

## **Preface**

to the digital version of the Slides-Documentation „Back to our Roots“ from S. An Vandormael

We live in a very interesting time – Arabic spring, Explorer Curiosity , resignation of the pope – to mention only three examples. News in regard to persons, places and events increase. They wouldn't impress without pictures, which many times add details and context.

Sister An Vandormael SDS (1940-2010) from the Belgian Province had the skill to save a lot of Salvatorian photos and documents with her camera. 1989/90 she compiled the Slides-Documentation „Back to our Roots“, which has an amount of 417 slides. I have used it many times and provided a short German translation of the text. The English background information is still a valuable source of information of Salvatorian history.

Technique and visualization make a quick progress. In time of Power Point Presentations slides are not usable any more. The idea and help for the digitalization came from Father Peter van Meijl SDS, parish priest of Saint Michael in Vienna. The skill and collaboration of Robert Passini and the archivist of the Austrian Pro-Province of the Salvatorians Mag<sup>a</sup> Doris Fries made it possible to digitalize the slides and the text of the series. We spent many hours to check it all together.

In remembrance of Sister An and with gratefulness to all collaborators we can offer now that series „Back to our Roots“ to all interested in Salvatorian history.

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