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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

Walk 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



Participants from the 2025 Pilgrimage

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“Participating in the Eucharist in the church where Monsignor Romero died was a very profound experience.”

“The powerful witness of the people’s faith moved me beyond measure. The witness of those who, in spite of the threats to their lives, continued to minister and take the steps necessary to provide for their people was remarkable.”

“The Mass at the sites and in Santiago and visits to homes were powerful experiences.”

“I knew of St Oscar Romero but not much if anything about the others and the extent of the number of martyrs.”

“I came away with a much deeper appreciation of the work that missionaries do in each of the communities we visited. The courage and fortitude of these missionaries were extraordinary.”