

Audience with Pope Francis: "In this wounded world, bring Christ's charity to many"

Pope Francis received the Prelate of Opus Dei, Msgr. Fernando Ocáriz, in an audience. He was accompanied by the auxiliary vicar, Msgr. Mariano Fazio.

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During the half-hour meeting, the Prelate informed the Holy Father of the work being done to prepare for the upcoming Extraordinary General Congress, which will address the adaptation of the Statutes of Opus Dei, following the provisions of the *motu proprio* "Ad charisma tuendum." As this document indicates, the aim is to go deeper into the charism of Opus Dei and promote the evangelizing action its members carry out in the world.

The Holy Father expressed his joy about how this process is being carried out and sent his blessing to the men and women of the Work and to all those who participate in its apostolates. He extended his blessing to the work to be carried out by the Extraordinary General Congress in the first half of 2023.

In the audience requested by Msgr. Ocáriz, the Prelate also apprised the

Holy Father of various initiatives of the faithful of the Prelature, including, for instance, the international meeting with those responsible for 70 social initiatives inspired by the message of St. Josemaría, in the context of the upcoming centenary of Opus Dei. The Pope encouraged them to continue their efforts to bring Christ's charity to many, especially those who suffer most, because this wounded world is going through a period of violence and pain that none of us can be indifferent to.

The previous audience of the Prelate with the Holy Father took place on 29 November 2021. Today's audience coincided with the 40th anniversary of Opus Dei as a personal prelature.

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