



Saint Josemaria Escriva

Founder of Opus Dei

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A new download offers a selection of passages from St Josemaria's writings, arranged in nine sections, for the nine days leading up to the feast of the Immaculate Conception of our Lady on December 8. Each day ends with a short prayer addressed by St Josemaria directly to our Heavenly Mother.

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Custom

The Immaculate Conception Novena is a custom that grew up in the Church as a way of preparing for the great Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on December 8. St Josemaria recommended his children in Opus Dei to do the novena personally in whatever way they thought best. Naturally, this includes a greater effort to keep up a constant conversation with our Lady, putting loving care into our prayer, mortification and ordinary work. It also means helping our family members, friends and acquaintances come closer to Jesus Christ through our Mother Mary. "We always go to God, and return to him, through Mary" (St. Josemaria, [The Way](#), 495).