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# Can priests join Opus Dei?

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Secular priests who are already incardinated in a diocese cannot belong to the clergy of the Prelature, but they can join the Priestly Society of the Holy Cross, an association that is intrinsically united to the Prelature. Their incorporation into the Priestly Society of the Holy Cross does not affect their diocesan status. They remain clergy of their diocese, subject to their bishop just as they were before. They commit themselves to strive for holiness in

the exercise of their priesthood,  
according to the spirit of Opus Dei,  
while maintaining an especially deep  
union with their bishop and their  
fellow priests.

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