

New editions of the works of Blessed Josemaria

Holy Rosary has been published for the first time in Finnish by Okean publishers. The first edition of *The Way* in Estonian has also been published.

In December the first edition of *Geituk Gong Giuggwo* (*Christ Is Passing By*) was published in Chinese, using traditional ideogram characters, by Spring Publications in Hong Kong.

In August the first Argentinian editions of *Furrow* and *The Forge* were published, with printings of 3,000 copies each by Editorial Libreria Cordoba.

In December the two Polish publishing companies Ksiegarnia Sw. Jacaka and Apostollicum published the ninth edition of *The Way* (*Droga*), the fourth edition of *Furrow* (*Bruzda*), and the third edition of *The Forge* (*Kuznia*) as a single volume. Five thousand copies were printed.

El bullir de la sangre de Cristo, a study of Blessed Josemaria's theological teachings

The literature on Blessed Josemaria Escrivá and his writings is constantly growing. Aside from historical, biographical and spiritual studies,

others have appeared that are more expressly theological in their focus. Among these is included the recent monograph by Antonio Aranda, Professor of Dogmatic and Spiritual Theology at the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross in Rome, who has taken as his title: "*El bullir de la sangre de Cristo*" [*Christ's Blood Coursing through Your Veins: a Study of the Christocentrism of Blessed Josemaria Escrivá*] (Rialp, Madrid, 2000, 304 pages).

The title of the book, as the introduction explains, is taken from an expression Blessed Josemaria sometimes used: "I can see Christ's blood coursing through your veins." This eloquent expression summarizes his understanding of the Christian vocation in the midst of the world: a call that God directs to a person to be and to act as "another Christ" among his fellow men.

Professor Aranda's book analyzes the central Christological focus of Blessed Josemaria's life and teachings. He first considers some of his writings (chapter 1), then looks at his priestly life and foundational mission (chapters 2 and 3), and finally considers some of the essential elements of his message of sanctification in and through daily life (chapters 4 and 5), a message concretized in the stirring apostolic goal: "to place Christ at the summit of all human activities" (chapter 6).

A book about professional work

Giorgio Faro, *Il lavoro nell'insegnamento del Beato Josemaria Escrivá*

[*Work in the teaching of Blessed Josemaria Escrivá*], Agrilavoro Edizioni, Rome, 2000, 174 pages. The author is Professor of Special Ethics at the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross in Rome. He looks at the treatment of work in the teachings of Opus Dei's founder, in light of the thirty years Christ spent living in Nazareth. Professor Faro shows the richness and depth of the teachings of Blessed Josemaria, a precursor of the doctrine of the Second Vatican Council on many aspects of the vocation and mission of the laity.

The book consists of five chapters. In the first chapter, he briefly considers an anthropology of work; then he reviews conceptions about work prevalent in the modern world (chapter 2). Next he offers an ethical-religious perspective on work in light of Sacred Scripture (chapter 3). Chapter 4 explains various aspects of the teaching on professional work contained in the spirit of Opus Dei. Finally, he considers in detail some dimensions of the sanctification of work (chapter 5).

Historical Testimony

Mi encuentro con el Fundador del Opus Dei [My Encounter with the Founder of Opus Dei], Madrid 1939-1944, a new book about Blessed Josemaria, by Francisco Ponz (Eunsa, Pamplona 2000, 170 pages). The author recounts his youthful recollections of the founder of Opus Dei, whom he met in the postwar years in Spain, and the spread of the apostolic work that Blessed Josemaria inspired in that period.

The first biography in Russian of the Founder of Opus Dei

The Life and Work of Blessed Josemaria Escrivá is the title of the first biography of the Founder of Opus Dei in Russian, issued in October with an initial printing of 2000 copies. The author is Evgeny Pazukhin, a writer, philosopher and journalist. A member of the Russian Orthodox Church, he worked for more than twenty years during the Communist era secretly promoting Russian Christian culture through debates, conferences, periodicals and books.

The author wrote the biography because he was deeply moved by Blessed Josemaria's message, after he chanced to read some of his works. The book, directed to his fellow Russians, is aimed at establishing a dialogue with those who, like himself, have lived in a society devoid of freedom and now find themselves in a period charged with uncertainty and unrest, but also with great hope.

A chapel in Washington dedicated to Blessed Josemaria

Cardinal James Hickey, until a few months ago Archbishop of Washington, blessed a chapel dedicated to Blessed Josemaria Escrivá, the founder of Opus Dei, during a