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## **New Audience with Pope Francis**

Two days before Christmas, on Monday, December 23, at 11.30 am, the Holy Father received the Prelate of Opus Dei, Bishop Javier Echevarría, in a private audience.

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The Prelate extended his Christmas greetings to the Pope. After the audience he remarked that “when you spend time with the Pope, you always have the conviction that you have been with a good Father.”

And he added: “The Holy Father encouraged us to continue our apostolic work in all the countries where faithful of the Prelature now live. In particular, Pope Francis urged us to carry out a fruitful apostolate of confession, which is the Sacrament of God’s mercy.”

“He also wished to impart his apostolic blessing for all the faithful of Opus Dei, both priests and laity, and in a special way for the sick.”

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