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Discover the powerful legacy of Saint Oscar Romero, the Archbishop of San Salvador who became a global icon for human rights and social justice. Assassinated in 1980 for his outspoken critiques of poverty and government violence, his life and martyrdom continue to inspire millions, leading to his canonization as a Catholic saint.

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Revolutionary Saint

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Oscar Romero and the Communion of Saints

"Official pastoral letters and other speeches by Oscar Romero, the martyred archbishop of San Salvador"--

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"Informational goulash" : prior investigations of the Romero assassination -- "In violation of the law of nations" : the Romero assassination comes to the United States -- "The enemy comes from our people" : coffee, anti-communism, and the death squads -- "The door of history" : Archbishop Romero and the Catholic Church in El Salvador -- "A bed to drop dead in" : the search for Álvaro Saravia and the death squad financiers -- "Arena's Achilles' heel" : our first trip to El Salvador -- "Baby robbers, mad bombers, and other assorted criminals" : Saravia's escape to Miami brings U.S. foreign policy full circle -- "You're making a lot of noise" : looking for evidence on the death squad financiers -- "You know better than to ask that" : the search for the getaway driver -- "A rabid anti-communist" : meeting witnesses from the Arena party -- "We don't have a clue what the hell is going on" : the continuing hunt for Saravia and insider witnesses -- "God forgive me for what I'm going to do" : an insider goes on the record -- "There must have been a thousand Romeros" : final interviews and trial preparation -- "Of a magnitude that is hardly describable" : the Romero assassination case goes to trial -- "The fleas always stick to the skinniest dog" : the verdict's impact on Saravia

Voice of the Voiceless

This volume is the third in an ambitious initiative by the Romero Trust and Convivium Press to provide English translations of a series of books about the martyred Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero. Romero has been attracting a growing interest worldwide because of his prophetic words and his option for the poor, which he faithfully lived out until his assassination at the altar. With an integrity and authenticity rare in the contemporary church, Romero managed to find an extraordinary synthesis between orthodoxy and Gospel praxis, and he exhibited a beautiful blend of deep prayerful spirituality and effective action for justice. In his second year as archbishop of San Salvador, Oscar Romero had to face strong opposition not only from the military government and its powerful allies, but also from within his own church. In his pleas for social change in El Salvador he received little support from his fellow bishops, and even the Vatican had serious questions. Despite the opposition, Romero intensified his critique of the existing social order, drawing always on his inspired reading of the scriptures and his deep understanding of the church's social doctrine. Rejected by the powers-that-be in his own land, Romero won recognition around the world for his courageous defense of human rights and his sacrificial struggle on behalf of the Salvadoran people. And the people, of course, hung on to his every word as preached in the cathedral and over the airwaves every Sunday morning. Romero's passionate homilies capture the combative spirit of a church trying to restore hope and direction to a country in crisis. The present volume is an English translation of the 25 homilies delivered between June 4 and November 29, 1978, corresponding to the third volume of the original Spanish edition and to Cycle A of the church's liturgy. Editor and Translator, Joseph V. Owens, is a Jesuit who has spent most of his active career working in the Caribbean and Central America. His various ministries have included grass-roots organizing, pastoral work, radio apostolate, and teaching.

The Little Book of Archbishop Oscar Romero

Three decades after the assassination of Archbishop Oscar Romero of San Salvador, his words continue to speak for the voiceless and to challenge us and make demands of us. His words from his homilies give us spirit and hope. After reading and praying with Romero, we no longer can be indifferent to the suffering of the poor and those treated unjustly in all areas of the globe. This volume presents a selection of texts from the slain archbishop's homilies, one reading per day for a year of reflection and personal prayer. Archbishop Romero's homilies address themes still current today: persecution, pluralism, idolatry, forgiveness, conformity, sin, social sanction, the prophetic church, conversion, love of God and your neighbor—among many others. As Archbishop Romero once suggested, let us move to that "intimate cell" of our conscience to encounter ourselves and then go out and encounter our poor and voiceless.

Assassination of a Saint

People of God is a brand new series of inspiring biographies for the general reader. Each volume offers a compelling and honest narrative of the life of an important twentieth or twenty-first century Catholic. Some living and some now deceased, each of these women and men have known challenges and weaknesses familiar to most of us, but responded to them in ways that call us to our own forms of heroism. Each of them offers a credible and concrete witness of faith, hope, and love to people of our own day. With the cause for his beatification reportedly moving along rapidly now at the Vatican, this biography of a people's saint traces the events leading up to the assassination of Archbishop Oscar Romero at a chapel altar in San Salvador and the reverberations of that day in El Salvador and beyond. This in-depth look at Archbishop Romero, the pastor-defender of the poor and great witness of the faith, offers a prism through which to view a Catholic understanding of liberation and how to be a church of the poor, for the poor, as Pope Francis calls us to be.

A Prophetic Bishop Speaks to His People

Who is Oscar Romero, assassinated in 1980 while saying mass, beatified by Pope Francis in 2015, a man Latin Americans already claim as Saint Romero of America? This biography, a Romero primer, sets out to answer this question for the general public ages fifteen up--readers who may know little about El Salvador, Romero's homeland, or the Roman Catholic Church. Based on interviews with some of Romero's seminary mates and siblings, this title reveals not-yet-published information to fill gaps in Romero's first twenty-five years of life. One chapter explores the archbishop's surprising relationship with "misguided" young adults. The author takes painstaking effort to convey the context in which this old-school cleric emerged as an audacious voice of the voiceless. That he did so is remarkable; Vatican officials named him archbishop confident he would remain silent, rein in activism, and ruffle no

status-quo feathers. How and why Romero defied expectations ranks among the most compelling faith stories of the late twentieth century. Jose Inocencio Alas honors this work with a foreword. A former priest and colleague of Romero who narrowly survived abduction and torture by El Salvador's notorious National Guard, Alas has exclaimed, "I hope just about everyone in the world reads this book."

Through the Year with Oscar Romero

From the stirring foreword by Henri Nouwen to the last page of Romero's text, this powerful little volume of eloquent, simple meditations never wastes a word. That alone sets it apart from most devotionals on the market. Yet the real depth of Romero's message lies not in his words themselves, poetic as they are. It lies in the life they give witness to: the hard life of a man who was martyred for his insistence that love cannot be shown in word only, but in deeds -- that the Word must become flesh.

Oscar Romero

Originally published on the twentieth anniversary of his death, this volume celebrates the life, spirit and legacy of Oscar Romero, the martyred archbishop of San Salvador.

Archbishop Oscar Romero

The vivid and moving story of an archbishop whose courage cost him his life, told through the words of those who worked with him, lived with him, and prayed with him. Oscar Romero was considered a safe choice as leader of the Church in war-torn El Salvador, but he astonished supporters and opponents of the military regime alike by his uncompromising message of justice and reconciliation. Since his murder in March 1980, Romero has become a symbol of the Church's commitment to the rights of the poor.

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A Martyr's Message of Hope

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The Violence of Love

Oscar Romero: Prophet of Hope is a comprehensive account of the martyred Archbishop of San Salvador's incredible journey of holiness and courageous witness in the face of cruel state oppression. Historian Roberto Morozzo Della Rocca draws directly on previously unpublished documents - some of which were used as evidence in the process leading to Romero's beatification in 2015 - to write the most authoritative biography of Romero to date. Morozzo tells the complete story of Oscar Arnulfo Romero y Galdámez, from his humble roots in Ciudad Barros, El Salvador, to his ordination in Rome and his eventual appointment as Archbishop of San Salvador. It weaves a sensitive account of Romero's character - both public and private - with a mature appraisal of his theology and unfailing commitment to the poor, marginalised and persecuted of Latin America. The final chapter describes Romero's movements and words during the final months, weeks and days that led to his martyrdom

- assassinated while celebrating Mass the day after publicly appealing to soldiers of El Salvador's Revolutionary Government to refuse their orders to kill.

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Nearly 50 portraits of modern day saints - a fascinating look at men and women of the past century who were heroes in their own ways, in the name of Christ.

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This ambitious book examines Saint Oscar Romero's words to understand how his thoughts fit into the broader context of Catholic theology. On March 24, 1980, Archbishop Óscar Romero was assassinated as he celebrated mass in El Salvador. He was canonized as a saint by Pope Francis on October 14, 2018. Edgardo Colón-Emeric explores the life and thought of Romero and his theological vision, which finds its focus in the mystery of the transfiguration. Romero is now understood to be one of the founders of liberation theology, which interprets scripture through the plight of the poor. His theological vision is most succinctly expressed by his saying, "Gloria Dei, vivens pauper": "The glory of God is the poor who lives." God's glory was first revealed through Christ to a landless tenant farmer, a market woman, and an unemployed laborer, and they received the power to shine from the church to the world. Colón-Emeric's study is an exercise in what Latino/a theologians call *ressourcement* from the margins, or a return to theological foundations. One of the first Latin American Church Fathers, Romero's theological vision is a sign of the emergence of Christianity in the Global South from "reflection" Church to "source" Church. The hope for this study is that scholars in the fields of theology, religious studies, and Latin American studies will be captivated by the doctrine of this humble pastor and inspired to think more clearly and act more decisively in solidarity with the poor.

Oscar Romero

Living in hope, Archbishop Romero engendered hope in the people he served. Sustained by Christian hope, he gave hope to many, especially those treated as non-persons. Practicing hope, he revealed that there is always room for a better world although warning about false messianisms. The one who lived by Christian hope and inspired hope in others paid the ultimate price: death... a violent death. He joined the countless martyrs throughout history who suffered the consequences of daring to live with hope and inspire hope in others. Yet in death he continues to inspire many. His message remains as relevant as ever because hope does not end until fully achieving its goal. As long as we need to long for a world in which injustice, marginalization and violence are no more, Archbishop Romero's message of hope will remain alive. In this book we encounter an exquisite selection of Archbishop Romero's own words about hope. These quotes come directly from the homilies he preached since the time he was appointed as Archbishop of San Salvador until the day of his untimely death. Each quote is an invitation into the heart and mind of someone who lived with a profound sense of Christian hope. Reading and reflecting upon these words is an invitation into a journey of Restoring Hope.

The Scandal of Redemption

This volume brings together the annual Romero Lectures presented in Camden, New Jersey, one of America's poorest cities. The book not only remembers Romero but evokes his model of ministry and leadership to give direction to some of the thorny social justice issues confronting American Catholics. The essays are by Robert McDermott, John Hogan, Thomas Gumbleton, Gustavo Gutierrez, Helen Prejean, Diana Hayes and Daniel Groody. They address urban problems, liturgy and justice, poverty and war, the preferential option, capital punishment, race and economics, and immigration.

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Saints of Our Time

Damian Zynda's comprehensive analysis at the nexus of theology, spirituality and psychology, demonstrates the progression and depth of Romero's human and spiritual development, and offers contemporary readers who want to be more perfect Christian disciples a valuable model of conversion spirituality --Book Jacket.

Óscar Romero's Theological Vision

This Lent, we invite you to make a pilgrimage to the cross with seven extraordinary women and men of God. Come and journey with Blessed Sára Salkházi through Nazi-occupied Hungary, with Venerable Augustus Tolton through late-nineteenth-century Illinois, with Servant of God Dorothy Day through Depression-era New York, with St. Martín de Porres through seventeenth-century Peru, with St. Óscar Romero through twentieth-century El Salvador on the verge of civil war, with Servant of God Thea Bowman through Civil Rights-era Mississippi, and finally, with Servant of God Julia Greeley through turn-of-the-century Colorado. Each week of Lent is dedicated to one of these exemplars of faith and action, prayer and perseverance. Each day Monday through Saturday follows the same format: a reflection on the life or writings of the saint or Servant of God, a Scripture selection from the day's mass readings, and two meditative prayer suggestions, one based on the saint or Servant of God's life, and one based on the Scripture. Each week also highlights an aspect of Catholic Social Teaching that the saint or Servant of God exemplified in their life. On Sundays, we rest in Scripture and sacrament. It's our prayer this lent that we may be reminded that we are all called to holiness and that there are no unlikely saints.

Restoring Hope

"Examines the life and martyrdom of Archbishop Oscar Romero in El Salvador through the lens of agrarian reform, arguing that his advocacy for the just distribution of land drew heavily on Catholic Social Doctrine and its conviction that creation is a common gift"--

Romero's Legacy

Rutilio Grande, SJ, was the first Jesuit to be assassinated in El Salvador. He was killed on March 12, 1977, for having done the works that Jesus commands with regard to one's neighbor as a priest in the Roman Catholic Church. This volume of his writings and homilies illustrates how he applied the social and ecclesial teachings of the Second Vatican Council (1962–1965) in his ministry with the poor and marginalized of El Salvador. His use of the social sciences to understand the problems in his context, his prophetic denunciation of power and wealth, and his ministry to empower laypeople to lead their faith communities all speak to the Holy Spirit working through the courage of a true servant leader.

The Scandal of Redemption

The brothers Berrigan wrote weekly letters to each other throughout their decades of activism for peace and justice. Those letters are published here for the first time, and offer a precious glimpse into the life and times of this famous pair.

Archbishop Oscar Romero

The strength and vigor of the Catholic Church are nowhere more visible than in North and South America, where hundreds of millions of people claim the Catholic faith. *Saints of the Americas* features thirty heroes of this New World faith, with representatives from fifteen countries in South America, Central America, North America, and the Caribbean. Through "conversations" between the authors and the saints, readers will be inspired by the stories of Catherine Drezel and Elizabeth Ann Seton, who built schools and hospitals in the United States; martyr Óscar Romero from El Salvador; Venezuelan physician and healer José Gregorio Hernández; Peruvian Rose of Lima, the first saint of the Americas; and others. The faith and perseverance of these martyrs and monks, laypeople and clergy, mystics and activists will encourage people today to make a lasting difference in the world.

Archbishop Romero

Colón-Emeric explores the life and theological vision of Archbishop and Saint Óscar Romero, one of the founders of liberation theology, which interprets Scripture through the plight of the poor.

The Church is All of You

More than ten years after an assassin's bullet found its mark, Archbishop Romero's message of concern for the poor continues to reberate throughout the world and throughout the Church. This translation brings to the English-speaking world the authentic voice of the man "already acclaimed by many as St. Romero of the Americas."

No Unlikely Saints

On February 14, 2015, Pope Francis announced the beatification of Salvadoran martyr Archbishop Óscar Romero who was murdered while presiding at Mass in 1980. Three years before his murder, Rutilio Grande, Jesuit priest and friend of the Archbishop, was also murdered for the same offense--speaking up for the poor and vulnerable. Until this book, the stories about these men have grown elusive and vague. Now, Salvadoran native Ana María Pineda once again catapults these martyrs into our collective consciences through a story that is both significantly personal and painstakingly researched during multiple trips to her homeland where she discovered surprising facts very "close to home."

Blood in the Fields

Essays by a modern Jesuit martyr challenge the way that theology should be done and the gospel should be lived. Ignacio Ellacur a, a Spanish Jesuit theologian, philosopher, and rector of the University of Central America in San Salvador, was one of the key intellectual authors of liberation theology. On November 16, 1989 he and other members of the Jesuit community of the university were massacred by Salvadoran army troops. This volume offers twelve important essays by Ellacur a, at last providing English-speaking readers with a comprehensive introduction to his theological thought. Traditional topics such as Christology, ecclesiology, theological method, and spirituality are interwoven with reflections on colonialism, liberation, religion and politics, the philosophy of Xavier Zubiri, and the legacy of Archbishop Oscar Romero in a volume that not only chronicles the thought of one of the most fertile minds of the last century, but challenges the way theology should be carried out for the century to come.

Rutilio Grande, SJ

In March of 1980 Oscar Arnulfo Romero, the archbishop of San Salvador, was assassinated as he celebrated Mass. This book combines personal recollections and theological reflections on this extraordinary and prophetic man. Sobrino, a colleague and admirer of the late archbishop as well as a prominent figure in liberation theology, explores the profound meaning of Romero's life and witness for El Salvador, the church, and the World. Sobrino considers first the impact of Romero's life and message on his own life and theology. In a moving personal memoir, he describes how Romero (by reputation a timid, conservative prelate) emerged as the outspoken champion of the poor and suffering people of El Salvador. Sobrino then places the archbishop in the context of the wider church. Romero as believer, as archbishop, as Salvadoran, as prophet, as martyr, as inspiration for theology - Sobrino explores each of these identities, to synthesize the totality of his person and his work. Summing up these reflections he concludes, Archbishop Romero was a gospel...a piece of good news from God to the poor of the world.

The Church, Political Organisation and Violence

Science is not a danger to the faith of Christian youth. In fact, Sara Sybesma Tolsma, an award-winning scientist, and Jason Lief, a leading practical theologian, argue that youth ministry needs science to help young people explore their relationship to God and engage their world faithfully. *Jesus Loves You and Evolution Is True* invites the church and its leaders to open their minds and hearts to what science can tell us about our human lives and our connections to, and role in, our natural world. But it does not stop there: evolutionary science is theological, argues Lief and Tolsma, and so it must have a central place in the day-to-day work of youth ministry. If the church wants to help youth develop robust spiritual lives and prepare them for the challenges that life will bring them, pastors, faith leaders, and youth workers must not only engage science but embrace its lessons for the life and practice of Christian faith today.

The Berrigan Letters

Joan of Arc, Mother Mary MacKillop, Ignatius of Loyola, and Bartolomé de Las Casas. All of these people have one thing in common—they are Catholics whose beliefs caused them to be per-secuted, but who, through the test of time, proved to be figures revered in the Church. In fact, many of the Catholic figures who intrigue and inspire us are the men and women who found the great strength—personal, spiritual, intellectual—to challenge the Church. Some were called heretics, denounced for denying doctrine. Others were condemned for not submitting to the control of the Church. But they have much to teach us in our own efforts to live out our faith. It is difficult to know what to do when Church doctrine is at odds with cultural developments. From gay marriage to contraception, stem-cell research to required celibacy for priests, Catholics today are struggling with the conflict between tradition and the Church's need to come to terms with modernity. In *Not Less Than Everything*, some of the best Catholic writers of our time, including Alice McDermott, Ron Hansen, Mary Gordon, Tobias Wolff, and Ann Patchett, share their personal accounts of people who have influenced the way they view the intersection of faith and culture. *Not Less Than Everything* is a riveting exploration of how to face the challenge of living our faith in the real and messy world.

Saints of the Americas

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