



Saint Josemaria Escriva

Founder of Opus Dei

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“Magnanimity means greatness of spirit, a largeness of heart wherein many can find refuge. Magnanimity gives us the energy to break out of ourselves and be prepared to undertake generous tasks that will be of benefit to all. Small-mindedness has no home in the magnanimous heart, nor has meanness, nor egoistic calculation, nor self-interested trickery. Magnanimous people devote all their strength, unstintingly, to what is worthwhile. As a result they are capable of giving themselves. They are not content with merely giving. They give *their very selves*. They thus come to understand that the greatest expression of magnanimity is giving oneself to God.” This is part of a homily on human virtues that St Josemaría preached on this date.