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## THE SPOKESMAN BEHIND SAINT JOHN PAUL II

Professional Memories of Navarro-Valls' Friends and Colleagues

Joaquín Navarro-Valls was an excellent doctor in psychiatry who became a magnificent journalist. His former degree explains the reason why he dedicated the last years of his career to promoting the study of medicine as President of the Campus Bio-Medico University of Rome Advisory Board. But his "capolavoro" (masterpiece), as they say in Italy, was managing the Holy See Press Office for 22 years and his work as spokesman for John Paul II and Benedict XVI. It all began when he joined the Spanish newspaper ABC in 1977... This is a book of testimonies. Testimonies of people who knew Joaquín Navarro-Valls and wish to share their memories as a memorial tribute. The contributors are friends "from both sides" of the press office (colleagues and journalists) as well as professionals of the communication field, managers, essay writers and biographers, friends, the doctors who took care of him... I leave you in the hands of Joaquín's friends. I hope that you enjoy their contributions as much as I did in preparing these pages. (Rafael Navarro-Valls, Brother of Joaquín Navarro-Valls)



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