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**"The violence we preach is the  
violence of love"**  
Archbishop Oscar Romero

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# A 10 DAY SPIRITUAL JOURNEY FOR BISHOPS, PRIESTS, BROTHERS AND PERMANENT DEACONS

**W**alk in the footsteps of modern day martyrs. Learn why these courageous women and men, caught up in situations of civil war in which the people they served and the Catholic Church itself suffered persecution, were able to give their lives as witnesses of Jesus Christ.

We will visit the tomb of Saint Archbishop Romero and celebrate Mass at the altar where he was assassinated. We will also visit the site in El Salvador where Maryknoll Sisters Ita Ford, Maura Clarke, Ursuline Sister Dorothy Kazel and Cleveland Lay Missioner Jean Donovan were murdered in 1980.

Included will be a visit to the University of Central America where six Jesuits, their housekeeper and her daughter were killed.

In Guatemala, the participants will visit beautiful Santiago Atitlan where Blessed Stan Rother from the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City gave his life for his Mayan Indian parishioners.

All this and much more will be experienced during this ten day spiritual event by those who make this Pilgrimage/Retreat journey.

## Witness statements FROM PREVIOUS PILGRIMAGE/RETREAT PARTICIPANTS



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**“This is an unusual form of  
retreat / pilgrimage:  
you will be implicated  
in their martyrdom, the massacres  
with those who died, with  
those who survived  
and live with the everyday  
martyrdom of the poor.  
You dared to walk with them;  
you are implicated.  
Now you can tell *their* story;  
now you can tell *your* story.”**

*“I find it difficult to express in words the impact that this pilgrimage/retreat of January 14th-25th, 2019 had on me. I felt connected to these inspirational martyrs in a way that could not have been possible without the personal testimonies of others and our physical presences in the sites of their martyrdom. Am eternally grateful!”*

*“What I experienced of the crucified people of Guatemala and El Salvador moves me to want to tell their story to my family and friends and congregation here in the US.”*

*“My participation in the Maryknoll Pilgrimage/Retreat to Central America during January 2019 impressed on me the power of the preached word of God.”*

*“The martyrs ‘spoke truth to power’ and shed their blood as witnesses to the Gospel in their solidarity with the people they served.”*

*“This is how I am ‘implicated’ and this is what I must preach: expose the evil of the lie and welcome the ‘crucified’ poor seeking compassion and hospitality at our nation’s borders.”*