



OUR LADY OF PEACE PRELATIC CHURCH OF OPUS DEI

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Open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Mass: Daily at 8:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Confessions: available from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Confessions can be in Italian, English, Spanish and French.

If a group wishes to announce their arrival in advance or if a priest would like to celebrate Mass, please write to: masses@villatevere.org

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A place of prayer housing the mortal remains of
Saint Josemaría Escrivá de Balaguer, founder of Opus Dei.

ROME

THE CRYPT

The first and second successors of Saint Josemaría at the head of Opus Dei –Bishops Álvaro del Portillo, beatified in 2014, and Javier Echevarría– are buried in a small crypt under the prelatric church. This same crypt also holds the tomb of Dora del Hoyo, one of the first women to collaborate with Saint Josemaría from 1947 in Rome, and her cause of canonization opened in 2012. A separate crypt adjacent to this one holds the tomb of Carmen

Escrivá de Balaguer, the sister of Saint Josemaría, and Rosalía López who arrived to Rome alongside Dora.

Next to the crypt, there is a chapel of the Blessed Sacrament and a number of confessionals. Saint Josemaría preached with tireless zeal the need to frequent the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist, gifts of God to his children and sources of peace and enduring joy for all humanity.



SAINT JOSEMARÍA ESCRIVÁ



AN INTERCESSOR BEFORE GOD

Saint Josemaría Escrivá de Balaguer was born in Barbastro, Spain, in 1902 and was ordained a priest in 1925. On October 2, 1928, by divine inspiration, he founded Opus Dei, opening up a new path of holiness in the middle of the world, in professional work and in the fulfillment of ordinary, family, professional and social duties.

The universality with which Opus Dei was born and his great love for the Church and the Pope led Saint Josemaría to move to Rome in 1946. From the Eternal City, he spread a message to all five continents, proclaiming that all Christian faithful are called to holiness. He died in Rome on June 26, 1975. He was canonized by Pope John Paul II on October 6, 2002. His body rests in a casket located under the altar of the Church of Our Lady of Peace.



Many people come to this church to ask God for special graces through the intercession of Saint Josemaría

THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF PEACE

After entering the building and going down a flight of stairs, you will see a statue of Our Lady, Mother of Fair Love, by the Italian sculptor Sciancalepore.

The atrium of the church holds the baptismal font where Saint Josemaría was baptized on January 13, 1902. It was donated by the bishop of Barbastro, Spain, the city where Saint Josemaría was born.



Upon entering the church, the interior space resembles that of a Roman basilica with the rectangular nave, the lateral half-columns and the mosaic in the apse. At the back of the nave, to the right of the entrance, a wooden rose is preserved in a glass case: Saint Josemaría found it in Rialp in 1937, when he was crossing the Pyrenees Mountains. He always saw it as a caress from Our Lady during a time of great tribulation.

Walking down the center aisle, the presbytery comes into view. The altar appears below a small baldaquin, following the custom of many Roman basilicas. The church is crowned by an image of Mary, Our Lady of Peace, in the center of the apse. People can pray before the tomb of Saint Josemaría, located below the altar.



Sculpture of the Virgin Mary, Mother of Fair Love



The Rose of Rialp

“ *Holy Mary is the Queen of Peace, and thus the Church invokes her. So when your soul or your family is troubled, or things go wrong at work, in society or between nations, cry out to her without ceasing. Call out to her with this title: 'Regina pacis, ora pro nobis: Queen of Peace, pray for us.' Have you at least tried it when you have lost your calm? You will be surprised at its immediate effect.* ”

Saint Josemaría Escrivá, Furrow n.874