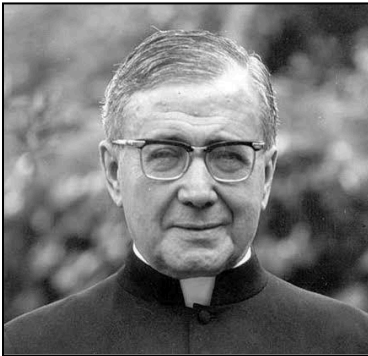


# Saint Josemaría Escrivá



Date of birth: January 9, 1902  
Birthplace: Barbastro, Huesca, Spain  
Date of death: June 26, 1975  
Canonization: October 6, 2002, by Pope Saint John Paul II  
Feast Day: June 26

**Patron Saint of: Diabetics**

## About Josemaría:

Saint Josemaría Escrivá, called "the saint of ordinary life" by Pope Saint John Paul II, responded to a calling from God, beginning ecclesiastical studies at sixteen and entering seminary at eighteen. Ordained a priest on March 28, 1925, he immersed himself in prayer and deepened his spiritual life, often before the Blessed Sacrament.

Transferred to Madrid, Spain, Saint Josemaría served as Chaplain of the Foundation for the Sick, demonstrating a profound commitment to the marginalized. He walked across the city to minister to the sick and dying, and provided catechesis and confession for children preparing for First Holy Communion. Concurrently, he pursued a doctorate in Civil Law, supporting his family by tutoring university students in juridical studies.

His rigorous spiritual practices during this period laid the foundation for Opus Dei, a Catholic institution he described as "a mobilization of Christians of all walks of life who would make the world holy by offering to God their daily duties." This vision empowered ordinary individuals to become apostles in the middle of the world, sanctifying their lives and witnessing to secular society.

Saint Josemaría authored numerous collections and meditations after the establishment of Opus Dei, shaping popular devotions that endure today. His writings inspired individuals seeking spiritual growth within the ordinary.

After his passing in 1975, miraculous healings, including the cure of tumorous lipomatosis and radiodermatitis, were attributed to Saint Josemaría Escrivá. In 2002, he was canonized, solidifying his impact on countless lives and recognizing his role as a guiding light for those pursuing holiness amid the ordinary.

## A word from Josemaría:

**"Not all can become rich, wise, famous... Yet  
all of us - yes, all of us - are called to be  
saints."  
(*The Furrow*)**

## Find out more:

**Websites:** [stjosemaria.org](http://stjosemaria.org); [opusdei.org](http://opusdei.org)  
**Books:** *The Way* by Josemaría Escrivá  
**Formed.org:** St. Josemaria Escrivá Catholic Saints  
**Podcast:** Saints Alive - St. Josemaria Escrivá