



## *Francis J. Tomsik, S.D.S.*

*Date of Birth*                      *Mar 21, 1939*  
*Date of Commitment*        *Dec 09, 1988*  
*Date of Death*                      *Feb 12, 2008*

*Frank Tomsik was born in 1939. He went to Catholic Grade School and High School but came to a parting of the ways with the church of his youth until Barbara introduced him to the Eastern Region Salvatorians at a New Years Day Liturgy in 1985. From then on, he was “hooked”. He began attending every Salvatorian function and after a time had a major reconciliation experience during a retreat at Camp St. Charles.*

*Frank’s involvement with the Salvatorians had profound influence on his life. He worked as a bill collector with Baltimore Gas and Electric. In his own words, he was a company man—“pay up or else”. After he became involved with the Salvatorians, he noticed a major shift that had taken place in both his life and his job practices. He became more authentically Christian and humanistic. He was willing to work with the poor rather than punish them. As a result, his job “success rate” for collections rose to 150% and he was instructed by company management to draft a new collection policy and procedure. Frank realized more and more the influence that the Salvatorian Community had on his life and decided that he wanted to make commitment as a Salvatorian, which he did at an Eastern Region Fall Retreat in Blackwood, NJ in 1988. Frank was very active both regionally and nationally. In 1993, he was retired early from the company where he had been employed for 36 years and he was immediately hired by the JLG to fill the newly established position of LSNB Administrator, a position that he held for seven years.*

*In 2000, Frank and Barbara moved to Bradenton, Florida where he became involved in Parish ministries. During this time Frank was invited to be a participant in the Diocesan pastoral ministry program. He graduated from the Blessed Edmund Rice School for Pastoral Ministry and used his gifts in ministries which included leading Bible Studies, RCIA, and Remembering Church. He also served as the Sector Representative on the LSNB. Frank was a loving, generous person who lived his commitment to God and to the Salvatorians in all that he did. He left behind a farewell letter to all Salvatorians which is included here.*

### *Farewell Letter from Frank*

*Dear Salvatorians - My Sisters and Brothers: When you read this I will hopefully be with our God, with Francis J. (my namesake), and all the other members of the Salvatorian family who have preceded us. I want to thank and bless you for what you have done for me. From accepting the “Prodigal Son”, giving him a home and family, teaching him how to be better Christian, to finally praying and supporting him through this last earthly transition. You all have been a great blessing, and our Savior’s gift, to me, and I leave here a better soul for it. I don’t know what my work (Mission) will be on the other side, but hopefully it will be as fulfilling and rewarding and wonderful as my Salvatorian experience in this world has been. You have each, in your own way, made a profound impression on my heart and soul and I am forever grateful. I will pray for you all.    Love and prayers, Francis J. Tomsik, S.D.S.*