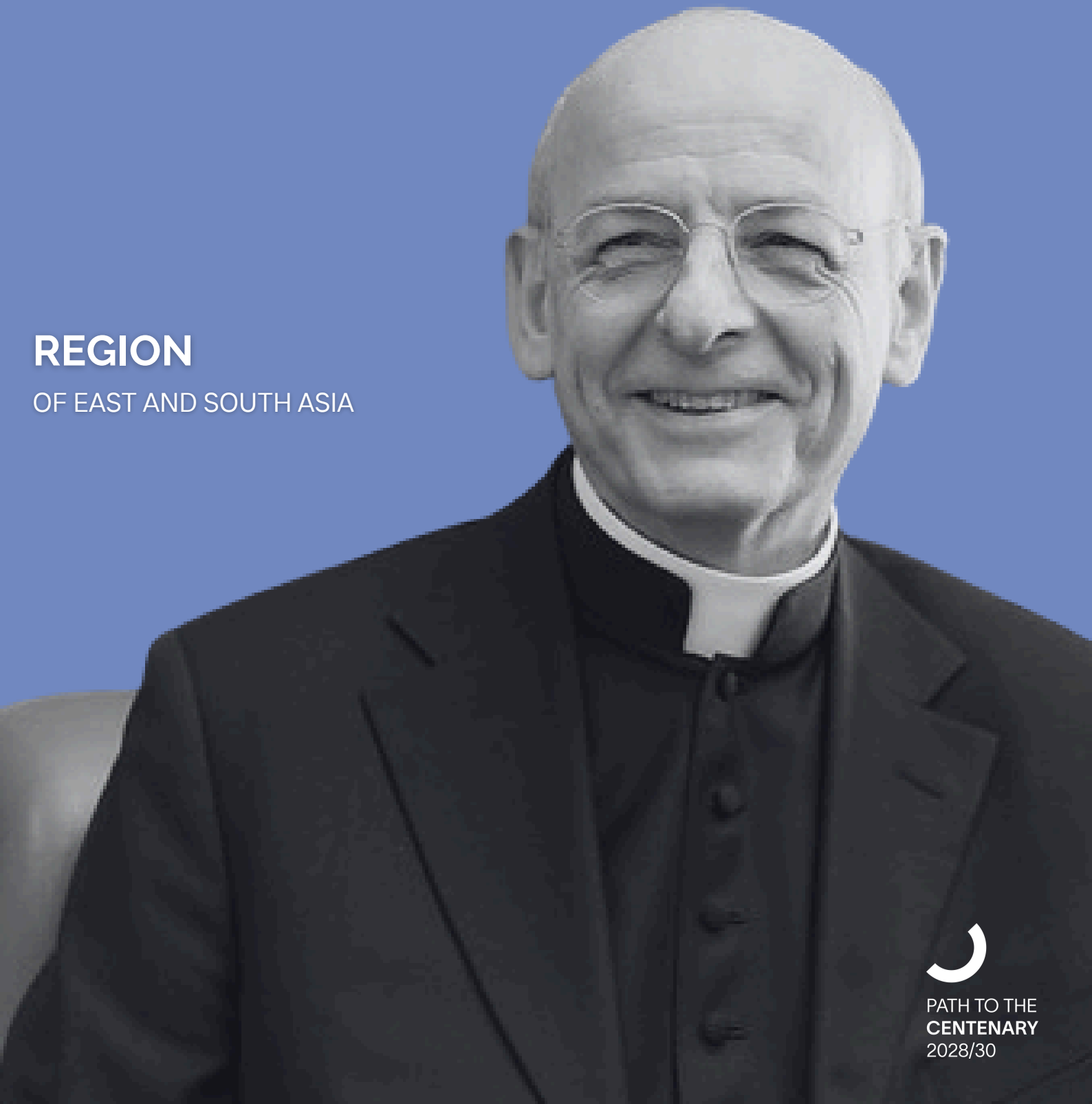
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I would love you to learn how to meditate on all that I am writing to you, and live it out faithfully, so that what was said of the first Christians can be said of you too. "They all learnt what they ought to do, and not only learnt it but put it eagerly into practice. They practised it not only in the cities and market-places but on the mountain-tops" – everywhere.

St Josemaria, Letter 6, 11 Mar 1940



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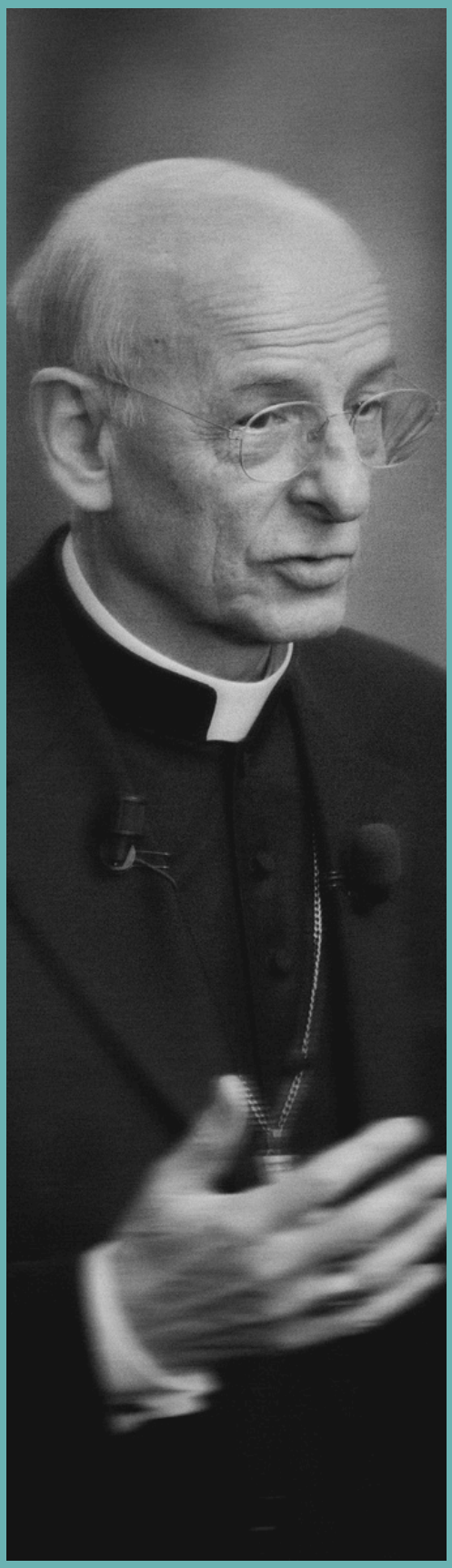
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10 June 2021



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LETTER FROM THE PRELATE *(EXTRACT)*
10 JUNE 2022

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My dear children: may Jesus watch over my daughters and sons for me!

In my October 28 letter, I reminded you that we are approaching the centenary of the Work – a special opportunity to renew our desire to serve God, the Church and the whole of society.

The centennial celebration will take place from the 2nd of October 2028 to the 14th of February 2030, the hundredth anniversary of the beginning of the apostolic work with women in Opus Dei. Hence, as an expression of unity, it will be a celebration with two dates. While there is still some time to go, at the proposal of the Central Advisory and the General Council, an initial committee has been set up to begin preparing for this celebration.

I would like all of us to take part in preparing for it. Therefore, over the next few years this committee will dedicate itself above all to listening to the faithful of the Work and many other people. The suggestions they receive will help them to plan better for the celebration.

LETTER FROM THE PRELATE *(EXTRACT)*
Letter dated: 10 JUNE 2022

The centenary will be a time of reflection on our identity, our history and our mission. This should lead each of us to give thanks, to ask for forgiveness, and to make resolutions to improve. We will do so with the approach we learned from our Father: trying to live the present moment with love, with personal and collective humility, serving in the ordinary.

This event will also be a propitious moment to consider the challenges faced by the Church and society and to reflect on how we can better contribute to help solve them. It will be a good time to look to the future and to consider together – you who are youngest will play a fundamental role here – how to bring Opus Dei forward during the next hundred years. It is an opportunity to rejuvenate ourselves, to recognize God's love in our lives and bring this love to others, especially the most needy.

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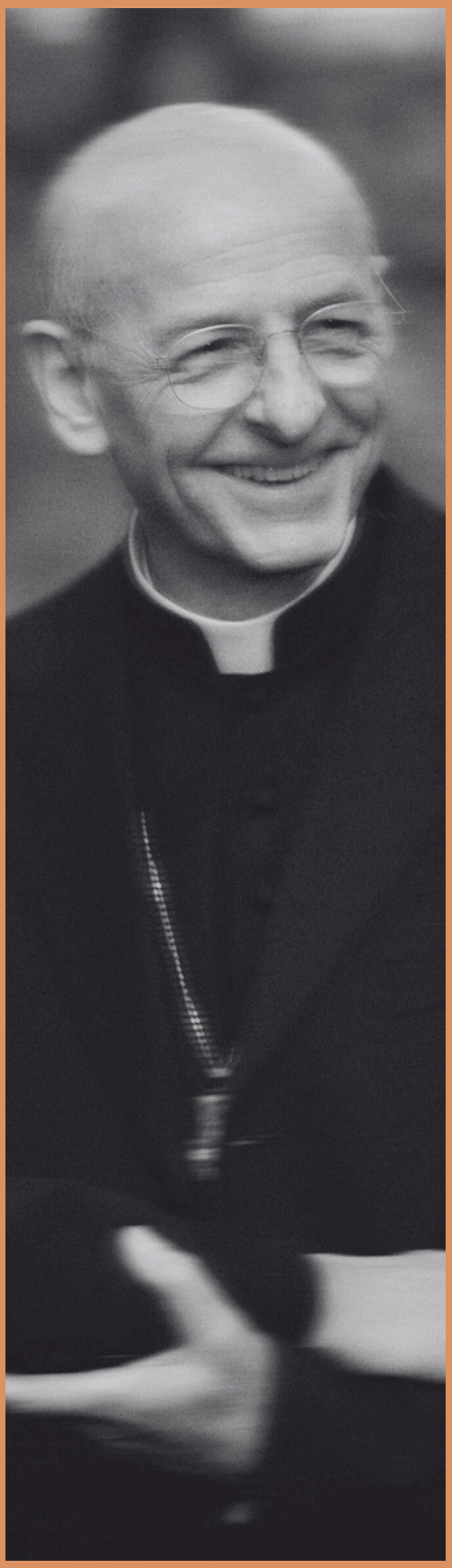
Your Father blesses you with all his affection,



Rome, 10 June 2021

FROM THE FATHER

15 November 2023



"This will be an opportunity to deepen in the gift of the Spirit received by Saint Josemaría..."

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15 NOVEMBER 2023

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My dear children: may Jesus watch over my daughters and sons for me!

In several previous messages, I have mentioned the upcoming Work Weeks, also called Regional Assemblies. I am happy to inform you that these will be held in all the regions throughout 2024, in preparation for the Ordinary General Congress in 2025. The theme of these Assemblies is: *The Road to the Centennial of the Work. Going More Deeply into Our Charism and Renewing Our Desire to Serve God, the Church, and Society.*

Thus we will begin preparing in a more specific way for the centennial, in which, as I told you in my 10 June 2021 message, I would like all of you to take part. In each region you will be informed of the dates on which your Work Week will be held and the ways to participate. This will be an opportunity to deepen in the "gift of the Spirit received by Saint Josemaría" (*Ad charisma tuendum*), in the beauty of the mission of service to the Church and society, and in the desire to accompany many people on the path to heaven.

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It will also be an opportunity to reflect on how to respond to the challenges of the present time in light of the spirit of Opus Dei and how to prepare for the centennial in each place.

(End of extract)

Your Father blesses you with all his affection,



Rome, 15 November 2023



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On September 14, the Father called the faithful of Opus Dei and its friends to participate in the preparations for the regional assemblies (Work Weeks) which will have the theme “Towards the centenary of the Work: deepening in our charism and renewing our desire to serve God, the Church and society.”



LETTERS OF ST JOSEMARIA WITHIN FRAMEWORK DOCUMENT

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On evangelising dialogue, combining a spirit of understanding and respect for the freedom of conscience with fidelity to the deposit of faith.
(16 July 1933)

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On the characteristic features of the call to Opus Dei and its evangelising mission, at the service of the Church.
(11 March 1940)

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Nº 29 : MISSION OF THE FAITHFUL

Letter dedicated to the work of St. Gabriel, on the vocation and mission of the members of Opus Dei in the sanctification of the world and of married and family life.
(9 January 1959)

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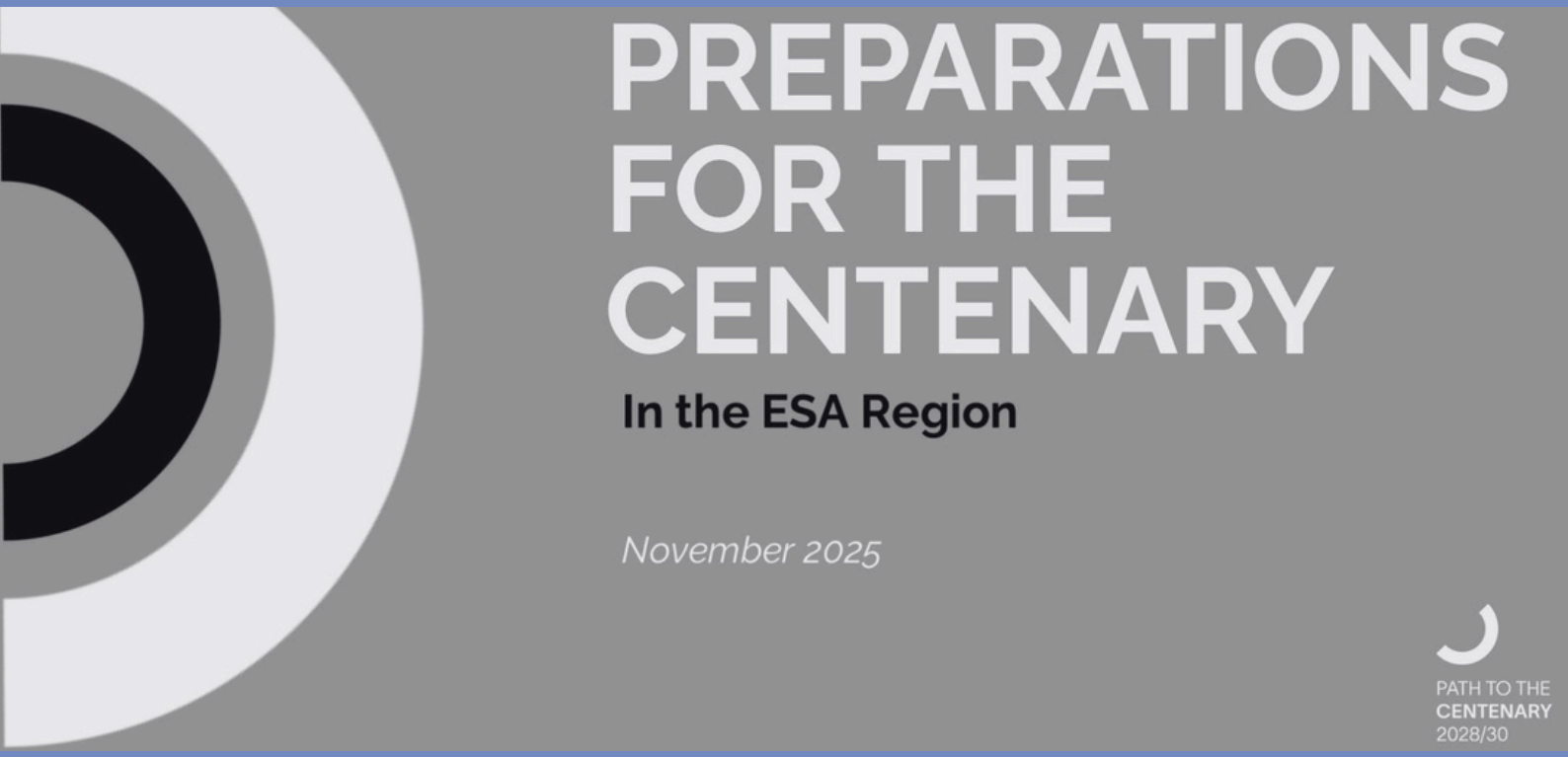


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VOCATION, MISSION & CHARISM

During this time of preparation for the centenary, which began with the regional assemblies, the Prelate invites us to reflect on Opus Dei's identity, history, and mission. This article explores the specific role of the Work within the Church and develops the concepts of vocation and mission in the context of ordinary life.



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20 November 2025



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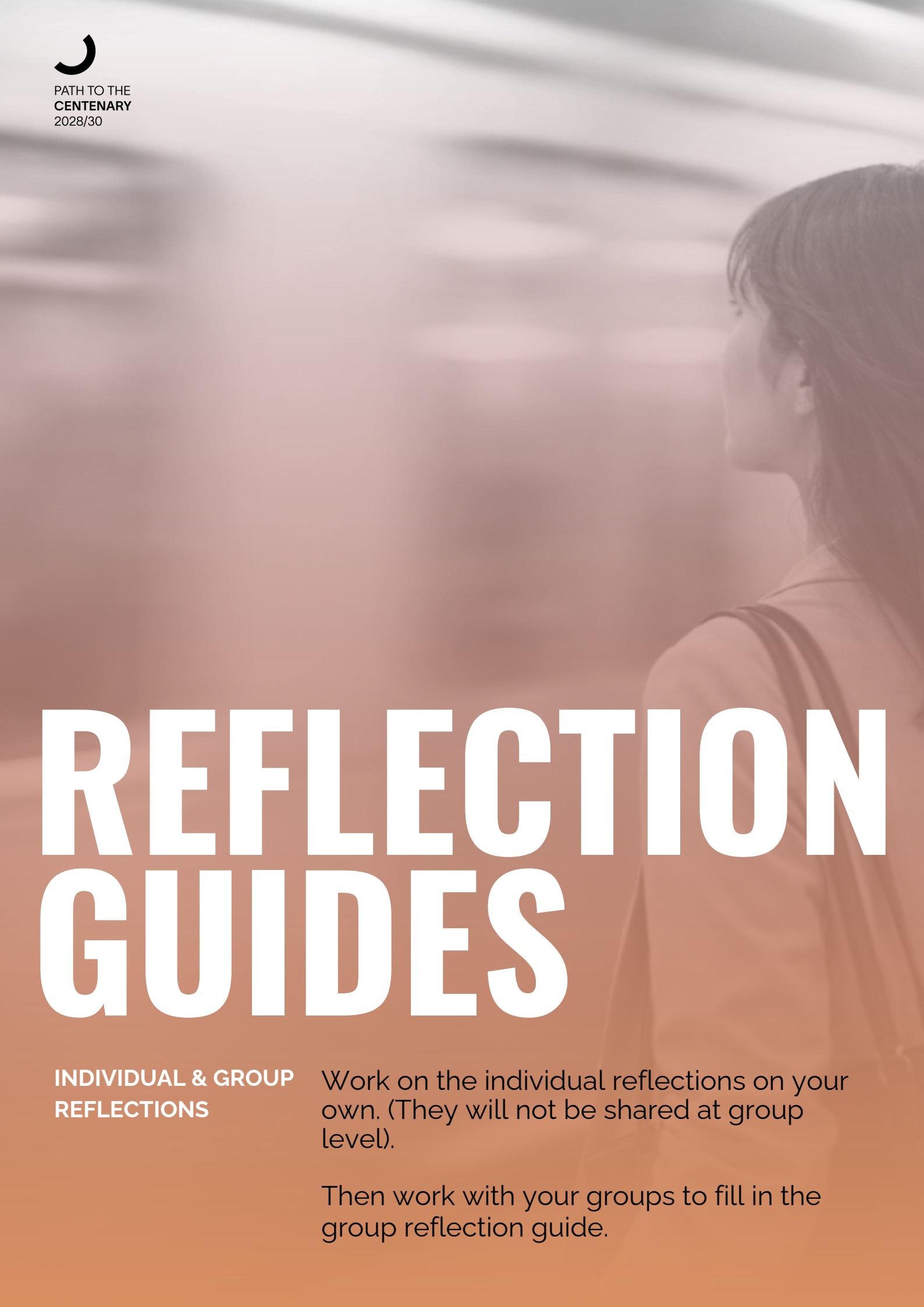
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"Opus Dei is what happens in the lives of its members"

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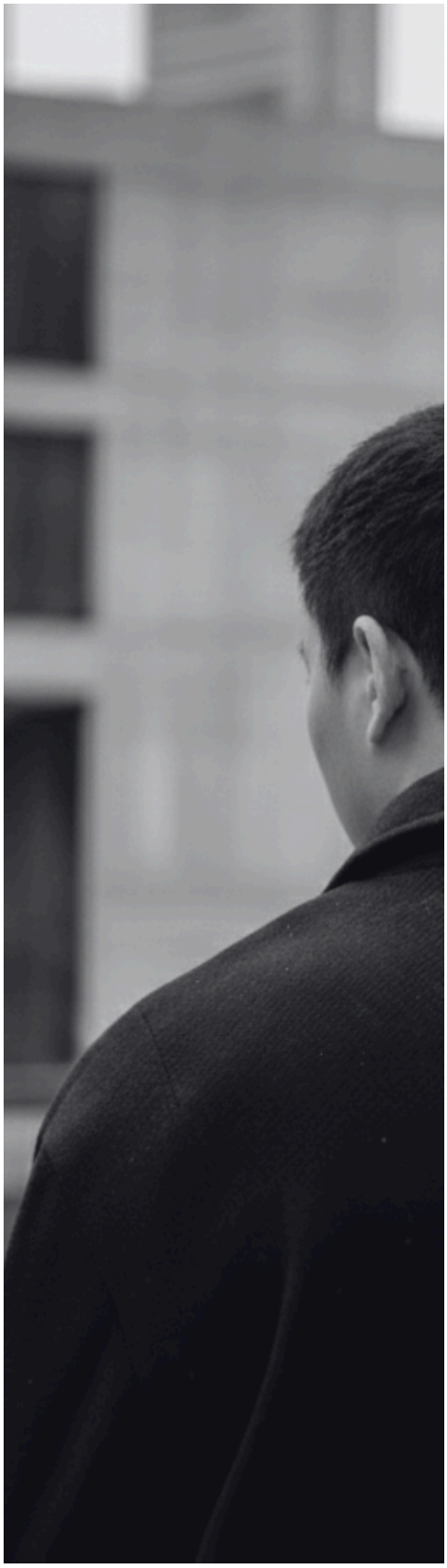
REFLECTION GUIDES

INDIVIDUAL & GROUP REFLECTIONS

Work on the individual reflections on your own. (They will not be shared at group level).

Then work with your groups to fill in the group reflection guide.

INDIVIDUAL REFLECTION



1. After reading the centenary material, what. are some of the key messages that stand out for you?

2. What are the Father's and the organising committee's vision and hopes for the centenary?

3. Write down what you found important regarding each of the following below:

i. Vocation
ii. Charism
iii. Mission

4. How can you in your own life "revitalise how the spirit of the Work is lived" as the Father has called for?

5. What perspective can you share in the group discussion to add light to understanding what's needed for the spirit of the celebration?

GROUP REFLECTION



1. Based on the centenary material, what are the key messages to be transmitted?

2. What should the spirit of the celebration be?

3. What means could be used to transmit these messages?

4. How can the local teams be catalysts for meaningful centenary initiatives?

5. Keeping in mind the criteria listed in the kickoff meeting, what are some initiatives that you would like to see?

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