

Formation is Fundamental: Becoming what God intends you to be!

Five Aspects of Formation in Christian Life according to St. Josemaria Escriva

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St. Josemaria Escriva, the founder of Opus Dei, fully grasped the importance of education in every person's life. He saw his own role as helping to "form" each person to be what God created him/her to be. With penetrating insight he distinguished five areas for growth to attain the maturity proper to a daughter/son of God: 1) the human aspect, 2) expertise (competence) in a given area of life (work/profession), 3) a deep spiritual life, 4) concern for others, and 5) a fitting intellectual knowledge of the faith.

Each of us can continue to improve in all these ways and help our children, friends and others to pursue these ends.

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About the Speaker

Fr. Rene grew up in Chicago and it was there that he met Opus Dei. He was very fortunate to go to Rome in 1955 and to spend three years there close to St. Josemaria, the founder of Opus Dei. In 1958 he moved to Spain to complete his studies of Theology and was ordained in 1960. After returning to the States he carried out his priestly work for about 10 years in the Midwest and then moved to California where he worked for 32 years. He came to Pittsburgh in 2002 and has been associated with Aquinas Academy since that time.

Over the course of the years, as a priest of Opus Dei, Fr. Rene has given many retreats to men and women and has devoted many hours to hearing confessions and giving spiritual direction. He has also given many classes on matters related to the faith.

In his presentation, he will bring out some of the insights he received from St. Josemaria and other members of Opus Dei about aspects of the Christian life and how we can help young people in this regard.

A light reception will follow the talk. Lectures are free and open to the public.



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