

[*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