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Dominican Sisters of Peace Honor Romero on 30th Anniversary of Martyrdom

The Dominican Sisters of Peace will commemorate the life and witness of Archbishop Oscar Romero with a common prayer service to be held in various locations around the 30th anniversary of his martyrdom, March 24, 2010.

Oscar Romero was Archbishop of San Salvador, El Salvador, from 1977 until his assassination in 1980. Witnessing ongoing violations of human rights, Romero used his position to speak out on behalf of the poor and the victims of the Salvadoran civil war. On March 24, 1980, as he celebrated a Monday afternoon Mass, a bullet from an M-16 assault rifle pierced his heart, killing him instantly. The day before, he had preached a sermon calling on Salvadoran soldiers, as Christians, to obey God's higher order and to stop carrying out the government's repression and violations of basic human rights.

The words and life of this reluctant prophet continue to speak the Gospel today. The Dominican Sisters of Peace honor him for his example of living and preaching the Gospel, standing in solidarity with the poor and marginalized, and giving voice to the voiceless.

With a presence of Sisters and Associates in 36 states and six foreign countries, the Dominican Sisters of Peace will have many members praying the common service in small, private groups. However, at four motherhouse sites, friends and neighbors in the surrounding areas are warmly invited to attend the prayer service:

On March 21:

4:45 pm at Dominican Sisters of Peace, St. Catharine Motherhouse
2645 Bardstown Rd, St. Catharine, KY 40061 (859.336.9303)

On March 24:

4:30 pm at Dominican Sisters of Peace, Oxford Motherhouse
775 Drahner Rd, Oxford, MI 48371 (248.628.2872)
4:40 pm at Dominican Sisters of Peace, Akron Motherhouse
1230 W. Market St., Akron, OH 44313 (330.836.4908)
7:00 pm at Dominican Sisters of Peace, Columbus Motherhouse
2320 Airport Drive, Columbus, OH 43219 (614.252.2137)

Written by Dominican Sister of Peace Barbara Harrington, OP, "An Itinerant's Journey: The *Via Crucis* of Oscar Romero" prayer service traces the ministerial life of Archbishop Romero through 11 stations. Participants are invited to bring water from their home place, to be used in a seed-planting ritual at the services.

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