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# Can priests join Opus Dei?

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Secular priests who are already incardinated in a diocese cannot belong to the Opus Dei Prelature, but they can become part of the Priestly Society of the Holy Cross, an association that is inseparably joined to the Prelature. Their incorporation into the Priestly Society of the Holy Cross does not affect their diocesan status. They remain clergy of their diocese, subject to their bishop just as they were before. They commit themselves to the pursuit of sanctity

in the exercise of their priesthood,  
according to the spirit of Opus Dei,  
and they strive to be especially  
united to their bishop and their  
fellow priests.

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