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## **Bishop Javier visits Kenya and Uganda**

The Prelate of Opus Dei presided over the Graduation Ceremony at Strathmore University on Friday, 25 August. Get-togethers were held in Nairobi and Kampala.

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Bishop Javier Echevarría, Prelate of Opus Dei, arrived in Nairobi on Thursday 24 August. He was given a warm welcome from several families that gathered at Nairobi's Jomo

Kenyatta International Airport to receive him.

He is the Chancellor of Strathmore University and he presided over the Graduation Ceremony on Friday, 25th August. During the ceremony, he was awarded the Honoris Causa Degree of Letters.

On Saturday afternoon there was an open-air get-together at the Strathmore University Graduation Square. Some 3,000 people were in attendance at the get-together which took on a very family-like tone.

Bishop Javier answered some questions put to him by people from the crowd. Before giving his final blessing, he reminded all Christians to pray for Pope Benedict XVI and his intentions.

On Sunday he went to Kampala where the apostolic work of Opus Dei was started in 1996. About 1,000 people attended a get-together with

him at the Kampala Serena Hotel,  
Nile Conference Centre.

He departed for Rome from Entebbe  
on 29th August in the evening.

Bishop Javier is the second successor  
of St Josemaría, founder of Opus Dei.  
He last visited Kenya in 1995. His  
predecessor, Bishop Alvaro del  
Portillo was in Kenya in 1989. The  
apostolic work of Opus Dei in Kenya  
was started in 1958. Through the  
inspiration of St Josemaria  
institutions such as Strathmore  
University, Kimlea Girls' Technical  
Training School, Eastlands Centre,  
Kianda School, etc. have grown and  
helped to spread the message of  
Opus Dei: all Christians all called to  
be saints in the middle of the world.

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