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2 October 1928: “The history of the mercies of God”

On 2 October 1928, St. Josemaría Escrivá saw what God was asking of him: to remind women and men that holiness is possible in the middle of ordinary life. That message continues to “light up the pathways of the earth” nearly a century later.

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When he was asked about his hopes for the Work in the coming years in a recent interview, the Prelate of Opus Dei said: “Looking to the future, I would like Opus Dei to be a source of friendship, of faith expressed through action, and of freedom of spirit and creativity to carry out the Church’s mission of evangelization and contribute to building a more just society.”

Walking the path to the centenary

- Path to the Centenary: a series of editorials meant to help us delve deeper into the charism by focusing on one of its essential aspects: the sanctification of work.
- Be Do Care: an initiative born as part of preparations for the centenary. The 3rd edition takes

place in Nairobi, Kenya, from 1 to 3 October 2025.

“There is something holy, something divine, hidden in the most ordinary situations, and it is up to each of you to discover it” (*Conversations*, no. 114).

Material for prayer

- Meditation: text to inspire prayer on the anniversary of the founding of Opus Dei.
- Gospel commentary for the feast of the Holy Guardian Angels.
- Novenas for Saint Josemaría's intercession: for work, for the sick, for students, for the family, for forgiveness

“Don't let your life be sterile. Be useful. Blaze a trail. Shine forth with

the light of your faith and of your love” (*The Way*, no. 1).

Ordinary lives

- One by One: Opus Dei Through Personal Stories: a mosaic of faces from around the world, telling the stories of their lives and their encounters with the Work.
- Fragments of History: a podcast series about people and events connected with the life of Saint Josemaria and the history of Opus Dei.
- 2 October 1928 as seen by a film director (from *There Be Dragons*).

“Our Lord's whole life fills me with love for him, but I have a special weakness for his thirty hidden years spent in Bethlehem, Egypt and

Nazareth. That period, so long in comparison with his public life and which the Gospels hardly mention, might seem empty of any special meaning to a person who views it superficially. And yet, I have always maintained that this silence about Our Lord's early life speaks eloquently for itself, and contains a wonderful lesson for us Christians. They were years of intense work and prayer, years during which Jesus led an ordinary life, a life like ours, we might say, which was both divine and human at the same time” (*Friends of God*, no. 56).
