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First feast day for a new saint

June 26, 2003 will be the first celebration of the feast day of St. Josemaría, Opus Dei's founder.

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Parishes all around the world will be celebrating the first feast day of St. Josemaría this June 26. "The feast of St. Josemaría reminds us that God calls all of us to live holy lives," said Father Thomas G. Bohlin, the U.S. Vicar of Opus Dei. "St. Josemaría constantly taught that we can find

God not just in church, but in our work, social and family activities.”

In the United States, special Masses will be celebrated by Cardinal Edward Egan at St. Patrick’s Cathedral in New York, Cardinal William Keeler at the National Shrine in Washington, Archbishop Charles Chaput in Denver, Archbishop Justin Rigali in St. Louis, Bishop Joseph Perry in Chicago, Bishop Joseph Galante in Dallas, Bishop Joseph Fiorenza in Houston, Bishop William Winter in Pittsburgh, and Bishop Ignatius Wang in San Francisco. Special Masses will occur in many other cities as well.

Television specials

The cable television channel EWTN has chosen St. Josemaría Escrivá and Opus Dei as a programming theme for the week of June 23 to 27. EWTN will broadcast the following

programs (all times are Eastern U.S. time zone):

Does it work? (30:00) (June 23, 4:30 AM, 6:00 PM)

This program provides the viewer with real-world work situations of average people, showing, in a practical, down-to-earth manner, how one can make a living connection between one's spiritual life and one's work life. The video shows members of Opus Dei at work in the everyday world.

The greatness of ordinary life
(30:00) (June 23, 4:30 AM, 6:00 PM)

The Second Vatican Council taught that all the baptized are called to follow Jesus Christ, by living according to the Gospel and making it known to others. The aim of Opus Dei is to contribute to that evangelizing mission of the Church. Opus Dei encourages Christians of all

social classes to live consistently with their faith, in the middle of the ordinary circumstances of their lives, especially through the sanctification of their work.

Sowers of peace and joy (30:00)

(June 25, 4:30 AM, 6:00 PM)

This program highlights works inspired by the teachings of St. Josemaría to spread the Social Gospel of the Church all over the world. St. Josemaría explained that Christians working in the world should not live “a kind of double life. ...There is just one life, made of flesh and spirit. And it is this life which has to become, in both soul and body, holy and filled with God.”

A gift of God (60:00) (June 26, 3:00

AM, 2:00 PM)

A biographical film on the life of the founder of Opus Dei, Josemaría Escrivá, whom Pope John Paul II calls

"a great figure of modern church history." This documentary follows the growth of this Catholic institution from its beginnings in 1928 to its expansion throughout the world. This video also examines the spiritual root of Opus Dei and the diversity of its membership, particularly in the United States.

Josemaría Escrivá: glimpses of his preaching (30:00) (June 26, 4:00 AM, 5:00 PM)

St. Josemaría Escrivá at his best ... preaching, questions and insightful answers for the searching Christian.

A matter of faith (30:00) (June 26, 4:30 AM, 6:00 PM)

What do a poet in Russia, a pianist in Brazil, a scientist in Germany, and a teacher in Spain have in common? They represent countless people from around the world who have been profoundly touched by Saint

Josemaría Escrivá's life and teaching. Learn how St. Josemaría inspires the laity to work toward the Christianization of the world, sanctifying their daily work in the process.

They call him Father in the five continents (60:00) (June 26, 5:00 AM)

This documentary explores the life and works of Msgr. Josemaría Escrivá, founder of Opus Dei.

Wherever you are (In Spanish, subtitled in English) (30:00) (June 26, 6:30 AM)

Discover God in your work as St. Josemaría Escrivá gives instruction on the Christian meaning of work. Since the Kingdom of God is within us, Escrivá explains how the faithful can seek God in everything, especially at work. Interviews with working people - from a wide spectrum of the workforce - are

interwoven with footage of Escrivá's engaging and humorous delivery.

God's footprint (30:00) (June 26, 4:00 PM; June 28, 9:00 AM)

Learn more about the childhood and priesthood of Saint Josemaría Escrivá in this animated special for children.

The saint of ordinary life: the canonization of Josemaría Escrivá (30:00) (June 27, 4:30 AM, 6:00 PM)

The canonization Mass of Josemaría Escrivá was on October 6, 2002 in St. Peter's Square. **NEW! TAPES AVAILABLE:**

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