

# **Statement to the RTE Brendan O'Connor Show sent on 11/6/25**

We remain greatly saddened to again read Anne Marie's account of her experience with us over 40 years ago. Given the passage of time and absence of historical records, it is extremely difficult to adequately respond to all the serious and upsetting allegations Anne Marie makes. Many of these genuinely do not accord with those of long-standing members who were part of Opus Dei alongside Anne Marie.

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“Nonetheless it is clear that Anne Marie has been deeply affected, which she attributes to her time with us, and for that we are profoundly sorry.

“We have repeatedly publicly said that we want to listen and learn from individuals’ testimonies. It is fair to say that, as a result, some practices and approaches within Opus Dei have changed over the years as society itself has changed.

“However Opus Dei’s ethos is unchanged and has always been to do good and to imitate Jesus Christ in our daily lives. Nothing could be further from our intentions than to cause harm to anyone, irrespective of whether they are, or have been, members.

“That said, criticism from former members has prompted institutional reflection, leading to safeguarding improvements and changes in the way we do things. We have listened and are learning.

“Nonetheless, to portray Opus Dei as an organisation with malign intent could not be further from the truth.

“We remain open to discussing these matters directly with Anne Marie should she wish to do so.”

“Anyone wishing to make contact may do so at [listening.ie@opusdei.org](mailto:listening.ie@opusdei.org).”

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