

Announcement: Salvatorian National Assembly and Joint Jubilees Celebrations Canceled Due To Novel Coronavirus Pandemic

Dear Salvatorians.

Greetings to each of you from the Joint Leadership Group (JLG) of the Salvatorian Family. We wish you health and peace in this time of uncertainty. We pray for those whose lives have been affected by COVID-19, those who have been infected, and the medical and spiritual caretakers for the elderly and vulnerable. We are all facing a new reality and dealing with the extraordinary efforts to curtail spread of this disease.

In response to this crisis, the JLG has decided to cancel the National Assembly, scheduled for June 23-26, and the Jubilee celebration on June 27.

This was not an easy decision to make. These opportunities for collaboration, community, prayer, and celebration are incredibly important to our life as Salvatorians. So much work has gone into preparing them, from securing the facilities and presenters to planning all the details of activities, food, travel, etc. We can't thank the National Assembly Planning Committee and the Presenting Team enough for all they have done. Thank you!

These, however, are the reasons which compelled us to cancel the events:

- Gatherings of large groups will likely still present a health risk at that time
- The age of many members places them at higher risk
- Those traveling to the events will be exposed to greater risk of infection and transmission of the disease
- For those waiting to make travel plans, a decision needed to be made now

We feel this is the best way to care for the health of our members and be responsible to the larger community.

The National Assembly Planning Committee will reimburse everyone who has sent in registration fees. Soon, the JLG will begin planning another National Assembly to be scheduled within the next few years.

All 2020 jubilarians are invited to join the 2021 jubilarians for a special two-year celebration in June, 2021.

In the meantime, please take advantage of other opportunities to build community and grow in our collaborative identity. Regional retreats are often open to all members, as is the Salvatorian Retreat in Milwaukee in August. Resources for Salvatorian spirituality and formation are available on the Salvatorian Family website, including the Spiritual Diary Retreats which can be used by Regions or any size group.

Please be assured of our prayers.

Sincerely in the Divine Savior

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