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Statement by Prelate of Opus Dei

Bishop Javier Echevarría expresses thanks to Benedict XVI "for his rich and fruitful magisterium, and also for his humble and generous example of service to the Church and the world."

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The Church feels today a special need to thank Benedict XVI for his rich and fruitful magisterium, and also for his humble and generous

example of service to the Church and the world.

In this singular moment in the Church's history, the faithful of the Prelature—priests and laity—are praying for Benedict XVI and all his intentions. And united to the Pope and the entire Church, we are asking the Holy Spirit to pour out his grace in abundance on the people of God and its pastors.

In union with Benedict XVI we are invoking the Paraclete's help for the future Roman Pontiff.

+ **Bishop Javier Echevarría**

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