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FOUNDER'S WEEK

UNIVERSITY OF NAVARRA



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More about Opus Dei:
<https://opusdei.org/es-es/article/youth-un-nuevo-proyecto-para-jovenes/>

Founder's Week is a week of special activities held in the University every year to bring the life and thought of our Founder, St. Josemaría, closer to the people who work and study here.

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WHAT IS ⁰¹
OPUS DEI?
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HAVE TO
DO WITH
THE
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The University of Navarra is a university inspired by Christian teaching, which was initiated by St. Josemaría Escrivá, founder of Opus Dei (Work of God). Like any other university, its mission is to seek and transmit the truth through research and teaching. Its Christian identity means that these tasks are understood as a service to society.

St. Josemaría emphasized that Christians should work “so that every day there will be fewer poor people, fewer ignorant people, fewer souls without faith, fewer desperate people, fewer wars, less insecurity, more charity and more peace”.



Statue of St. Josemaría in the courtyard of the Central Building, Pamplona Campus, inaugurated in 2001 (sculptor: Francisco López).

A university must educate its students to have a sense of service to society, promoting the common good with their professional work and their activity. University people should be responsible citizens with a healthy concern for the problems of other people and a generous spirit which brings them to face these problems and to resolve them in the best possible way. It is the task of universities to foster these attitudes in their students.

“Conversations”, 1966/1968



St. Josemaría at a get-together with students in 1967.



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Opus Dei is an institution of the Catholic Church that seeks to help people fully live the Christian faith in the midst of the world. That is, to turn everyday life into an opportunity to love God and others.

“God waits for us every day. Understand this well: there is something holy, something divine, hidden in the most ordinary situations, and it is up to each one of you to discover it”.

St. Josemaría,
Passionately Loving the World, 1967

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St. Josemaría during the honorary doctorate award ceremony held in 1974.

WHO WAS ST. JOSEMARÍA?

- He was born in Barbastro (Aragón) on January 9, 1902.
- He studied law at the University of Zaragoza.
- Throughout his life he lived in Barbastro, Logroño, Zaragoza, Madrid and Rome.
- He traveled to more than twenty countries and promoted thousands of social initiatives.
- He was a cheerful and sociable person.
- St. John Paul II defined him as “the saint of the ordinary”.



OPUS DEI IN 4 QUOTES FROM ST. JOSEMARÍA

Work done well through love

“Work is born of love; it is a manifestation of love and is directed towards love. We see the hand of God, not only in the wonders of nature, but also in our experience of work and effort”.

Christ is passing by, 1973

Freedom

“No one has a right to impose non-existent dogmas in temporal matters. Given a concrete problem, whatever it may be, the solution is to study it well and then to act conscientiously, with personal freedom and with personal responsibility as well”.

Conversations, 1966/1968

Service to others

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Pluralism and friendship

“Everyone should be welcome in the university. It should be a place of study and friendship, a place where people who hold different opinions which, in each period, are expressions of the legitimate pluralism which exists in society – may live together in peace”.

Conversations, 1966/1968

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The Prelate of Opus Dei is the Chancellor of the University, currently Msgr. Fernando Ocáriz. Together with his team, he has the task of ensuring that the University is faithful to its identity throughout its ongoing development. This means that the University should be true to its foundational mission, which is expressed in its statement of core values, and should keep alive its Christian inspiration in its teaching, research and healthcare activities. In reality, Opus Dei consists of the people who belong to it. In the University, they strive to live their vocation to holiness by being “sowers of peace and joy,” as St. Josemaría envisioned.

WHAT DOES “CHRISTIAN INSPIRATION” MEAN?

The University’s Christian inspiration is manifested in our respect for and reflection on the teachings of the Church and Christian principles, in our promotion of the dignity and rights of the person and in our spirit of service.

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Would you like to read the homily “Passionately Loving the World”? Scan this QR code.



CAN PEOPLE OF OTHER RELIGIONS OR NON-BELIEVERS STUDY AT THE UNIVERSITY?

Of course, and many of them do. This is a manifestation of coherence with our Christian identity. The Christian message is a call to love, and one can only love freely. We offer our students an atmosphere of total respect for their freedom of conscience.

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SOME IMPORTANT DATES

1928
October 2, 1928, Madrid. Founding of Opus Dei. Josemaría Escrivá sees that God is calling him to teach people a new way to holiness in their professional work, which is open to everyone.

1952
On October 17, 1952, the Estudio General de Navarra begins in Pamplona. This is to become the University of Navarra in 1960.

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The Estudio General de Navarra was first established in the Cámara de Comptos. It started in 1952, with 48 students and 8 professors.



1967
On October 8, 1967, St. Josemaría celebrates a Mass on the University campus. His homily, Passionately Loving the World, reflects his preaching on holiness in the midst of the world.

1975
On June 26, 1975, St. Josemaría dies in Rome.

2002
On October 6, 2002, St. Josemaría is declared a saint by St. John Paul II. His feast day is celebrated every year on June 26.

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St. John Paul II canonized the founder of Opus Dei in St. Peter’s Square, Rome, in the presence of more than 300,000 people from all over the world.

