

HOPE



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STARTING POINT

Having faith about where God calls us to serve is rarely a journey into the unknown. Moreover, it is an act of trust that calls us to surrender our personal comfort, ambition, and even security to allow God's divine plan to unfold for us. It is conviction to our faith that we trust His plan is better than our own. Faith requires us to replace fear of uncertainty with obedience.

Having trust in God's plan asks us, religious and lay alike, to be sensitive and open to nudges, whether a clear door opens before us or we feel a burning desire to meet a specific

need. It allows us to recognize fear as evil's attempt to deter us.

As we welcome and introduce you to the newest members of the USA Province Salvatorians, our Tanzanian friends, we remind you that they, as well as each of us, are challenged to move ourselves from comfortable Christians to "in service" agents of God.

In the Divine Savior,

Fr. Silas Hewera, SDS



PREPARATIONS UNDERWAY

Salvatorians around the world will officially celebrate the 150th Jubilee of their founding by Blessed Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan on December 8, 2031. This celebration marks the longevity and relevance of the vision and mission of our Founder's call to start an apostolic movement in 1881.

In preparation for this landmark event, an appointed commission will plan a global celebration of all the Salvatorian missions and ministries established in over 46 countries during those 150 years. The event will be a realization of Blessed Jordan's call to make the

Savior's love known throughout the world. The vision is to commemorate what is – with the hope of what is yet to come.

Through all ways and means (presentations, publications, media, special events, pilgrimages, programs, Masses, prayers, and more), the Salvatorians hope to convey our charisma, identity, and spirituality throughout the years and in the years to come.

The International 150th Jubilee Preparations Commission met in Rome to draft a first plan of action for the Jubilee year. Fr. Joseph Rodrigues, SDS, Vicar General of the Society of

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TANZANIANS JOIN USA PROVINCE

“Often religious communities restrict their visions of ministry to their local provinces or countries. However, that’s not the case with Salvatorians,” said Fr. Tom Tureman, SDS, USA Province Provincial. “With the arrival of these young missionaries from our Tanzania pro-province we are reminded again that our mission does not end at the border.”

Raised in a family of eight children, **Fr. Edward Lupaka, SDS**, is the sixth child of his parents, Yustina and Thobias. He grew up in Tanzania in the Mtwara region where he was an altar server at his Benedictine parish starting in his primary school years. He was intrigued by the priests of the parish, who ultimately helped plant within him the seed of discernment toward the priesthood.

While attending the minor seminary, St. Benedict Namupa in the diocese of Lindi, Tanzania, Fr. Lupaka came to know Salvatorians who were studying there. Influenced by their community life and strong sense of brotherhood, Fr. Lupaka approached them to learn more about the charisms and spirituality of the Society of the Divine Savior. Their guidance ultimately led to the realization that he, in turn, was drawn to the Salvatorians.

In October 2010, he entered the Salvatorian formation program at the St. Joseph Namiungo Formation House in the Diocese of Tunduru-Masasi, Tanzania. He earned his Philosophy and Theology degrees, and was ordained a priest in August 2022, at Jordan University College by Bishop Lazarus

Vitalis Msimbe, SDS, the Bishop of Morogoro, Tanzania.

Fr. Lupaka began his ministry as a formator at the St. Joseph Formation House, and then, in 2023, was appointed Superior of the House and chairman of the religious until being asked to travel to the USA. He was

welcomed at the Provincial House of the United States Province this past November and has been learning many things, especially concerning the culture, traditions, and regulations of the country. “My presence in the USA Province is the continuation of the work of making Jesus known to all and responds to our Founder’s vision for universality,” said Fr. Lupaka.

He begins his ministry at St. Pius X Parish in Wauwatosa, WI, this summer as associate pastor.



Fr. Lupaka (r) at his ordination



Fr. Lupaka at the formation house garden with candidates and postulants

Born and raised in northern Tanzania – the Kilimanjaro region – into a family of 11 children, **Fr. Colman Mtenga, SDS**, is the eighth child of his parents, David and Maria.

The Salvatorian charism and spirit were closely aligned with Fr. Mtenga as he discerned God’s call to serve as a religious priest. His formation spanned different levels and took him to many places, beginning at Namiungo as a candidate and postulant, then to Nakapanya for his novitiate year, then at Tshabula in the Democratic Republic of Congo for Philosophy classes, and finally to Mater Salvatoris



(l) Fr. Mtenga at Priestly Ordination with Fr. Tesha (provincial superior at the time) and Bishop Filbert Mhasi (Tunduru diocese)



(l) Fr. Mtenga at the formation house – saying farewell after two years

Scholastic where he earned his degree in Theology at Jordan University College in Africa.

After his ordination in 2023, he was quickly assigned to the Namiungo Formation House for pastoral ministry where he

served until his Provincial Superior and council made the decision to appoint a few members to travel to the USA to minister.

Fr. Mtenga arrived at the USA Headquarters in November 2025. He has been acclimating to community life here, earning his USA driver's license, and participating in classes at Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology in Hales Corners, WI. Classes are designed to help him learn about ministry differences in the USA, as well as to help him with dialect transitions.

"Since arriving in the USA, life has been good," said Fr. Mtenga. "I appreciate the kindness of people I have encountered, and I am looking forward to the ministry that I will be assigned to in the coming months."

His favorite quote from the Founder, Blessed Francis Jordan, is: "Omnibus et ubique," which means "to everyone and everywhere." He said, "I like

this quote because it highlights the universality of Salvatorians and that we are all called to preach and teach the work of God to all creatures – everywhere without distinction."

The most recent to arrive in the United States is **Fr. Nicholaus Paschal Nkoronko, SDS**, from Tanzania.

After 21 hours of travel, just days after his ordination in late November, he arrived at the USA Provincial House in Milwaukee, WI. He is the sixth of 10 children born to Victoria Joseph Yongora and Paschal Nkoronko Ngoma.

Fr. Nkoronko was ordained a deacon in May 2025 at St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican. On November 29th he was ordained a Salvatorian priest in Masasi, Tanzania. Beyond his academic contributions, he served his province in Tanzania through technical work, including electrical and plumbing projects.

"I firmly believe that God calls us and places us exactly where we are meant to serve," said Fr. Nkoronko. "For me, becoming a Salvatorian was a central part of God's plan. Their charism and spirituality deeply moved me."



(l-r) Fr. Nkoronko celebrates his priestly ordination in Tanzania. Working on the installation of the electric bell at Mater Salvatoris in Rome

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In preparation for his future ministry in the USA later this year he has earned his driver's license, is completing Safe Environment training, and is taking part in intercultural competence programs at Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology in Hales Corners, WI. "I have been warmly welcomed by the entire Salvatorian Family of priests, brothers, sisters, and lay men and women," he said. "I am grateful to all who have made me feel so at home."

As a missionary, Fr. Nkoronko has shown that he is ready to serve wherever the Church and his congregation send him.

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*Welcome to the USA to our
Tanzanian Fathers!*

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the Divine Savior, has been appointed as the chairperson of the commission. Fr. Silas Henderson, SDS, Vicar of the USA Province, is one of 10 members of the commission, representing each continent.

As planning continues, members of our Salvatorian Family, considered experts, and other international commissions will participate in preparations to enrich this yearlong event.

With the collaboration and cooperation of our Salvatorian Family throughout the world, we will create a memorable and historical event in the life of the Salvatorians and of the Church as we continue to raise the awareness and knowledge of Blessed Francis Jordan, encourage people to pray for his intercession, and look forward to his canonization. All we need is one more miracle.

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OUR MISSION

In the spirit of our founder, Blessed Francis Jordan, the Society of the Divine Savior was founded more than 140 years ago and is a Catholic religious community working to share the love and mercy of our Savior, Jesus Christ, through all possible means.

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