

“Call no man on the earth your Father” [Matthew 23:9]

A biblical reminder

APPENDIX
Illustrated cases

CASE 1



Image: Title “The Holy Father” on the Vatican’s official website (1)
(The red and yellow highlighting is ours)

CASE 2

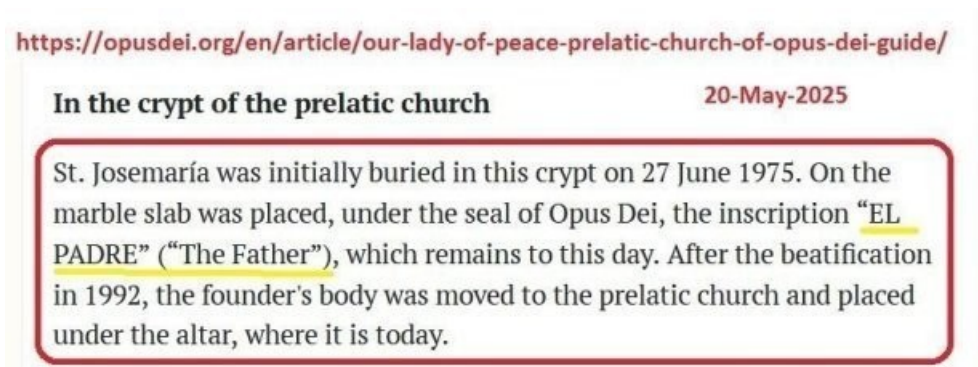


Fig 2. Title “THE FATHER” on the official website of Opus Dei. (2)(3)(4)
(The red and yellow highlighting is ours)

NOTES

(1) https://www.vatican.va/holy_father/index.htm — Visited 20-May-2025 — In the reproduction, the red and yellow highlighting is ours.

(2) <https://opusdei.org/en/article/our-lady-of-peace-prelatic-church-of-opus-dei-guide/> — Visited 20-May-2025 — In the reproduction, the red and yellow highlighting is ours.

(3) A Spanish journalist (Luis Carandell) wrote in 1992, speaking of Josemaría Escrivá:
Source: [https://opuslibros.org/vida_milagros.pdf], p.2 (in Spanish)

«His public appearances were veritable crowd baths, with cheers of ‘Father, Father, Father!’. People who have visited the crypt of the Roman palace on Bruno Buozzi Street, the headquarters of Opus Dei, where his remains rest, have said that those in charge of the Work **force visitors to crawl on their knees from the door of the crypt to the green-black marble tomb bearing the inscription EL PADRE (The Father).**»

(4) According to one of the members of the founding period of Opus Dei (Rosario Badules López), also speaking about Josemaría Escrivá:

Source: [[ODlopezEsp.html](#)] (in Spanish)

«Back in 1944, before going in to greet him for the first time, I was warned that I should call him “Father.” ... He [Escrivá] was the one who told one of his closest collaborators to ask the General Congress that the official greeting to the Father be with the left knee on the ground and kissing his hand. ... **He couldn't stand being called Father Escrivá; he had to be addressed only as Father or Monsignor Escrivá.** The Central Secretary [of Opus Dei] told Pilar Salcedo, a journalist: “**The important thing is ‘the Father’ [Escrivá], because there are many popes, but only one Father.**”»

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APPENDIX with images of:

<https://www.mgr.org/NotTheFather.html>

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In Spanish: No llaméis Padre a ninguno de vosotros sobre la tierra – Un recordatorio bíblico [[NotTheFatherEsp.html](#)]

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