

## **V** **VOWS**

*The rule of this order is to observe the holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ by living obedience, Poverty, Chastity and the Apostolate.*

[Reg. 1884 as cited in the Society's Constitution and General Directory, 2012]

***When a man makes a vow to the Lord, or swears an oath to bind himself by a pledge, he shall not break his word; he shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth.***

[Numbers 30:3]

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In his own vows which he (Jordan) professed on Passion Sunday (March 11, 1883) he not only promised to live according to the evangelical counsels, he also promised to dedicate his life to the honor of God and the salvation of souls.

[*Spiritual Diary*, 2011, p. 157]

We are united by our commitment to the mission as envisioned by our Founder, forming one family of zealous apostles who announce to all the salvation that has appeared in Jesus Christ.

[*Charter of the Salvatorian Family*, no. 3]

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### **Reflection Starters**

- Salvatorian Religious make vows and Lay Salvatorians make commitments. Both involve keeping promises. What practices help me to evaluate how well I am keeping my promises?
- What supports are present in my life that help me to stay faithful to my vows/commitments?

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

1. Father Jordan, *Jordan Talks*, 1895/03/18; 1892/10/04