

## SDC Spirituality

As envisaged by the founder SDC members strive to live fully the counsels and teaching of the Gospel. Members are lay people who want to serve God through the ministry of Catechesis. Very important in SDC spirituality are the virtues of meekness and humility. Combined with this is the willingness to do God's will and all this for his glory.

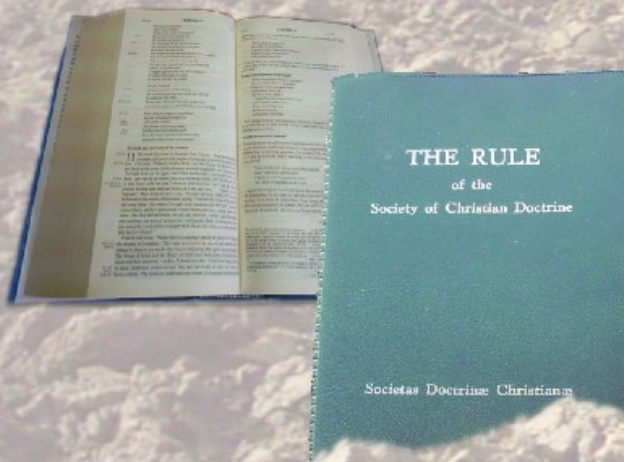
SDC members come from all walks of life. Some are office workers, others teachers or factory workers. No occupation is a hindrance for embracing SDC spirituality.

We take no vows (as in the case of religious orders) but we opt to lead a celibate life, to be witnesses of the Gospel message and to be able to give our best to God and the Church especially by working in catechesis in various ways.

## Contact Us

Contact us if you would like to know more about SDC in any way:

- Our way of life and spirituality,
- Blessed George Preca and his writings,
- Our groups and activities,
- How to join a group, or
- How to help in our work.



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† The Word of God was made flesh

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## What is SDC ?

1907. Malta. A young newly ordained priest by the name of George Preca invited a group of young people to join him for meetings on spiritual themes. His aim was to set up a Society for lay people who wanted to be trained and work in catechesis - something he thought, was not being done very well in many parishes. SDC was born.

In time more members joined in. They opened and set up houses as centres for catechesis in more parishes every year - not without trouble and some setbacks. Gradually new centres were set up in other countries outside of Malta - Australia first, then other countries in Africa, Europe and Latin America.

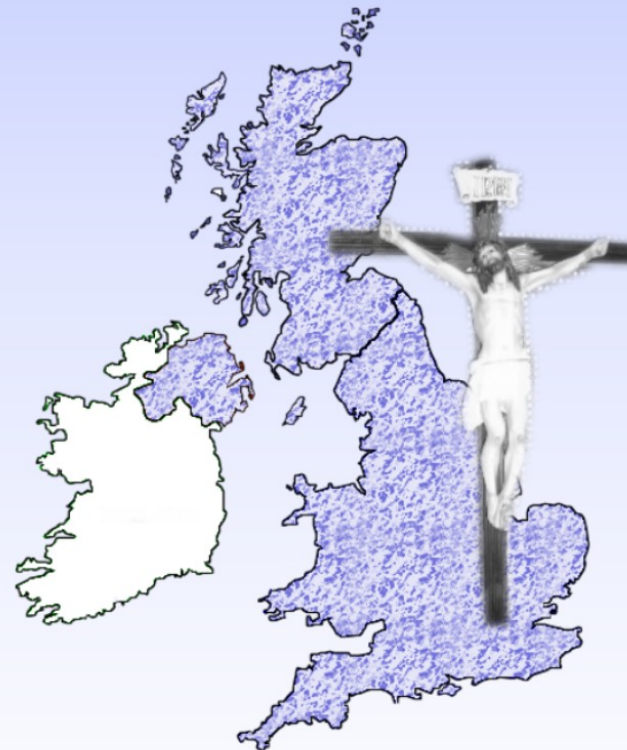
Today SDC continues its work. Different world - different methods, but the same ministry - spreading the word of the Lord and passing the faith on to others, children, young, people and adults too. Like our founder so many years ago we are inspired by St Paul's words to Timothy, "Pass on to reliable people what you have heard from me through many witnesses so that they in turn will be able to teach others." (2 Timothy 2:2)



## SDC in London, UK

It was August 1988 that three SDC members arrived in London to try to set up an SDC Centre in this country. In South London they made contact with a few parishes and started to help in the running of catechism courses and youth groups.

Today our work is mainly in the parishes around the Upper Norwood area in South London.



## St George Preca Founder



St George Preca was born in Malta in 1880 - the seventh son of a middle class family. He felt God's calling to serve him in the priesthood. Upon completing his secondary school he entered the seminary. Following a turbulent patch when he almost died of a defective lung he was ordained a priest in 1906.

Fr Preca also felt God wanted him to do more. This was to start a group of people willing to work in teaching catechism. He started the group in March 1907 with a group of young men from his own parish. The group flourished and Fr George spent his life travelling from centre to centre - giving talks to children and adults, writing on spiritual themes, talking to people who sought his advice, all this besides his normal duties as a priest.

He died in 1962, aged 82 years. He was declared Blessed by Pope John Paul II in May 2001 and canonized by Pope Benedict XVI in June 2007.