

## **Opus Dei: 25 years as a personal prelature**

On the 28th of November 2007, it will be 25 years since Pope John Paul II erected Opus Dei as a personal prelature, by the bull *Ut Sit*. By this action, Opus Dei attained its definite juridical status within the Church, as foreseen by its founder St. Josemaria Escriva, and in accordance with the norms put in force by the Second Vatican Council.

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Some articles were recently published which throw more light on this configuration of Opus Dei as a personal prelature. We present two of these articles which could be a good preparation for the celebration of this milestone, as well as another motive of thanksgiving to God. The first is an interview granted by Archbishop Monterisi, Secretary for the Congregation of Bishops, on which the prelature of Opus Dei depends; while the second is an address given by the Prelate, Bishop Javier Echevarria.

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## **1. THE PERSONAL PRELATURE: A FRAMEWORK WHICH ENRICHES THE COMMUNION OF THE CHURCH**

The interview opens with this question, "*Your Excellency, Pope John Paul II made Opus Dei a prelature on*

*November 28, 1982. What in your opinion are the benefits that the dioceses can expect from this?" ... 2.*

## **THE EXERCISE OF THE POWER OF GOVERNANCE IN PERSONAL PRELATURES**

Address by the Prelate, Bishop Javier Echevarría at the international symposium of Canon Law, in the Peter Pázmány Catholic University of Budapest, Hungary.

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