



Foundation Cristosal's Global School Invites You To:

Romero Pilgrimage: 35th Anniversary of Martyrdom

Where: San Salvador, El Salvador, Central America

When: March 17th to 25th, 2015

Cost: \$800 /person (Food, Lodging, Materials, In-Country Transportation, Full-time English-Spanish Translation)

Self-emptying Kenosis. Christ is human; he is stripped of his rank of God and dressed in rags to be among peasant farmers without disturbing them with his figure of king. (Homily of Archbishop Romero, October 1st 1978).

Foundation Cristosal's Global School invites you to a kenosis; a pilgrimage, our main goal is transformation and personal commitment through the testimony of Monsignor Oscar Arnulfo Romero on the 35th anniversary of his martyrdom.

Main Activities:

To Empty One Self: A historic tour of the sacred and symbolic places in the life of Monsignor Romero; a symbol of justice and unity among the most vulnerable, and a figure marked the national history; he is among the best known martyrs in the world for his tireless fight for social justice. This tour confronts you and claims in you a personal commitment for justice.

Drawing My Commitment: Pilgrims will collectively design a commemorative blanket that will be carried during the procession of lights, the annual vigil that draws thousands of people from around the world to San Salvador. This handmade banner will represent the commitment that Romero inspires in this pilgrimage. This activity will be energized by a theological reflection on Romero.

The God Who Weeps !, Visit to the "wall of truth" or "Monument to the Truth and Memory," a black granite wall 85 meters long on its surface there are the names of 25,000 people killed during the civil war (1980-1992), it was built as part of the moral reparations for victims of the civil war. The very same victims that Romero

mentioned in his homily on October 8, 1978: "we are not here to sow discord, we are simply shouting to God who weeps, the God who feels the sorrows of his people ..."

The Procession of Light; Romero the best known Salvadoran in the world, his name brings thousands of people together. There is a popular night in which we celebrate his life. Thousands march through the heart of the capital to celebrate "his resurrection in the Salvadoran people", this is a full festival of colors, reflections, songs and lights. For the 35th anniversary we expect the announcement of his canonization, although for protestant churches and popular sectors, Romero is already a saint.

Share with the Church. The Anglican Church has been present in El Salvador for about 85 years, its testimony has impacted national life, though small in numbers, the church is large through its work. The church and its partners like Cristosal are the first expression of faith to publicly recognize the human rights of the LGBT community, it has participated in the mediation of a peace process between gangs and the government and currently maintains a program of support for the victims of persecution by organized crime and forced displacement.

Museums and Theatre: The national story is easy to understand with a visit to the National Museum of Anthropology (MUNA), for the occasion it always opens an exhibit of images of Monsignor Romero.

A Romerista Environment. The Romerist atmosphere pervades in the city during the month of March. The pilgrimage will join conferences, lecture, and cultural events on the testimony of the martyr from the humble homes in the historic district of San Jacinto to the classrooms of the Jesuit University, the cathedral crypt.

Open House: Foundation Cristosal opens its doors for the first Historic Film Festival. "Cielo Abierto", "Voces Inocentes" and "Ama" based on national history productions. There will be discussion held by the staff and guests of Cristosal.

Solidarity Tourism. "What a beautiful nature but when we see it moan under oppression, inequality, outrage then the church hurts and we wait for liberation beyond martial wealth" (Homily December 11th 1977). The pilgrimage will culminate with a retreat to Tasajera Island, a fishing community that has developed a concept of alternative tourism in a Ramsar Site, one of the seven Ramsar sites in the country, in addition to the experience of community Life at Sea this provides the opportunity for the contemplation of creation, including exotic birds and mangrove tunnels, artisanal fisheries, tourism as a way of life in all its dimensions.