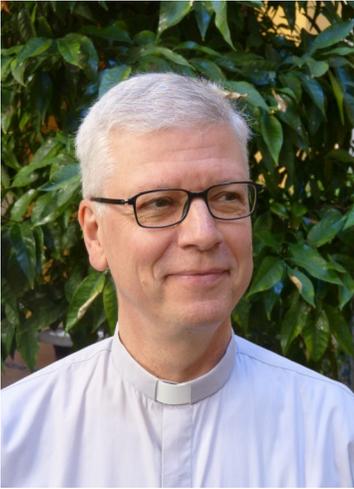


IL MISSIONARIO



The Savior is
born for us!



At the end of each calendar year, our mind and hearts are carried by the different festive occasions, which repeat themselves each year. For us Christians, Christmas is one of the highlights of the ecclesial and liturgical year. It is colder outside, so we look for warmth within our homes and communities. We look for the sense of family and unity. And on a deeper level, we look for peace, justice, light and hope. The incarnation of God's Eternal Word into our world has changed history forever. God gives his unconditional love for humankind a face: Jesus, the Christ who liberates the world from all its sins and brokenness. This great mystery of the faith however, is very simple in the image of Christmas. A migrant family, among the poorest, not noticed by the powerful and rich of this world. God is accessible for the lowest and simplest among us, so for sure, every human being can come to God's love. It only takes the conversion of heart, which is an itinerary that can take an entire lifetime.

And then there is the end of a calendar year. Of course, we know this is very relative. There are many different new year celebrations in the diverse cultures and continents. But at the end of a period, it is natural to look back. What has happened in the time that lies behind us? How did happenings, meetings, initiatives shape us? Did we progress, are we living in a better world than yesterday? It is tempting to only look at the wars, disasters of all kind, conflicts and unrest in many areas of our life and civil Society. The media, which we too willingly consume every day, do not pause to bring all of this before our eyes. However, we should not and cannot forget the good which is done untold by countless persons every day. Parents and grandparents which raise and care for their children. Workers that go to their workplace and carry out their job with dedication and professionalism. Neighbors which stand together in good and in bad days. Communities of all kind and parish groups which

make this world a better place for many in difficulties. And the hidden persons in our midst, that carry us in prayer. The small attentions which people express in unexpected ways. The things that are being done without asking and without expecting anything in return. All of this is important, it does not make great noise, but it is indispensable for life.

We are happy that in our community, many initiatives have been taken and many milestones have been reached. We name only the first priestly ordination from our international study house. Our young confrere Fr. Ruphin Kabondo is now working in a first assignment in the town of Fribourg in Switzerland. Or we mention the first student who engages in a practical pastoral year. Our confrere cleric Stefaan Peetermans is now giving his best in the young Salvatorian mission of Antananarivo on Madagascar. We cannot send out this magazine, without referring to our community participation in the centenary celebrations of the Salvatorian province in Austria, which was an intense Salvatorian formation in history and lived spirituality. We also must mention our community trip to the international formation house for Latin America in Madrid in Spain. We enjoyed a common workshop on Salvatorian spirituality topics and then participated together in the World Youth Day in Lisbon in Portugal. It was an intense summer period, but now, all our students are back into the normal rhythm and trying to acquire knowledge and wisdom for their future apostolates. At the end of this year 2023, we pray to the Divine Child, to send us his Light and to guide us in his footsteps in the time to come.



P. Piet Cuijpers, SDS



My name is **Eddy Ebunga Ndume**. I was born on December 6, 1993, in Kalemie, Democratic Republic of the Congo, in the current province of Tanganyika. I am the son of Eddy Ebunga, my father, and Espérance Kashindi, my mother. I am the second child in a family of five children. I attended primary school at Fac Mahito, and then secondary school at Sendwe, where I obtained a diploma in general pedagogy.

I joined the Salvatorian Propaedeutic in the years 2016-2017 in Lubumbashi. Subsequently, in the years 2017-2018, I went through the postulancy in N'tita, and in the years 2018-2019, I completed my novitiate in Lubumbashi. At the end of the novitiate, I made my first vows on 08/09/2019 in the Saint Abraham parish in Lubumbashi.

From the years 2019 to 2022, I studied philosophy at the Jean XXIII scholasticate, run by the Franciscan brothers, in Tshabula/Kolwezi. After completing my philosophy studies, I spent a year doing an internship in the Salvatorian community of Saint Francois in Sandoa. Following the internship, I came to Rome to study theology at the Gregorian University, being part of the international formation house at Tor de' Cenci, which is under our Generalate. I arrived in Rome on 26/09/2023

NOVEMBER

Saturday 18/11/2023

Our brother Adrian Hafner went to Vienna to attend a meeting of his province.

Sunday 19/11/2023

On this Sunday, as a community, we had two significant events: the first was a community lunch with the faithful of our chapel, a beautiful moment of sharing that allowed us to get to know each other. The second event was the visit of our Salvatorian sisters from the Motherhouse.



Wednesday 23/11/2023

Our brother Adrian Hafner returned to the community.

Friday 25/11/2023

Father Piet went to Fribourg, Switzerland. We celebrated the 86th birthday of Father Eugenio.

DECEMBER

Saturday 02/12/2023

Our community, along with the Motherhouse, had a monthly retreat at the Church of Santa Maria della Pietà in the Campo Santo Teutonico. It was a good day because during this retreat, the moderator, Father Edmund Power OSB, spoke to us about listening and wisdom. Even more delightful, we took a walk in the Vatican Gardens and captured some photos.

Monday 04/12/2023

Our brother Nicholas Paschal Nkoroko went to Mount Tabor for a retreat in preparation for his perpetual vows. He was accompanied by Father Charles Mushitu, the rector of the brothers in formation at Tor de' Cenci.

Wednesday 06/12/2023

Brother Nicholas Paschal Nkoroko and Father Charles Mushitu returned home after the retreat at Mount Tabor. We celebrated the birthday of our brother Eddy Ebunga Ndume.

Friday 08/12/2023

On this day, as we celebrate the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we also mark the 142nd anniversary of the foundation of our Society and the 135th anniversary of the foundation of the congregation of the Salvatorian Sisters. On this festive day, in the main chapel of our Tor De Cenci community, at the 9:00 AM Mass, our brother Nicholas Paschal Nkoroko made his perpetual vows, and our brothers Jean-Luc Kapend, Adrian Hafner, and Eddy Ebunga renewed their vows.



After Mass, a celebration was organized in the upper hall of our community with guests of our brother Nicholas and the community. On the same day, our entire community went to the Motherhouse for Solemn Vespers followed by Eucharistic Adoration. After this prayer, we went to the refectory for dinner.

Sunday 10/12/2023

We received a visit from the Salvatorian Sisters who came to greet us and extend wishes to our brother Nicholas, who made perpetual vows.

Saturday 25/12/2023

We celebrated the Christmas Mass in our large chapel.

Tuesday 26/12/2023

On this day, as we celebrated the martyrdom of Saint Stephen, we went in the afternoon to the Motherhouse of our Salvatorian sisters to extend Christmas and New Year wishes. It is worth noting that there, together with the sisters, we sang some Christmas carols and other songs in different languages.

Wednesday 27/12/2023

We welcomed Brother Joby from the Motherhouse to our community, who came to brief us on our new missions and the ongoing work.

Saturday 30/12/2023

We had the monthly recollection led by Father Jacek Nowak, SDS, who lives in our Motherhouse.

Sunday 31/12/2023

Here is the last day of the year. We celebrated the Mass at 9:00 AM in our large chapel. On the evening of this day and later at night, we celebrated as a community.



LECTORS ARE MINISTER OF THE WORD OF GOD

The readings of the Scriptures were an integral part of the Hebrew worship, and the early disciples came from that tradition. In the immediate post-apostolic period, the proclamation drawn from the Scriptures had become an integral part of Christian worship. In the writings of Saint Justin Martyr, circa 150, we have the earliest known account of a Mass: and on the day called Sunday, all those who live in the city or in the countryside gather in one place, and meditate the memories of the apostles or the writings of the prophets.



The Church has always venerated the divine Scriptures just as she venerates the body of the Lord, since, especially in the sacred liturgy, she unceasingly receives and offers to the faithful the bread of life from the table both of God's word and of Christ's body. (Dei Verbum 21)

According to the ancient tradition and teaching of the Church, readings other than the Gospel are proclaimed by readers or lay ministers called readers.

- The use of the term “lector” is reserved for those who are officially installed as such by the bishop and who are preparing for diaconal and/or priestly ordination.
- “Lectors” are those laypersons who proclaim the Scriptures in the liturgy.

READERS ARE PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD.

Listen to the Word of God with reverence and announce it with faith. (Dei Verbum 1)

The proclamation of the Word of God is truly a ministry in the Church. Priests, deacons, and readers bring the living Word of God to the liturgical assembly. In and through them, God speaks to the assembled faithful. The ministry of the Word, therefore, is treated with seriousness and great dignity.

The Word of God is not simply read during the liturgy but is proclaimed. Effective proclamation involves conveying the message with clarity, conviction, and appropriate rhythm. The announcement is a special ministry that presupposes faith and also arouses faith in those who hear the proclaimed Word.

WE MUST BE PREPARED TO PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

In order for the service of the Word to be effective, we must be prepared for their ministry. Preparation should be spiritual (prayer on the text and reflection on its message), scriptural (understanding the text and interpreting it sufficiently), and practical (mastering difficult words, learning correct pronunciation, and practicing speaking the text aloud).

The Sacred Scriptures, especially in their liturgical announcement, are a source of life and strength. When this Word is proclaimed in the Church and lived in practice, it enlightens the faithful through the action of the Holy Spirit and involves them in the entire mystery of the Lord as a reality to be lived. (Introduction to the Mass Lectionary No. 47).

I thank God for allowing me to be part of this ministry in the church. I am very sure that I am not worthy of it, but, as Saint Paul the apostle said, by the grace of God, I become what I am, and God always uses the small and the weak for His missions.

Br. Nicholaus Nkoronko, SDS

COMMUNITY LUNCH

We are living in a world where spending time together has become a luxury. Because everyone focuses only on their personal lives and forgets about the people around them especially the poor, the sick, and the elderly. Today, there are so many people who always have to run around with busy schedules, work in a hurry, eat in a hurry, talk in a hurry, and live in a hurry, and with their daily commitments, it causes many families to shrink their living space, neighbors to become distant, and old traditions to seem to fade away. Therefore, daring to spend time together with others has precious and meaningful value.



In the midst of all these commitments, if we can find time for each other, it also means that we have a place for that person in our heart. If we do not have moments to spend together, how can we listen to each other's heart, how can we know their problem, and how can we feel each other's feeling? With the thoughts of recreating a gathering for the faithful who come to attend Mass every Sunday in our chapel and with their agreement, on Sunday, November 19, we organized a community lunch with the faithful of our chapel in the hall of the Mater Salvatoris Formation House in Tor de' Cenci.

It was not the first time that we organized this community lunch together with these faithful, but it already becomes a tradition in our community. The purpose of this community lunch is to offer these faithful of our community a meeting of friendship, exchange, and space where we chat, play, sing, dance, eat together, and get to know each other.

That Sunday, November 19, as usual, in the morning at 9:00 a.m. we had the Eucharistic Celebration with the faithful in our chapel followed by a brief coffee time with them after Mass. Then people went back to their own homes to prepare food. At 12:30 we gathered again in our community hall and each

faithful brought the food they prepared. At 1:00 p.m. we started our community lunch. There were about 35 participants in this lunch. They are faithful elders and some young people who come every Sunday to our chapel for Mass and we the Salvatorian fathers and brothers.

In this community lunch, we shared and ate many kinds of food and dessert which are prepared very well by each of participants. We chatted, sang and danced. There were songs that brought memories of their youth to the participants. It was a beautiful, joyful, and meaningful community lunch. And at 3 p.m. we closed our meeting with great contentment, joy, and happiness.



For me, this community lunch is a great joy for us and for the faithful who come to our chapel for Sunday Mass. It is a precious occasion where we not only enjoy different kinds of good food, but also get to know each other more. Since everyone is busy with work on weekdays, the opportunity to meet each other is very rare; through this gathering, everyone has the opportunity to eat, chat and share life stories with each other.

From here, people have the opportunity to understand each other better, sympathize and share love for others, so that they become more connected. Seeing the smiles and happiness of the participants, I believe this community lunch is very beautiful and meaningful for each of us. I hope this tradition will be sustained and continued more often in the future in our community.

Dn. Joseph Ho Trong Hoa, SDS

THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary, one of the most important Marian feasts of the Catholic Church, is also a moment of great importance for the Salvatorian family, because this very day was chosen by Blessed Francis Jordan to found his work. The Tor de' Cenci community also celebrated this feast, in a special way: Father Milton Zonta, Superior General of the Society of the Divine Savior, came -together with other members of the Generalate and of the Motherhouse community- to our chapel to receive the renewal of vows of three confreres: Eddy-Ndume Ebunga (Congo), Jean-Luc Kapend (Congo) and Adrian Hafner (Romania), but also the perpetual vows of Nicholas Paschal Nkoronko (Tanzania). With perpetual vows, brother Nicholas committed himself for his whole life to be part of our Society, living according to the three evangelical counsels: celibate chastity, poverty and obedience.

The solemn celebration, in front of many guests from different parts of the world, present in Rome for study or for other reasons, was a source of great joy. The subsequent lunch, which was prepared by a few guests, was an incursion into Tanzanian cuisine, but not only.

The second important moment of this wonderful day was the celebration in the Motherhouse: Eucharistic Adoration, Solemn Vespers and the renewal of one's commitment to the Society of the three communities present - Generalate, Motherhouse and Tor de' Cenci, as is done every year in all Salvatorian communities around the world. After the spiritual nourishment, there was no lack of nourishment for the body either: we concluded the celebrations with a delicious fraternal meal.

Br. Adrian Hafner, SDS



(Perpetual vows Br. Nicholas, Tor de' Cenci)



(Solemn Vespers in the Founder's Chapel, Motherhouse)



MONTHLY RETREAT - DECEMBER

On December 2nd, 2023 a sense of fraternity and togetherness enveloped the communities of Tor de' Cenci and the Motherhouse as they gathered for their monthly recollection in anticipation of Christmas. The day unfolded as a beautiful and profound experience for each individual present.

Father Edmond Power OSB, through his insightful reflection, not only underscored but passionately reminded us of the profound significance of embracing the identity of being Salvatorians, drawing inspiration from biblical passages like Jn 17:3 and Dan 12:3. These scriptures, regarded as the foundation, encapsulate the fundamental elements of our Salvatorian identity, charism, spirituality, and mission. In his reflection, Father Edmond Power emphasized the dual qualities inherent in every Salvatorian: wisdom and a keen capacity to listen. These virtues, he asserted, are fundamental aspects that demand our contemplation and reflection. Let's think about these two things for a moment.

To be a Salvatorian is to embody wisdom, the ability to discern and make sound choices guided by a profound understanding of God's will. It goes beyond having mere knowledge; it extends to living in harmony with the teachings of the Church and the Constitutions of the Congregation. A Salvatorian, therefore, is someone actively

engaged in a life of virtue, practicing charity, seeking justice, and progressing in holiness.

Furthermore, a Salvatorian is a person who listens. He listens to the Words of God by actively contemplating and absorbing the messages and teachings it contains. Regular participation in liturgy as well as reading and reflecting on Scriptures should become our daily bread because it helps us discover God's will within us in a particular context where we find ourselves.

This listening ultimately gives us a compassionate ear for others and makes us actively caring and helpful for the needs, concerns, and joys of those around us.

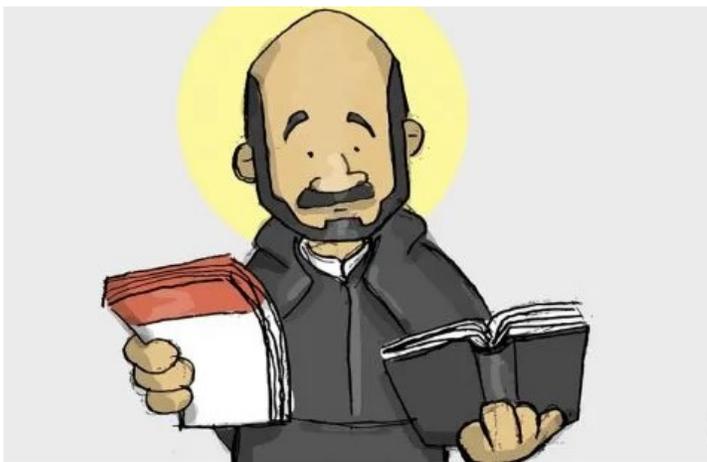
Therefore, being a Salvatorian transcends mere Identification; it is a lived experience marked by wisdom, active listening, and a commitment to living the virtues of charity, justice, and holiness in daily life. As we celebrate the mystery of the incarnation, let us be reminded that we are called to integrate these qualities into our own lives, fostering a deeper connection with our Salvatorian identity, charism, spirituality and mission.

Dn. Gabriel Da Costa, SDS

THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES

Among the works that stand out in spiritual literature, the book of the Spiritual Exercises by Ignatius of Loyola is always recognized. Today, even more pronouncedly, those aspiring to spiritual renewal turn to this book for inspiration. Naturally, the use of this book is not entirely simple. Therefore, it is not surprising that over time, many books have been published for its interpretation and practical utilization. Even today, such attempts are not lacking. Our article is one of them.

For Ignatius, spiritual life does not revolve around a gradual journey towards perfection independently of the concrete call of God, as Christian perfection is an obedient listening to God's call, a choice that comes from God. In this sense, we can say that the encounter of the person who listens and chooses with God who calls and elects is an event of freedom and love that is always current. The right fundamental attitude of the creature towards God who chooses and calls is availability.



Ignatius was not a specialized theologian, but moved by the Spirit of God, he had a new way of accessing the Gospel, which he found in the Exercises. He could enrich and make fruitful specialized theology. For this reason, theologians would do well to pay new attention to the Exercises and to revisit their theological content. But this attention is also beneficial for all those who want to deepen and renew their spiritual life at the school of a great master like Ignatius of Loyola. We want to explain three concepts around which the theology of the Exercises revolves: choice, availability, and obedience.

In the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the Virgin Mary is continually invoked to intercede in prayer for the one who is doing the Exercises. In availability, indeed in that of Mary to the message of the angel of God, the opening appears, because without it the exercitant cannot make a choice. The first week of the Ignatian Exercises, as well as the second to the fourth, deals with availability. It is not an attitude characterized by passivity, as it was in the religiosity of the Middle Ages and the late Middle Ages, but with Ignatius, it transforms into an active availability, firm with the ear stretched to the awaited call from God and simultaneously ready to be sent into action.

In choosing the divine choice, we see the fundamental event of the Exercises. The choice takes place within a "condition"; that is, the choice has a concrete ecclesial dimension. And the condition has a triple significance: the common condition of Christian life, the differentiated state of life (such as the priestly, matrimonial, and the evangelical counsels), and finally, the concrete placement in one or another of these states of life. These three elements need to be preserved for a good spiritual exercise.



Availability transforms into obedience in the face of the call coming from God. In the Exercises, obedience is discussed in the discourse on the “rules regarding listening to the Church” and in the constitutions that Ignatius wrote for the Society of Jesus; moreover, obedience also emerges in his letters, especially from a thematic point of view. In Ignatius, the theology of obedience undoubtedly springs from the third week of the Exercises as the noble passion to serve the Lord crucified in his weakness (Eleventh Rule), and, in doing so, to impress in oneself as concretely as possible the spirit “of the true Bride of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is our holy Mother, the hierarchical Church,” with the assurance of her readiness for obedience (Exercises no. 353).



These three elements help us answer the question, “What is the importance of doing the Spiritual Exercises?” First, the Exercises, as just seen, help us choose what God has chosen for us. That is, they help us gradually perceive God's will for our life and follow it. Second, the Exercises make our heart, indeed our whole being, available to welcome God into our life, to accept His message of love and salvation for us and for all humanity. Third, the exercises allow us to be obedient to God who reveals Himself to us and wants to speak to us.



Br. Jean-Luc Kapend, SDS



WHAT IS CHRISTMAS?

Christmas holds a profound religious significance as it commemorates the birth of Jesus Christ. The theological meaning of Christmas is centred in the Incarnation — meaning that: the union of Jesus Christ’s divine and human natures in one person. God made man in the person of Jesus Christ, became fully human while retaining his divinity. As we read the Gospel according to Saint John, presents “Jesus is the eternal word of God who became man and lived among us” (Jn 1:14), and that through our faith in him we may have life (Jn20:31).

Christmas is a celebration of God’s love and mercy manifested in the person of Jesus, who is the Saviour and the fulfilment of God’s promise to humanity. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that:

With the Nicene Creed, we answer by confessing: «For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man» (CCC 456).

God became incarnate in the person of Jesus Christ for the salvation of humanity. He did so to reconcile us sinners with God, to have us experience, make us

touch, see, hear, and learn of God’s infinite humility, compassion and love. He also came to be our model of holiness, to learn us how to relate to each other, to the environment and how to relate with our creator. In other words, we can say as Peter says, He came to make us «...partakers of the divine nature...» (2 Pt 1:4)

Christmas celebrations begin on the evening of December 24th with the Christmas Vigil Mass. This Mass marks the beginning of the liturgical celebration of the Nativity of Jesus Christ, further more Christmas season includes the Octave (eight days). Each day within the Octave is treated as a Solemnity, and it emphasizes the joy and significance of the feast.

The Eight days (The Octave) within the Christmas season

The theological significance of the Octave of Christmas is rooted in the continuation and deepening of the celebration of the Incarnation—the central mystery of Christmas. The Octave allows for a prolonged and intensified focus on the mystery of the Incarnation. It provides an extended period for believers to reflect on the profound theological implications of God becoming human in the person of Jesus Christ. The liturgical readings and prayers



during the Octave often emphasize the themes of the Word made Flesh, emphasizing the divine nature of Christ and the significance of his birth for humanity. The tradition of celebrating octaves in the liturgical calendar has ancient roots. The number eight, in Christian symbolism, is associated with regeneration and new beginnings. The Octave of Christmas, therefore, symbolizes the new life and hope brought by the birth of Jesus Christ the saviour of the Universe. The Octave includes the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on January 1st. This feast commemorates the circumcision of Jesus, highlighting his submission to the Law and his entry into the human family.

Furthermore, Christmas season extends beyond the Octave, it continues until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which is usually celebrated on the Sunday after January 6th (the traditional date of Epiphany). The Baptism of the Lord marks the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar. During the Christmas season, Catholics focus on the themes of hope, joy, peace, and love, reflecting on the significance of the birth of Jesus as the ultimate expression of God's love for humanity.



Dn. Boniface Philipo Chimogwa SDS

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



The word epiphany comes from the Greek επιφάνεια which means "powerful manifestation". This word was used to announce the arrival of the king or a king in a city. But to the classical world it was attributed a divine meaning, the manifestation of God in a portentous event. In the Latin church, that is, in our church, Epiphany is also known as the feast of light; because the light of all of us is called Jesus Christ, He Himself said it: "I am the light of the world and whoever follows me does not walk in darkness" (Jn 8:12).

That light is universal, it is not only for the Jews, but for everyone, which is why the figure of the Magi of the East gives the precise touch to talk about that universality. Those Magi who followed the light of that star were filled with joy when they came to adore Jesus, because Jesus, who is the light, illuminated their hearts, they were filled with human joy in front of that child, in the humility of that manifestation of God, they found the light, but to find that light there was a whole process, a path to follow.

What is this process? Even the history of the wise men, which is also our own human history, has gone

through a whole process, to get to the point where we find ourselves today. For example, first: they are called by a star, second: they set off on a path for desert lands, third: they lose the star and search in humanity, that is in the sages of Jerusalem, how to find that light, but they failed, fourth: they find it again and go on the search again, and the fifth: they find that light, the light of child. This process is ours.

We too have a personal call, just as through that star they were called to get up and undertake a journey, we Christians too have a personal call due to our faith, God calls each of us, our presence in the Church is for that call, we are not a club of credentialed Christians, no. We are a church, a church that was called by God, by the Holy Spirit, and we were attracted by the search for God. That call comes to shake our life, because thanks to that call I have faith, hope and charity, I have Christian values who help me walk and I know that the supreme value of my life is God, He is the light.

We also all have the experience that when we rely too much on what is human, when we get involved in everyday problems, we lose the north of the star. When we seek the solution to all our problems in human wisdom or we seek it in power or money, we too become disoriented and lose the star, the star of faith hides, abandons us because we no longer have faith in it, just as happened to the Magi. Only when we approach the Lord again with sincerity, with simplicity, recognizing our mistakes, will we rediscover that light that leads us to that source that is Jesus, and then peace and joy will flood us, just as the Magi experienced. So let's not get lost, nor stop allowing ourselves to be accompanied by that light.

Dn. Adrian Novelo, SDS

Christmas is the celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ which took place more than two thousand years ago. In fact, it is the birthday of our Lord Jesus Christ. Why do we celebrate the birthday of our Lord Jesus Christ? We do so because his birth marks the beginning of a new era; the era of our salvation. The last verse of the First Reading on Christmas day Isaiah 52:10 says: “All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of God”. Without the Nativity there would not have been the death on the Cross and without the death on the Cross, Resurrection would have been a figment of imagination. And without the Resurrection there would be no salvation. So the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ opened the doorway to our salvation. Hence, Christmas is also the birthday of our salvation.



P. Johnson Vinoth Kumar, SDS

For us Salvatorians, this is the prime feast of our Society. Because we are called to preach the salvation to all people everywhere. As we celebrate the source and summit of our new life (2 Cor.5:17), we are called upon to make Christ our Saviour, the focus of our celebration. The Saviour should not be lacking in our Christmas. To discover Christ in our Christmas we are called upon to become the source of joy unto others as the birth of our Lord brought joy to all creation.

Spreading of this joy of salvation can begin from our community, where we start caring and sharing with each other. This could continue through the new year and can spread to others in our ministry places and with all the people who we meet. Let us spread the joy of salvation!

May God bless us to experience the joy of nativity in our personal lives, spread this joy of salvation to others, because He is Saviour; source and summit of our new life.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A GRACE-FILLED NEW YEAR



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