

ABCs of Salvatorian Life, Vol. II



ZEST

In the New Year strive with renewed zeal as true Salvatorians for your own growth in holiness and for the good of your neighbor... Rejoice, too, that you belong to a family whose members work and suffer in the north and south, in the east and in the west for the glory of God and to help your neighbor!

[Father Jordan letter to the Sisters in Rome, 1907/12/30,
in *Memories of Mary of the Apostles*, p. xvii.]

***You are the salt for the earth. But if salt loses its taste, what can make it salty again?
It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.***

[Matthew 5:13]

Remember, you must have love, zeal, and enthusiasm for your society. It is your great task to gain these through prayer and meditation.

[Father Jordan, *Jordan Talks*, 1894/06/02]

If I go through the Society from top to bottom, there is no greater enemy than criticism... Where there is criticism, strife and discord follow... If a critic lives in the house or elsewhere – hold fast... Therefore, if you want to have peace, hold together.

[Father Jordan, *Jordan Talks*, 1897/11/12]

If you don't have any enthusiasm and simply follow your own ideas, if you have no virtue, you may be good members for a while. And if you want to proceed happily and to stay completely loyal till the end, acquire virtue for yourselves!

[Father Jordan, *Jordan Talks*, 1897/11/19]

O holy, venerable,
unique Society!
Apostolic, soul-zealous,
greathearted Society!

[Blessed Mary of the Apostles, (1882) "Lyric," *Poems by Therese*, p. 95]

In holy zeal I would fly to Rome, leaving everything!!!

[Blessed Mary of the Apostles, *Diary, 1875-1907*, p.93/1888, p. 57]

Reflection Starters

- How do I think Father Jordan and Mother Mary sustained their zest and passed it on to others?
- What sustains me and gives me zest\enthusiasm in my life?
- How do we express our zest today as Salvatorians?

For further reading and reflection:

1. Fr. Jude Weisenbeck, SDS, *Contributions on Salvatorian History, Charism, and Spirituality*, Vol. 8, *Introduction*, pp. 3-7.
2. Sr. Terezinha Fontana de Araujo, SDS, "With Passion and Zeal," *Dialoguing With Father Jordan*, pp.129 -132.