

A Double Anniversary

This June, people across the country will gather to observe the liturgical feast of St. Josemaria. This year's celebration has special significance. June 7th marks the 50th anniversary of the beginning of the apostolic work of Opus Dei in Canada

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It was on June 7, 1957 that the first members of Opus Dei moved to Canada at the request of Saint Josemaria to start the apostolic work. Fr. John Martin and Fr. Joseph Escribano were among the first to arrive, followed shortly afterwards by Alfonso Bielza, an aeronautical engineer from Spain, and Ernest Caparros, a young law student. They began by opening a student residence in Montreal and soon set out to introduce the message of Opus Dei to Canadians. With time, bishops in other cities showed interest in the service that Opus Dei could provide in their respective dioceses. There are now 16 centres in five cities: Montreal (1957), Coteau-du-Lac, Quebec (1964), Quebec City (1964), Toronto (1982), Ottawa (1989), and Vancouver (1997). Frequent apostolic trips are made to Kingston, Waterloo, Kitchener and London in Ontario; Calgary and Edmonton in Alberta; and La Pocatière in Quebec.

Today, 50 years later, there are thousands of people who receive spiritual and moral support from the different initiatives undertaken by faithful of the Prelature from coast to coast.

Here is the specific Mass information for each city. You can download an electronic copy of the invitation to the Mass by clicking on the city's name:

Quebec City Monday, June 25th, 2007, at 7:30 p.m.

Presided by Cardinal Marc Ouellet, Archbishop of Quebec City

Notre-Dame-de-Quebec Cathedral, 16, rue Buade, Quebec City

Montreal

Wednesday, June 27th, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

Presided by **Cardinal Jean-Claude Turcotte**, Archbishop of Montreal

Mary Queen of the World Cathedral

Corner of René-Lévesque Blvd. West
and rue de la Cathédrale, Montreal

Ottawa

Friday June 22nd, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

Presided by **Msgr. Frederick Dolan**,
Vicar of Opus Dei for Canada

St. Patrick's Basilica, 281 Nepean
Street, Ottawa

Kingston

Thursday, June 21st, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

Presided by **Msgr. Frederick Dolan**,
Vicar of Opus Dei for Canada

Holy Name of Jesus Church, 950 Old
Kingston Mills Road, Kingston Mills

Toronto

Wednesday, June 20th, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

Presided by **Most Rev. Thomas Collins**, Archbishop of Toronto

St. Michael's Cathedral, 200 Church Street, Toronto

Edmonton

Tuesday, June 12th, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

Presided by **Rev. Joseph Soria**

St. Andrew's Church, 12810 - 111th Avenue, Edmonton

Calgary

Friday, June 15th, 2007, at 7:30 p.m.

Presided by **Most Rev. Frederick Henry**, Bishop of Calgary

St. Mary's Cathedral, 219 18th Avenue S.W., Calgary

Vancouver

Tuesday, June 26th, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Presided by **Most Rev. Raymond Roussin**, Archbishop of Vancouver

Holy Rosary Cathedral, 646 Richards Street, Vancouver

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