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To all the members of the Salvatorian Family

Re: opinion of the Theological Consultors

Dear Members of the Salvatorian Family,

It is with great joy that I can announce to you that the Theological Consultors, appointed by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, at their meeting held on 5 December 2019, approved the miracle through the intercession of Fr. Francis Jordan. This is again a step ahead in the process for beatification of our Founder.


Now the *Positio* on the miracle, comprising all the required documentation, will be submitted, together with the opinions of the Theological Consultors, to the judgment of the Cardinals and Bishops, members of the Congregation, and will be discussed at their Ordinary Session. If the Cardinals and Bishops approve the miracle, the Cause will be presented to the Holy Father, and if he decides to give his final approval, he will authorize the Congregation to publish the decree on the miracle. Then it will be possible to determine the date of beatification.

As you can see, dear Members of the Salvatorian Family, we are getting near to the last phase of this process that has taken years, but we are not at the end yet. Therefore, I invite you all to keep the process of the Beatification of our Founder in your prayers with the strong wish and proposal to grow in our vocation to become saints. May the process of beatification help us to re-propose the call to holiness in a practical way for our own time, with all its risks, challenges and opportunities. The Lord has chosen each one of us to be holy and blameless before him in love, as Pope Francis states in "*Gaudete et Exsultate*". Let us be aware, especially as members of the Salvatorian Family, that in line with the Second Vatican Council, specifically through the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, all the faithful, whatever their condition or state, are called by the Lord – each in his or her own way – to that perfect holiness by which the Father himself is perfect. With Pope Francis, I insist that all of us we discern our own path, that we bring out the very best of ourselves, the most personal gifts that God has placed in our hearts, rather than hopelessly

trying to imitate something not meant for us. This means that to become holy, it is not needed to be a bishop, a priest or a religious. We are ALL called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do, WHEREVER we find ourselves. Those who are familiar with the spirituality of Fr. Francis Jordan, will immediately see the similarity of the language of the Church and its present leaders. It tells us that what our Founder believed, proclaimed and lived, is more than actual in our days.

Dear Sisters and Brothers, allow me to wish you all a good Advent, a time of preparation of the mainfeast of our Salvatorian Family: the Nativity of the Divine Saviour!

United in prayers and with heartfelt regards,


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