



Saint Josemaria Escriva

Founder of Opus Dei

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By divine inspiration he founded Opus Dei. He was doing a spiritual retreat in Madrid, Spain. Three years later he wrote: "I received the illumination about the whole Work while I was reading through those papers. Overwhelmed, I knelt down (I was alone in my room, between talks) and thanked God, and I am still moved to remember the sound of the church bells of Our Lady of the Angels... From that day onwards the 'mangy donkey'" [he meant himself] "realized what a beautiful but heavy load God our Lord, in his inexplicable goodness, had placed on its shoulders. That day the Lord founded his Work: from then on I began to do apostolate with young lay-people, whether students or not. I formed groups. I prayed and got others to pray. And I suffered..."