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Father Jordan: Founder of the Salvatorians

Father Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan, Founder of the Salvatorians, knew how to read the reality of his time, and integrate it into his personal experience. He then tried to find answers to the issues he identified. Jordan interpreted the world through the filter of his religious experience of Jesus, the Savior. From this perspective, he sought to live the human and divine dimensions fully in a relational way, which made him link to other people and transcend himself.

As a matter of fact, his vocation as Founder consisted in being aware – under the perspective of faith – of the historical moment he lived in, becoming a sign of hope in relation to the problems he faced. We could highlight some of Father Jordan's defining attitudes that strengthened him in his mission as Founder of the Salvatorians:

- He was a man with a deep experience of faith.
- He lived his humanity intensely.
- He loved the world because he looked at it with the eyes of God.
- He deeply loved the Church.
- He had a clear direction in life.
- He was universal.
- He was a man of prayer.
- He was a relational man, who knew how to include everyone and elicit participation.
- He had a real passion for the mission and persevered in it.

Nowadays the Founder calls us, his spiritual sons and daughters, to be truly consecrated people, living in community, and being universally and apostolically devoted to others. He also invites us to love the world, and to look at it "with the eyes of God", so that we can find relevant answers to the present challenges – such as the national and international migration and polarization issues – always finding inspiration in the Savior's kindness and love.

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