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# **Pope Francis Receives the Prelate in Audience**

At 9.15 am today, Pope Francis welcomed Monsignor Fernando Ocáriz, Prelate of Opus Dei, accompanied by the Auxiliary Vicar, Monsignor Mariano Fazio.

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During the audience, which lasted about thirty minutes, the Prelate and the Auxiliary Vicar informed the Holy Father about the apostolic work

of the Prelature's faithful in various countries. Special stress was given to the process of simplifying organizational structures in order to better spur forward and coordinate the apostolic undertakings. The Pope was delighted to hear this and remarked: "It is important that everyone is out on the street, doing apostolate."

The Pope expressed his desire that the faithful of Opus Dei be faithful to the founding spirit, while at the same time adapting to the challenges that today's culture presents to Christian life. He also encouraged them to spread a love for the truth throughout the world, in order to confront the superficiality and lack of justice that reigns in social relations.

As in the audiences of previous years, Pope Francis imparted his blessing and expressed his thanks for

the apostolic efforts of the Prelature in service to the Church.

The Prelate gave the Holy Father two books in Chinese on Saint Joseph, produced by two faithful of the Prelature. The Holy Father presented them with two books on the special “Statio Orbis” on 27 March 2020.

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