



Saint Josemaria Escriva

Founder of Opus Dei

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As John Paul II told those present at St Josemaria's canonization, the Founder of Opus Dei "was chosen by the Lord to proclaim the universal call to holiness and to indicate that everyday life, its customary activities, are a path towards holiness. It could be said that he was the saint of the ordinary. He was really convinced that, for whoever lives with an outlook of faith, everything offers an opportunity for a meeting with God, everything becomes a stimulus for prayer. Seen in that way, daily life reveals an unsuspected greatness. Holiness is really put on everyone's doorstep. This saintly priest taught that Christ must be the apex of all human activity. His message fosters the Christianization of the world 'from within', showing that there can be no conflict between the divine law and the demands of genuine human progress. His message impels the Christian to act in places where the future of society is being shaped."