

## ABCs of Salvatorian Life, Vol. II



### **INCLUSIVE LOVE**

*Love everyone! Everyone has failings, more or less. But you should exclude no one from your love.*

[Father Jordan, *Jordan Talks*, 1899/03/31]

***A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”***

[John 13:34-35]

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Moved by a deep experience of God, the situation of the Church, and the reality of his time, Father Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan was filled with an urgent desire that all people know the one true God and experience fullness of life through Jesus the Savior. His vision was to unite all the apostolic forces in the Church to love and proclaim Jesus as the Savior to a world in need of God. He included people from all ages and all walks of life, working together everywhere and by all ways and means.

[*Charter of the Salvatorian Family*, no. 1]

But be very loving, understanding, and compassionate to the poor, the sick, the despised, the abandoned. . . See in every person the immortal soul purchased by the Precious Blood, and never look down on anyone.

[Father Jordan, *Spiritual Diary*, I/133]

Great danger threatens a nation in which authority is not respected and the commandment of love of neighbor, which also includes enemies, is violated.

[Father Jordan, *Spiritual Diary*, II/83]

The spirit of the Savior is grounded in an inclusive love which desires salvation for everyone. This all-inclusive or universal love is a basic characteristic of our Salvatorian spirituality. The glory of God is the salvation of all men and women.

[Fr. Arno Boesing, SDS, *Salvatorian Key Elements*, Part 1, p. 91]

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### **Reflection Starters**

- How do I live my life in such a way as to “exclude no one” from my love?
- Would a visitor to our group know that we are disciples because of our love?
- How do we show our love for our “enemy”?

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### **For further reading and reflection:**

1. *Charter of the Salvatorian Family*, 2012, Sections 1 & 4
2. Sr. Carol Thresher, SDS, “Exploring Universality as Inclusive Love,” *Salvatorian Key Elements*, Part 6 Available in the Online SDS Library.
3. Father Jordan, *Jordan Talks*, 1899/03/31