



TIMELINE OF THE ORDER

March 8, 1495	João Cidade was born in Montemor-o-Novo, Évora, Kingdom of Portugal.	1653-1788	Peak of the Italian Congregation with 7 provinces.
1537	Conversion and breakdown.	October 16, 1690	Canonization of John of God by Pope Alexander VIII.
1539	Encouraged to use the name "John of God" by Bishop of Tuy and given distinctive clothing to wear.	1700-1714	The War of Succession.
1539	First hospital in Granada.	1789-1884	Towards extinction – The French Revolution.
1547	Second hospital in Granada.	1884-1942	The Order reunited.
March 8, 1550	Death of St. John of God.	1856	Uniformity of the black habit.
1551-1593	John of God's First Companions joined him in the years before his death in 1550. In increasing numbers, men joined themselves to the Brotherhood of John of God.	November 13, 1858	Beatification of Brother Juan Grande Román Pope Pius IX.
1553	New hospital/medical school in Madrid.	1874	Vatican Pharmacy established.
January 1, 1572	By means of the Papal Bull "Licet ex debito," St. Pius V approved the Brothers as a Congregation.	1874	First community in USA at Lancaster, Pennsylvania.
1572	First hospital in Rome.	1886	The decree "Inter Omnigenas Virtutes" declared St. John of God the Patron Saint of Hospitals and the Sick by Pope Leo XIII.
1574	Rome hospital moved to Tiber Island and renamed "Hospital of St. John Calybita.	1887	The 46th General Chapter Act of Unification reunited Provinces of Rome, Lombardy-Venice, France, Austria, Bavaria, Prussia, Styria and Spain.
June 20-24, 1587	First General Chapter and Constitution. Venerable Brother Peter Soriano was elected to be the first Prior General.	November 12, 1893	Beatification of Brother John of Avila by Pope Leo XIII.
1588	The first Prior General, Brother Peter Soriano, died at Perugia, Italy.	1926	The Constitutions of the Order were revised to accord with the Code of Canon Law promulgated in 1918.
1589	Second General Chapter and Constitution.	1927	The Order returned to Canada headed by Brother Mathias Barrett.
September 21, 1630	Beatification of John of God by Pope Urban VIII.	1929	Vatican Pharmacy moved to Palazzo Belvedere.
1633	First recorded the "Compendium privilegiorum" of the Order.		

1930	Pope Pius XI proclaimed St. John of God the Patron Saint of Nurses.	1970	58th General Chapter elected Brother Marie-Alphonse Gauthier as Prior General. Return to India.
1940	Pope Pius XII acceded to a request by declaring St. John of God to be the Patron Saint of Granada.	May 31, 1970	Canonization of Brother John of Avila by Pope John Paul VI.
1940	Canadian Province formed.	1971	1926 Constitutions were revised and approved. First General Statues were adopted.
1942	Roman Province is responsible for Tiber Island Hospital.	1981	The first case of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) was reported. Infection with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) grew in subsequent years to global pandemic proportions.
1943-1985	Modern Missions	October 4, 1981	Beatification of Brother Richard Pampuri by Pope John Paul II.
1945	Second World War ended with 25 hospitals destroyed in 9 countries and 23 Brothers killed.	March 8, 1984	New Constitutions and General Statues for the Order were promulgated to replace the Constitutions and Statutes of 1971.
1947	Beginnings in Australia.	June 23, 1985	Beatification of Brother Benedict Menni by Pope John Paul II.
1951	Beginnings in Japan.	October 18, 1988	62nd General Chapter elected Brother Brian O'Donnell, the first English-speaking Prior General. First General Chapter attended by co-workers. General Curia transferred from Tiber Island to the "Nocetta".
1951	Brother Mathias started his own religious institute, Little Brothers of the Good Shepherd in Albuquerque, NM.	1989	Combined the existing International Commissions (Pastoral Care, Formation, Laity, Missions and Centres and Administration into a new body "General Animation Commission".
1952	Beginnings of Vietnam.	November 1, 1989	Canonization of Brother Richard Pampuri by Pope John Paul II.
1953	English Province created.	October 16, 1990	The Order celebrated the 300th Anniversary of the canonization of St. John of God by Pope Alexander VII.
1955	Beginnings in New Zealand.	October 25, 1992	71 Brothers martyred in Spain in 1936 were beatified in Rome by Pope John Paul II.
1956	Brothers from the Castilian Province went to Asafo, Ghana.	1994	For the first time the General Chapter of the Order took place outside of Europe at Santa Fe Bogota, Columbia. Brother Pascual Piles was elected Prior General.
December 24, 1956	Australia and New Zealand became a Province.		
1958	Four Irish Province Brothers arrived in South Korea.		
July 3, 1963	Order's International School of Spirituality and Missiology established on the Via della Nocetta and blessed by Father Angelo Pechan.		
1965	The 57th General Chapter adopted Italian as the official language. Also named Saint Joseph as the Patron Saint of Vocations of the Order. Special Education Day School was established in Westville Grove, NJ.		
1967	Modern times highpoint of membership. The Order had operated 655 hospitals since its foundation. Membership in the Order was 3,548 in 24 Provinces. Communist governments had closed 17 houses.		

June 2, 1996	Canonization of Brother Juan Grande Román by Pope John Paul II.	October 4, 2009	Beatification of German Brother Eustachius Kugler.
1997	Welcome to my Granada was first published.	2010	The Province of Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea held Provincial Chapter and changed the name of the Province to The Oceania Province.
1999	Brother José Luis Redrado Marchite was the first Brother to be ordained a bishop.	November 2011	An International Pastoral Care Meeting was held in Rome.
November 21, 1999	Canonization of Brother Benedict Menni by Pope John Paul II.	November 1, 2012	Brother Jesus Etayo Arrondo was elected the 52nd elected Prior General of the Order at the 68th General Chapter in Fatima.
2000	Formation Programme for the Hospitaller Brothers of St. John of God was published.	October 13, 2013	Beatification of 24 Brothers who were among the 522 martyrs of the Spanish Civil War at the Tarragona in Spain.
2001	Korean Brothers create a foundation in Yanji in China.	August 2014	Ebola took the lives of 4 Brothers, 1 Sister and Co-workers.
2002	Brother Jose Martinez Gill revealed from his research in the Secret Archives of the Vatican, that St. John of God may have been born in Casarrubios del Monte, Spain. The erroneous birth in Portugal may have been an invention of biographer, Castro, who did not wish to write that St. John of God was of Jewish extraction.	January 19, 2015	Fusion of the Order and Little Brothers of the Good Shepherd.
2003	The St. John of God Fundraising Alliance was formed.	April 27, 2015	Completely recovered the ancient hospital at Granada which was being built at his death.
2005	The Canadian Province's canonical status was changed from Province to General Delegation.	August 26, 2015	Ownership of St. John of God Basilica in Granada was restored to the Order.
October 14, 2006	The 66th General Chapter elected Brother Donatus Forkan as Prior General. A General Bioethics Commission was established.	February 5, 2019	69th General Chapter re-elected Brother Jesus Etayo Prior General.
March 27, 2007	Hospital San Juan de Dios in Granada was returned to the Order.	July 1-5, 2019	Provinces of Western Europe, Oceania and North America (LA & the Good Shepherd) met in LA.
April 2, 2007	The Prior General welcomed, for the first time, the presence of co-workers as at meeting of the General Definitory.	September 29, 2019	New region "WEONA", representing Provinces of Western Europe, Oceania and North America-LA and Good Shepherd, was recognized at the annual Assembly of the Order's Major Superiors.
November 29, 2008	Brother Jose Olallo Valdez was beatified in Camaguey, Cuba.	2020	COVID-19 became the worst global pandemic since 1918 influenza epidemic.
2009	School of Hospitality was held in Granada to bring together European Brothers and co-workers for the top-level formation.		