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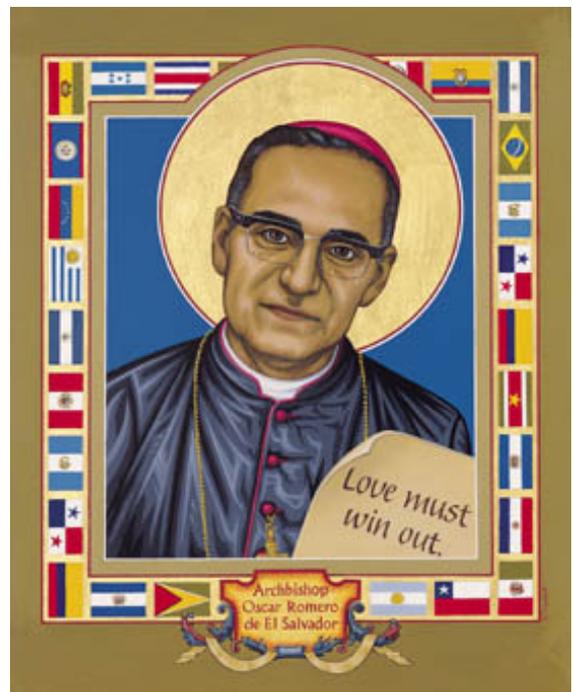
16 – 24 March 2013

Romero Week is fast approaching. 24 March is the thirty-third anniversary of Archbishop Romero's martyrdom and, this year, falls on Palm Sunday.

Romero Week runs from Saturday 16 March through to Sunday 24 March. Since it coincides with the 50th anniversary of 'Pacem in Terris', Pope John XXIII's encyclical on peace, the focus chosen for the national ecumenical service is '**Romero: a prophet of peace for our times**'.

We hope that, as in previous years, many parishes and dioceses across Britain will mark Romero's anniversary with a Mass, ecumenical service, talk, film-showing or other event. Now is the time to plan and organise if there is not already an event in your calendar.

The Trust has liturgical materials on the website which may be helpful to you in planning your event. We may also be able to supply you with people to give a talk, educational resources or Romero DVDs for events that you are organising. Let us know, so that we can give you publicity on the Trust website and in press releases to the Church media.



Romero icon from Pax Christi

This year's special Romero Week speaker is Marie Dennis, who is visiting the UK as the guest of

Pax Christi and the Archbishop Romero Trust. Marie is the Co-President of Pax Christi International and, until recently, was also the Director of the Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns in Washington DC.

Romero Week Events with Marie Dennis
Venues and Dates

London, Saturday 23 March at 11.00 am

National Ecumenical Memorial Service at St Martin in the Fields Church, Trafalgar Square, WC2N 4JJ
Marie Dennis will give the Address

Nottingham, Monday 18 March at 7.30 pm

Cathedral Hall, Nottingham, NG1 5AE
Further information from Louise Cooke,
ijnottingham@nrctd.org.uk

Wrexham, Tuesday 19 March at 7.30pm

St Mary's Cathedral Hall
Details from Wrexham J&P Commission
pizzoni@btinternet.com

Birmingham, Wednesday 20 March at 2.00pm

Mass in St Chad's Cathedral followed by talk/reception in the Grimshaw Room organised by CAFOD. Details from hmoseley@cafod.org.uk

Coventry, Wednesday 20 March, evening

Details from Ann Farr: annfarr@phonecoop.coop

Oxford, Thursday 21 March at 7.00 pm

University Catholic Chaplaincy Chapel.
Further details from peteranne@aol.com



Marie Dennis: Guest Speaker for Romero Week 2013

Marie is co-author of **Oscar Romero: Reflections on His Life and Writings** and author of **A Retreat with Oscar Romero and Dorothy Day: Walking with the Poor**.

Other planned events that we know of:

London, Saturday 9 March, 10.00 – 4.00 pm

A Day Retreat organised by CAFOD Westminster in north London: 'The Life and Thoughts of Oscar Romero' with Julian Filochowski.
Details from westminster@cafod.org.uk

York, Thursday 7 March at 7.00 pm

'Blood and Sweat: the Witness of Romero's Relics'
Jan Graffius lecture at York University.
Details from antony.lester@york.ac.uk

Norwich, Tuesday 19 March, evening

'Blood and Sweat: the Witness of Romero's Relics'

Jan Graffius will speak in the Narthex of the Catholic Cathedral. Details from amandahopkinson@hotmail.com

Burnley. Saturday 23 March at 2.00pm
Romero presentation and Mass with Fr Tony Lester O.Carm at Burnley & Pendle Faith Centre, organised by Salford J & P.

The Puzzling Question of Oscar Romero's Beatification

Julian Filochowski asks "where are we at" with the Cause for Romero's beatification.



Julian Filochowski (centre) pictured with Archbishop Romero during a visit to El Salvador in 1978

The poor of Latin America long ago canonised Archbishop Romero in their hearts – they call him Saint Romero of the Americas and pray to him for help and protection.

The Anglican Communion has a special Collect Prayer for 24 March and Romero's statue has been placed over the West Door of Westminster Abbey as one of ten martyrs of the twentieth century they

wish to honour. That sounds a lot like Anglican canonisation.

Then, in 2010, the United Nations General Assembly declared that 24 March was to be marked each year as the 'International Day for the Right to Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims' – explicitly recognising Romero's courageous witness. Is that secular canonisation?

Which leaves Rome. So we wait and we pray, impatiently, for that official canonical recognition of his martyrdom and heroic sanctity. So where are we at?

Way back in 1990, on the tenth anniversary of Archbishop Romero's assassination, it was announced formally in San Salvador that the Cause for his Canonisation would be opened.

Exactly three years later Archbishop Rivera Damas, Romero's successor, sent the necessary preliminary documentation to the 'Congregation for the Causes of Saints' in the Vatican. In the same year 1993, they in turn gave authorisation for the first stage of the process to begin at the diocesan level. Archbishop Romero was on the first step of the ladder to sainthood – he was now officially 'Servant of God' Romero.

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Those complex proceedings were completed successfully and the 'Diocesan Process' came to a close at a special ceremony in November 1996. The new archbishop in San Salvador, Fernando Saenz Lacalle, a member of Opus Dei, quickly referred the Cause to Rome and gave it his blessing and full support.

Msgr Vincenzo Paglia, then a parish priest in Rome and a key figure in the Sant' Egidio Movement, was appointed as Postulator of the Cause. In 1997 the Vatican accepted the Cause as valid and in 1998 all the necessary materials from San Salvador making the case for martyrdom and canonisation were delivered to the Roman authorities.

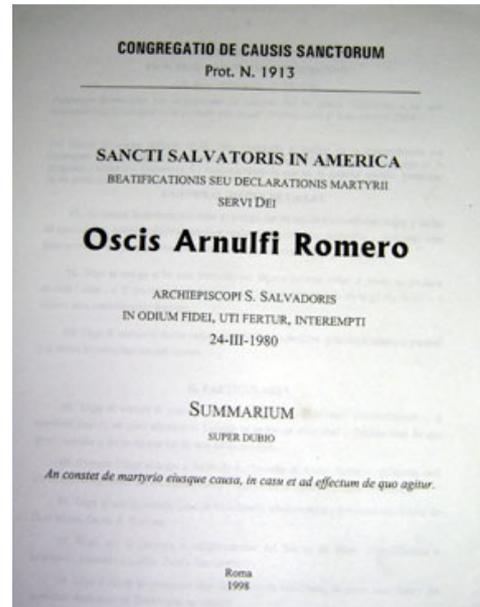
Msgr Paglia became Bishop of Terni, in Central Italy, and redoubled his efforts to get the Cause moving forward after Archbishop Romero got an honourable mention in the Millennium Jubilee ceremonies and an affirmation of his sanctity from Pope John Paul II.

But twelve more years have now gone by and we still await news of the next stage - which is beatification.

The 'Congregation for the Causes of Saints' oversees and manages the process in Rome. In Romero's case, once his killing is recognised as martyrdom, there should be a fast track to beatification as no miracles are necessary in such martyrial circumstances.

But no 'Decree of Martyrdom' has so far been issued and rumours abound that his martyrdom is still seen as controversial in some quarters within the hierarchy of the Latin American Church. The 'Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith', then

headed by the present Pope when he was still Cardinal Ratzinger, examined all of Archbishop Romero's writings and the transcripts of his speaking and, it is understood, in 2005 pronounced itself satisfied with Romero's orthodoxy.



The 1998 document making the case for Romero's martyrdom and canonisation as presented to the Roman authorities

Pope Benedict has subsequently spoken three times about Archbishop Romero with admiration, most significantly on the plane to Brazil in 2007 when he told reporters: "That Romero merits beatification, I do not doubt".

Pope Benedict:

"That Romero merits beatification, I do not doubt...
... a Pastor full of love for God."



Pope Benedict XVI admiring Romero's statue at Westminster Abbey during his 2010 visit to Britain



In 2008, during the Salvadoran bishops 'ad limina' papal audience, Pope Benedict spoke of Romero as a "Pastor full of love for God". Since then admiration, affection and devotion to Oscar Romero have continued to grow exponentially across the globe.

But as of January 2013 there is no substantive news from Rome; visiting bishops are regularly told, in

answer to their queries, that "work continues" on the Cause.

Meanwhile, in July 2012, Bishop Paglia was appointed President of the Pontifical Council for the Family, a senior curial position in the Vatican. If past practice is any indicator he will soon be made a Cardinal – and he insists he will remain the Official Promoter of Romero's Cause.

Today there is new optimism for Archbishop Romero's Cause.

At the apex of the government of the Church in Rome he is joined by Archbishop Müller, the new Prefect of the 'Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith'. Three years ago the latter travelled across the Atlantic from his diocese in Germany to San Salvador to take part in the thirtieth anniversary celebrations of Romero's martyrdom.

Taken together with Britain's own Archbishop Arthur Roche, long an admirer of Oscar Romero, now appointed Secretary of the Vatican's 'Congregation for Divine Worship', this significantly changes the panorama in Rome.

So today there is new optimism that Archbishop Romero's Cause might finally move into the fast lane leading to his beatification in time for the centenary of his birth in 2017. Nothing could be more fitting - for a man so widely acclaimed as a credible witness to the Gospel and to the Resurrection of Jesus Christ for our 21st century.

Oremus. Let us Pray.

Romero Prayer from the Anglican Church

The following prayer is used by the Anglican Church as the Collect of the Day for 24 March, the anniversary of Archbishop Romero's martyrdom.

Almighty God

You called your servant Oscar Romero
To be a voice for the voiceless poor

And to give his life

As a seed of freedom and a sign of hope

Grant that, inspired by his sacrifice

And the example of the martyrs of El Salvador

We may without fear or favour

Witness to your Word who abides

Your Word who is Life

Even Jesus Christ our Lord

To whom, with you and the Holy Spirit

Be praise and glory

Now and for ever

Amen.

Romero Relic at Stonyhurst College

A small fragment of blood-stained fabric from Monseñor Oscar Romero's alb has been blessed and installed at the Sodality Chapel of Stonyhurst College in Lancashire. The fabric was part of the alb worn by Monseñor Romero when he was martyred.

Stonyhurst's curator, Jan Graffius, received the piece of fabric in acknowledgement of her valuable work over the last five years to preserve the martyr vestments and personal possessions of Archbishop Romero in El Salvador.



The Mass at Stonyhurst College, during which a small fragment of blood-stained fabric from Romero's alb was blessed and installed as a relic

She also carried out conservation work on the clothing and possessions of the Jesuits of the UCA, (Central American University), who were murdered by the Salvadoran army in 1989.



Jan Graffius (right) stands beside the triptych which includes a fragment from Romero's alb at its centre

The pupils of Stonyhurst College raised money to commission a beautiful triptych from Fernando Llort, the famous Salvadoran artist whose work is synonymous, for many, with the Romero's life.

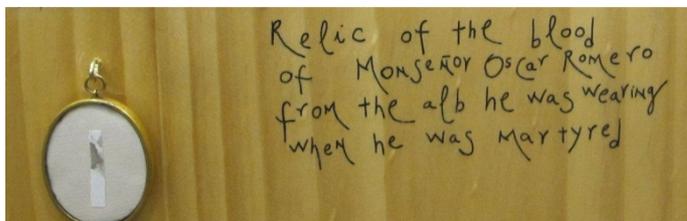
The triptych depicts the Archbishop standing among his people, surrounded by village scenes and a corn field. On either side are quotations from the

readings of the mass he was saying when he was murdered, and extracts from the homily he gave seconds before being shot. Beside the triptych is a resin replica of the bust of Romero which stands outside his small house in the little cancer hospital, the *hospitalito*, in San Salvador.

The short, but moving ceremony included the readings from Romero's last Mass. Paul Chitnis, the Director of Jesuit Missions, read an appreciation of Romero's life and the witness of his death and Jan Graffius spoke of her work to conserve Romero's vestments. Afterwards the triptych was placed in the Chapel for silent prayer.



A Romero painting adorns the allotment of Erasmo Valiente, an agronomist and business adviser who works with farming communities in El Salvador as part of the Jesuit Development Service



A close-up of the relic (left)

Stonyhurst College encourages its pupils to work actively for truth and justice in the world and to follow the Jesuit charism by seeking to find God in all things. We hope the triptych will be a focus for the pupils' voluntary work in the community and that Monseñor Romero's words will inspire them to discover more about his life and learn from his example.

Romero Pilgrimage to El Salvador 2013 Waiting List

The pilgrimage planned for November has now been fully subscribed: For information about places on waiting list please contact: Anthony Coles, 18, Maresfield Gardens, London NW3 5SX. Tel: 020 7431 3414 Fax: 020 7794 7803 Email: arctc@btinternet.com

Vatican Radio Romero Tribute

Vatican Radio published a sermon for 27th January highlighting Romero as embodying Jesus' "good news to the poor". The following is an extract:

Speaking in the synagogue in Nazareth, Jesus used Isaiah's prophetic terms, long since seen as referring to the coming Messiah, to describe his own mission. Jesus said he had been sent, among other reasons, "to bring good news to the poor." The success of Jesus' mission, particularly with the poor who had no political power except that conferred by their sheer numbers, made Jesus a "dangerous" person to the religious authorities of Israel and eventually resulted in his crucifixion. The Christian gospel is still dangerous when its truth is really put into practice. This is clearly seen in the case of Archbishop Oscar Romero, who was murdered when, like Jesus, he reminded people of the needs of the poor and the oppressed in El Salvador. The story begins in 1979 when a young priest, Father Grande, was shot and killed on the streets of El

Salvador. His "crime" was that he spoke out against the government, which brutally suppressed all forms of protests and executed thousands of innocent people using its notorious "Death Squads." When Fr. Grande's great friend, Bishop Oscar Romero, was chosen to be the new Archbishop, the authorities thought he would keep quiet on the question of the oppressed poor in that country. Instead, Archbishop Romero became an outspoken defender of the poor and a critic of the state-supported "Death Squads." To honour the memory of his martyred friend, Archbishop Romero refused to appear in any public ceremonies sponsored by the army or the government. He soon became the voice and conscience of El Salvador. His words and actions were reported throughout the whole world, so that everybody knew the atrocities happening in El Salvador. Archbishop Romero's fight for human rights led to his nomination for the Nobel Peace Prize. On March 24, 1980, at 6:25 PM, as Romero was offering Mass in a hospital chapel, a shot from the back of the church struck him in the chest, killing him instantly. Thus, Archbishop Romero died a martyr for the gospel of Christ. As we reflect today on Jesus' words about his mission, let us remember Archbishop Romero and continue to strive to live out faithfully, in our world and in our daily lives, the "dangerous" truths of the "good news" which is Jesus' gift to us today.

To remember him gives us hope!
Dean Brackley SJ on Romero

This extract from a homily given on 26 March 2010 to mark the 30th anniversary of Romero's death is by Dean Brackley, a U.S. Jesuit based at the UCA in El Salvador. Dean died on 16th October 2011.

Monseñor Romero was assassinated whilst celebrating the Eucharist. We are here today to remember him because his life and his words have inspired us. His memories give us hope. This is what it means to follow Christ today! This is what it means to be human! We want to be like him. We want the Church to be like him. We give thanks to God because Monseñor was a work of God. Only God can produce that freedom and that courage. In the midst of his pastoral work, he faced much conflict and suffered persecution and personal danger. Only God can inspire to speak as Monseñor did. Only God can produce a love such as his.

With Monseñor, God passed through our world. And thanks to Monseñor, it is easier to imagine what Jesus was like. It is easier for us to understand why they killed Jesus. They killed him for the same reasons as they killed Monseñor. And at the same time, it isn't difficult to understand how a life and death such as his produce hope and give new life. Shortly before his death, Monseñor left us this unforgettable testimony:

Romero:

"As a shepherd, I am obliged by divine mandate to give life to those whom I love... even to those who may be going to assassinate me. From this moment, I am offering God my blood for the redemption and resurrection of El Salvador..."

"Martyrdom is a grace which I don't deserve. But if God accepts the sacrifice of my life, may my blood be the seed of freedom and a sign that hope will soon become reality. May my death, if accepted by God, be for the liberation of my people and as a witness of hope in the future." (March 1980).



Dean Brackley SJ at a procession at the UCA to remember those people killed during El Salvador's civil war in their struggle for justice, 2009

Monseñor Romero was good news for the poor people of El Salvador and now he is good news for all of us. This is the Gospel of today: "Blessed are the poor, those who are hungry and weep". Blessed, not because suffering is good, but because God comes to rescue you from your poverty and hunger. Not because you are morally good, but because God is good and merciful.

God puts himself on the side of the victims. God is like the mother who goes to defend her younger son when her older son fights with him. Naturally, the mother loves them both.

Today God puts himself on the side of exploited workers. But God also puts himself on the side of the wife of the worker when he returns home and

abuses her. Whoever takes advantage of the weak will be accountable to God for that. To announce the good news of the reign of God means that God comes to put an end to unjust social relationships and offer everyone a new way of living as brothers and sisters in a new world.

This message of good news permeated Monseñor's whole ministry. He well understood that, if the Church's message is not good news for poor people, then it is not the Gospel of Jesus.

And his message was credible because he lived it. He refused to accept the protection offered by the Government to give him protection, because the people did not enjoy such privilege. He spoke with authority because, like Jesus, he didn't speak in his own name. He spoke in the name of poor people and in the name of God.

His ministry made the Church a church of the poor. His pastoral approach was to accompany, to walk with the people in their suffering and their hope. He put poor people at the top of the Church's agenda.

For Monseñor, the question wasn't "how will this affect the Church?", but "how will it affect the poor?" Constantly, he asked them for help, he sought their opinion and he patiently listened.



Romero:

“Poor people have shown the Church the path to follow... The Church that doesn't join with the poor to denounce the injustices committed against them is not the true Church of Jesus Christ.”

(17 February 1980).

Today, many years after his death, we are gathered here because we recognise Monseñor Romero as a model Christian and a model bishop. In ancient times, people spoke of the Fathers of the Church. Today, Monseñor Romero, I dare to say, is a Father of the Church of the poor.

Extracts from Dean Brackley's homily translated from the Spanish text in "El Padre Dean", a publication of the UCA, El Salvador.

**From *Memories in Mosaic*
We were walking along**

César Jerez SJ shares an anecdote about Archbishop Romero from their visit to Rome

We were walking along the Via della Conciliazione. In the distance you could see the dome of the Vatican. It was already late in the evening. I felt like the cool night air, the darkness and the silence created a favourable ambience for exchanging confidences, so I got up my courage to try to get him to speak.

“Monseñor, you've changed. Everything about you has changed.... What's happened?”

There I was, going straight to the point, like a turkey after a grain of corn.

“Why did you change, Monseñor?”

“You know, Father Jerez, I ask myself that same question when I'm in prayer....”

He stopped walking and was silent.

“And do you find an answer, Monseñor?”

“Some answers, yes.... It's just that we all have our roots, you know... I was born into a poor family. I've suffered hunger. I know what it's like to work from the time you're a little kid... When I went to seminary and started my studies, and then they sent me to finish studying here in Rome, I spent years and years absorbed in my books, and I started to forget about where I came from. I started creating another world.

When I went back to El Salvador, they made me the bishop's secretary in San Miguel. I was a parish priest for 23 years there, but I was still buried under paperwork. And when they sent me to San Salvador to be auxiliary bishop, I fell into the hands of Opus Dei, and there I remained...”

We were walking slowly. It seemed like he wanted to keep talking.

“Then they sent me to Santiago de Maria, and I ran into extreme poverty again. Those children that were dying just because of the water they were drinking, those campesinos killing themselves in the harvests....”

You know Father, when a piece of charcoal has already been lit once, you don't have to blow on it much to get it to flame up again.

And everything that happened to us when I got to the archdiocese, what happened to Father Grande and all it was a lot. You know how much I admired him. When I saw Rutilio dead, I thought, if they killed him for what he was doing, it's my job to go down that same road..... So yes, I changed. But I also came back home again."

We kept walking a while in silence. The light from the new moon accented the Roman sky.

An extract from "Memories in Mosaic", anecdotes about Monseñor Romero, by María López Vigil.

Romero Prayer from Pax Christi

The following prayer comes from Pax Christi.

God of Life and Peace

You inspired your servant, Oscar Romero, to be a prophetic witness for justice and peace

Open our hearts to the sound of your call for peace in these times

Give us the courage to respond and the wisdom to know how

Help us to quell all violence in our world, especially that violence for which we are directly responsible

Let us call all people brother and sister and contribute in palpable ways to the transformation of the world

Amen

Bron Soan of (ACES) Aid for Children of El Salvador wins Catholic Women of the Year award



Bron Soan pictured with some of the children who have benefited from her work with ACES in El Salvador

Bron Soan, the founder of *Aid for Children of El Salvador (ACES)* has been named amongst the Catholic Women of the Year 2012. Bron founded ACES 26 years ago, following a visit to El Salvador where she was moved by the suffering of children made homeless and destitute by the civil war.

Under the auspices of the El Salvador Human Rights Committee, she made contact with the Passionist Sisters in Mejicanos, a shanty town in San Salvador. There she visited an orphanage for 100 children, ranging in age from 2 weeks old to 14 years old. There were just four people looking after them. She explains:

"Throughout the area, malnutrition and anemia were rife, but if anything the psychological scars of war were far worse than the physical manifestations of poverty." "I learned a lot during that visit and knew that I could not turn my back on those children of San Salvador. I went back to El Salvador every year and spent the time between visits giving talks to raise awareness and money."

"When my parents died I used my inheritance to set up a foundation for the children of San Salvador."

Today, ACES supports a day centre which provides 60 children with health care, education and hot meals. The organization also supports also an overnight refuge for at-risk teenage girls.

Bron says "I was very surprised, but also delighted to receive this award." The Catholic Women of the Year award was established 40 years ago as a tribute to Catholic women who have given outstanding service to the Church.

Annual Subscriptions Warmly Welcome

There are now around 400 *Friends of Romero* who belong to our solidarity network. If you can afford to do so, please send us a cheque for £10 to help cover our costs. Even better, please sign the Standing Order and Gift Aid forms which are printed at the end of this newsletter and return them to us at **8 Dean's Mews, London W1G 9EE.**

Book Review

Oscar Romero, Reflections on His Life and Writings

The following extract comes from a book review written by Frederic and Mary Ann Brussat, the founders of Spirituality and Practice.

An inspiring and edifying tribute to the life of Oscar Romero (1917-1980).

Dennis, Golden, and Wright note at the outset:

"We don't learn to become saints the way concert pianists or ballerinas discipline themselves to virtuosity. Holiness is a commitment and a grace, something we seek, but mostly a gift — for Romero, a gift of God and the poor whom he loved."

Although Romero started out as a conservative Catholic priest and theologian, his faith deepened over the years and took a radical turn in response to the anguish of the Salvadoran people. The question that burned in his heart and eventually turned his life around was: "How do we speak of God in the midst of unjust suffering?"

The authors have culled some of Romero's most poignant words of prophetic power from his homilies, diaries, letters, and public talks.

An example: "Some want to keep a Gospel so disembodied that it doesn't get involved at all in the world it must save. Christ is now in history. Christ is in the womb of the people. Christ is now bringing about a new heaven and a new earth."

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Archbishop Oscar Romero, 3 December 1978

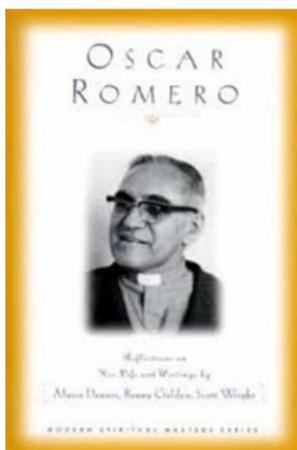
During his last three years as Archbishop of San Salvador, Romero spoke the truth to those in power, calling them to conversion, a change of their ways. And he was killed for it.

Dennis, Golden, and Wright salute Romero's spirituality, which was grounded in a reverence for

the dignity of the human person, a belief in the salvation of individuals in history and a celebration of "the transcendent dimension of liberation witnessed in the lives of the martyrs."

Bargain Book Offers

Oscar Romero, Reflections on His Life and Writings



£8.00 including p & p

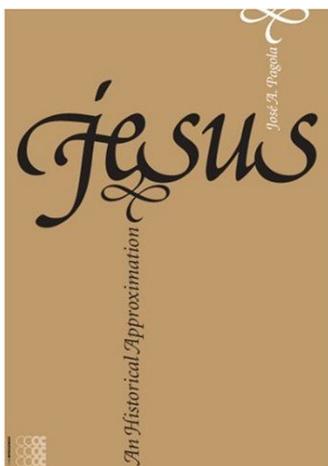
A beautiful and inspiring book, co-authored by Marie Dennis, this year's special Romero Week speaker.

basic questions about who he was, the originality of his message and how the vision of the Kingdom of God centred his life. A profound theological reflection about Jesus.

The Romero Trust has now sold close to 700 copies of Pagola's book. It has brought great joy to many, because it confirms us in our faith in difficult times and gives us a real sense of hope that God is at work in the world. We cannot recommend it too highly. Copies are available at £18 including postage and packing from the Trust. It is also available in bookshops at £28 per copy.

"At my age, I no longer read many books, but I read Pagola's from cover to cover. It has helped me grow in age, wisdom and grace. I recommend it to many people, Christians and non-believers. If Monseñor Romero were alive, he would be quoting from it in his Sunday homilies." Jon Sobrino SJ

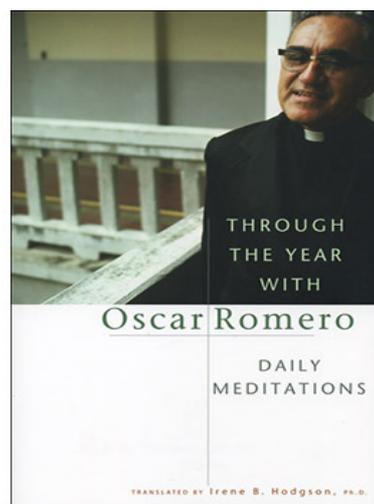
Jesus, an Historical Approximation



£19.00 including p & p

A Spanish best-seller, now available in English. Author Monsignor José Antonio Pagola presents a lively and passionate narrative of Jesus, addressing

Through the Year with Oscar Romero: Daily Meditations



£8 including p & p

In these powerful and moving selections from his broadcasts, Romero invites us each day to move into the 'intimate space' of our conscience and then to go out to create a more just world.

Oscar Romero and the Communion of the Saints

OSCAR ROMERO
and
The Communion of Saints

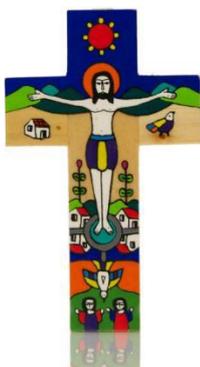


SCOTT WRIGHT

£10 including p & p

One of the special joys of this biography is its inclusion of many rarely-seen photographs, taken by Octavio Durán, a Franciscan friar, who served as Romero's personal photographer.

Salvadoran Handicrafts Hand-painted Romero Cross



£3.75 including p & p

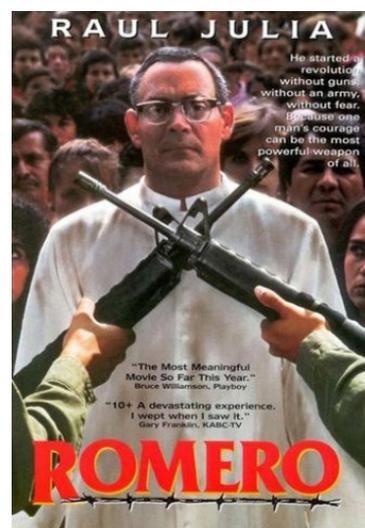
These beautiful Salvadoran crosses are hand-painted by Lázaro Rodríguez and his family, who

work from their home in the northern border town of La Palma. The back of the cross shows the date of Archbishop Romero's birth and martyrdom and includes a quote from one of his homilies. Height: 4 inches (10 cms).

Romero DVDs

Two superb films about Archbishop Romero are available on DVD. Both last around 90 minutes and give a good picture of Romero's life and martyrdom.

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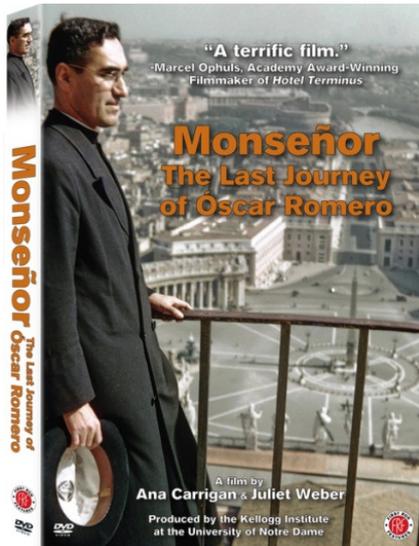
£12 including p&p

The first is 'Romero', produced in 1989 and starring Raul Julia. It has been shown for years to confirmation classes and Justice and Peace groups across the country. Although not 100% historically accurate, it is a brilliant portrayal. You can now watch it in its entirety on YouTube, free of charge, by clicking on the following link.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=endscreen&NR=1&v=6hAdhmosepl>

Alternatively the DVD is still available from the Trust at £12, including p&p.

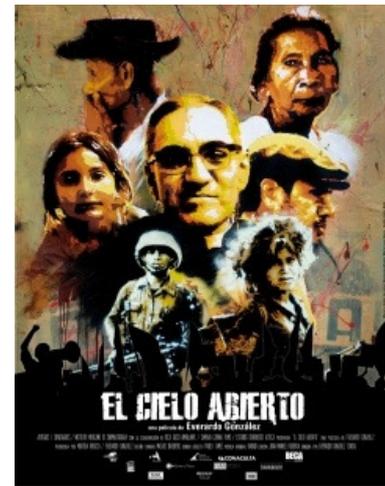
Monseñor – the Last Journey of Oscar Romero



£14 including p&p

The second is **'Monseñor – the Last Journey of Oscar Romero'**, produced by Ana Carrigan for the thirtieth anniversary of Romero's martyrdom. Years ago, Ana produced the memorable and moving film 'Roses in December', the story of the four US women religious slaughtered in El Salvador in December 1980. This new documentary can now be purchased from the Trust at £14 including p&p.

'The Open Heaven' (El Cielo Abierto)



'The Open Heaven' (El Cielo Abierto) is another first class film about Romero, released last year, and produced by Mexican film Director, Everardo Gonzalez. Although 'pirated' copies are in circulation it is not available on DVD with English subtitles; but it is now possible to view the complete film of 'El Cielo Abierto' on YouTube at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y3BQU5z47nA>

We will import copies of the DVD for 'Friends of Romero' if and when it becomes available to us.

The books and crafts may be ordered from the Archbishop Romero Trust, 8 Dean's Mews, London W1G 9EE or by email: romerotrust@btinternet.com

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