 -13	UISG Deeply Rooted Synodal Leadership: Trauma Informed Leadership	All Generalate Members
March 20 - 28	Asian Continental Meeting in Sri Lanka	Sr. Maria Yaneth, Sr. Brigitte & Sr. Suneela