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JUSTICE

As in the human body one member is concerned about all the others, etc., so it should also be in human society.

[Alonso Rodriguez, SJ, quoted by Father Jordan, *Spiritual Diary*, I/159]

***But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament,
and those who lead the many to justice shall be like stars forever.***

[Daniel 12:3]

We readily cooperate in ecumenical endeavors and join with people of good will to promote social justice and the spiritual and temporal advancement of all.

[Fr. Donald Skwor, SDS, "Salvatorian Creed," *Salvatorian Key Elements*, Part 1, p. 50]

I believe that, in one way or another, our actions and thoughts should manifest the same apostolic boldness of our Founder, who sent the first Salvatorians to live in solidarity with the most forgotten and weak, to defend them from exclusion, and to promote justice among them.

Such was also the life and mission of the Savior of the World.

[Milton Zonta, SDS "Poor Among the Poor,"
Dialoguing with Father Jordan, p. 212]

We can conclude that Jordan's position towards social injustice was anything but secondary. On the contrary, we can say that social promotion always joined spiritual promotion.

[Dcn. Marco Ermes Luparia, SDS, "Charism of Father Jordan: A challenge for the Laity of Today,"
Salvatorian Key Elements, Part 1, pp. 57-58]

Reflection Starters

- What does the practice of justice look like in my own life?
- As I look around my community and the world and, like Fr. Jordan, read the signs of the times, what is one injustice I would like to do away with if I could?
- What does "justice" mean to me?

For further reading and reflection:

1. Sr. Carol Thresher, SDS, "Daniel 12:3 as a Foundational Text in Salvatorian Spirituality," *Salvatorian Key Elements*, Part 2. pp. 27-39.
2. Sr. Terezinha Fontana de Araújo, SDS, "The Foundational Vision of Father Jordan: Bringing Vision to Life in the International Salvatorian Family", *Contributions on Salvatorian History, Charism and Spirituality*, Vol. 4, pp. 209-220.