



TIMELINE OF THE ORDER

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| 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. | | |

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| 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 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. | | |

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| 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. | | |