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# **What does the title of “Supernumerary Apostolic Protonotary” mentioned in the motu proprio refer to?**

Questions and answers about  
the Motu Proprio “Ad charisma  
tuendum” and the  
Extraordinary General  
Congress of Opus Dei.

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The figure of the Prelate receives an honorary title and position that, while reaffirming his secular condition (which is central to the charism of Opus Dei), unites him in a special way to the Holy Father, as part of the so-called “pontifical family.” The title “supernumerary” distinguishes him from those who are notaries in the Holy See.

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