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Elective Process Begins with Meeting of Opus Dei's Central Advisory

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The first day has opened with a Mass of the Holy Spirit in the prelatic church of Our Lady of Peace, entrusting the tasks of these days to God's protection.

During the homily, the auxiliary vicar of the prelature, Mons. Fernando Ocáriz, said that, "a new page is being opened in Opus Dei's history. The Holy Spirit is the main protagonist. He infuses charity in our hearts and fills us with joy."

He continued, "We ask the Holy Spirit to accompany the new Father, so that he may guide the Work with

full fidelity to the Church and to the spirit that St Josemaría transmitted."

In the Advisory, each member has made a proposal with the name or names of those priests in the electoral Congress seen as best suited for the position of prelate.

In a recent interview, Isabel Sánchez (central Secretary of this Council) explained: "I have no doubt that the new Central Advisory will do everything they can to follow him and give him their full support. Moreover, it will be a great joy to continue following Pope Francis, and together with so many other institutions in the Church, to announce the Gospel message in all environments, living together with everyone, with respect, with a desire to serve, with our noble human work."

In total 194 faithful of Opus Dei will participate in the process. They will

include both priests and lay people, at least 32 years old, who have been in the prelature for at least nine years. They have been appointed from among the faithful of the prelature in the various countries where Opus Dei is carrying out its pastoral work.

More information on the elective congress

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