

CHRONOLOGY OF THE BEATIFICATION OF BLESSED OSCAR ARNULFO ROMERO

24 March 1993	Diocesan postulator sends " <i>Supplex Libellus</i> " to the archbishop of San Salvador to initiate the cause
9 June 1993	CDF gives its " <i>Nulla osta</i> " (Clearance)
1 July 1993	Cong. Clergy: raises need to review documentation
3 July 1993	Archbishop Tauran: Holy Father has granted " <i>Nulla osta</i> "
10 July 1993	Cong. Bishops: cause should be dismissed for the time being
13 September 1993	Sec State: Reports receipt of objections, cites Pope's " <i>Nulla osta</i> "
22 September 1993	« <i>Nihil obstat ex parte Sanctae Sedis</i> »
24 March 1994	Decree initiating Cause; Decree appointing the Episcopal Delegate, the promoter of justice, notary, 3 experts and 3 Theological Censors
24 March 1994 – 1 November 1995	Diocesan inquiry
8 September 1994	Declaration of non cultus
20 November 1996	Msgr. Vincenzo Paglia named postulator
25 November 1996	Decree closing the diocesan process
26 April 1997	Cong. Clergy sends CCS note dated June 21, 1993 alleging manipulation, construction of "fictitious person" Romero by Jon Sobrino, urges postponement
4 July 1997	CCS issues decree of validity of the diocesan process indicating " <i>cauto tamen ut omnes aliae pervestigaciones de martyrio materili et formalie eiusdem Servi Dei fieri debeant</i> " ('proceed w/ caution')
10 July 1997	Ordinary Congress of the CCS places cause in the hands of the Relator Fr. Daniel Ols, O.P.
3 March 1998	Drafting of the Positio in progress; CDF (Ratzinger) writes the CCS that certain documents that lead "to the conclusion of having to undertake a detailed study-from the point of view of doctrine-of the whole body of the homilies of H.E. Msgr. Romero Galdámez. Accordingly, following the granting of the <i>nulla osta</i> by letter dated June 9, 1993 as to the ' <i>de vita et de moribus</i> ' the aforementioned Congregation is invited to suspend the procedure for the Cause of Canonization in question until the conclusion of the above study."

15 November 2004	Ratzinger (CDF) to Saraiva Martins (CCS), "the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith-after having submitted all the documents in its possession to a detailed examination-has decided on an 'Extension' [Delay] to the above cause (of beatification of the Servant God), considering that we must delve deeper into the relationship between faith and praxis in the pastoral decisions of Monsignor Romero, because there is still some confusion regarding the above mentioned Servant of God's views regarding Marxism and--in the judgment of this Congregation--this demands further analysis, although his expression of the faith may be considered orthodox."
1 April 2011	Levada (CDF) to Amato (CCS): "Now, having completed the study in question, the Ordinary Session of this Congregation has decided as follows: 1) No doctrinal errors were detected in the writings of Monsignor Romero we examined. However, ambiguities have been detected, and that--notwithstanding the intentions of the candidate--is due to an objective influence of Marxist thought, at least in terms of the methods of social analysis and terminology. 2) The risks of manipulation of the thought and figure of Monsignor Romero have not been overcome yet. 3) Meanwhile, the <i>nulla osta</i> regarding <i>vita et moribus</i> remains, while also confirming the Extension [Delay] of Cause expressed by this Dicastery and the competent authorities are invited to continue reflecting on the problems, both doctrinal as well as prudential, which have heretofore required the study at issue. The Holy Father, in the audience granted me on February 18, 2011, approved the above decisions."
2012-2013 ("Almost two years later")	Paglia to Benedict XVI: problems reported by Levada are being studied; Pope considers it <i>pro veritate</i> to resume a normal course for the Cause, reversing the previous Extension [Delay]. Benedict reiterated the same to Müller (CDF)
24 April 2013	CDF revokes the previous Extension [Delay] of the Cause
23 November 2014	Date of cover letter in <i>Positio super martyrio</i>