

# Conservative or Progressive?

Is Opus Dei a conservative  
institution?

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If we understand the terms “conservative” and “progressive” in a political sense, I cannot answer because that way of thinking has no application in the Church. If we understand the term “conservative” apart from that political context, one could say that everything in the Church is “conservative,” for it conserves and passes on the Gospel

of Christ, the sacraments, the treasure of the saints, their works of mercy. Similarly, everything in the Church is “progressive” because she looks toward the future, puts faith in young people, seeks no privileges, is close to the poor and the needy. And so, Opus Dei is conservative and progressive like everything in the Church, neither more nor less.

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