



You are cordially invited to attend
a Solemn Mass in honour of

**Saint Josemaría Escrivá
Founder of Opus Dei**

7:30pm, Thursday 26th June, 2014
Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary
494 Grey Street, Hamilton East

*The Sacrament of Reconciliation
will be available from 7:00pm*

Please bring a plate for supper.

“Your daily encounter with Christ takes place right where you work, where your aspirations and your affections are. There we must seek sanctity, in the midst of the most material things of the earth, serving God and all humankind... Heaven and earth seem to merge, my daughters and sons, on the horizon. But where they really meet is in your heart, when you strive for holiness in your everyday lives”.

St. Josemaría Escrivá, from the homily
Passionately Loving the World Oct. 8, 1967

St. Josemaría Escrivá was born in Barbastro, Spain on January 9, 1902. He was ordained to the priesthood in Saragosa on March 28, 1925. On October 2, 1928, by divine inspiration he founded Opus Dei, which opened up to the faithful a new way of holiness in ordinary daily work and the fulfillment of family, social and personal obligations. When he rendered up his soul to God on June 26, 1975, Opus Dei had spread to five continents, with over 60,000 members of 80 nationalities, serving the Church with the same spirit of complete union with the Pope and Bishops that St. Josemaría had always lived. The founder of Opus Dei was canonised by His Holiness John Paul II in Rome on October 6, 2002. His liturgical feast is celebrated on the 26th of June. He is pictured here with Bishop Alvaro del Portillo who succeeded him as the head of Opus Dei. Bishop Alvaro is to be beatified in Madrid on September 27, 2014.

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