



TEACHING

The uniting of Catholic forces the world over in prayer, in the Christian spirit of sacrifice, in study and in work would be of the greatest importance. . . The Apostolic Teaching Society tries to guard against the splintering of Catholic endeavors and to concentrate on already existing undertakings.

[Provisional Statutes of the Apostolic Teaching Society, 1880, in *Contributions on Salvatorian History, Charism, and Spirituality*, Vol. 4, p. 138]

I charge you, in the name of his appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood correct error, give encouragement – but do all with patience and with care to instruct.

[2 Tim 4: 1-3]

The good example you will give will be a profound sermon everywhere. . . Words rumble; example thunders.

[Father Jordan, *Jordan Talks*, 1896/01/23]

Our apostolate must in the first place be our example because, as you know, example attracts, and you will prevail and succeed more by your example than by your words.

[Father Jordan, *Jordan Talks*, 1898/03/11]

Oh consider catechetical instruction as a main task of the Society of the Divine Savior.

[Father Jordan, *Spiritual Diary*, II/38]

With holy attire, divine teaching, perfect example.

[Father Jordan, *Spiritual Diary*, II/47]

Reflection Starters

- How can I teach by example today? What does our world need the most?
- In what variety of ways are Salvatorians teaching today?

For further reading and reflection:

1. Fr. Arno Boesing, SDS, “The Salvatorian Mission at the Service of Education,” *Salvatorian Key Elements*, Part 3, pp. 96-102.
2. Fr. Don Skwor, SDS, “The Need for Religious Instruction Today,” *Contributions on Salvatorian History, Charism, and Spirituality*, Vol. 8, pp. 46-61.