

### **Oscar Romero. Consistent.**

*Peace is not the product of terror or fear.  
Peace is not the silence of cemeteries.  
Peace is not the silent result of violent repression.  
Peace is the generous,  
tranquil contribution of all to the good of all.  
Peace is dynamism.  
Peace is generosity.  
It is right and it is duty.*

Óscar Arnulfo Romero y Galdámez was born on August 15, 1917 in Ciudad Barrios in the San Miguel department of El Salvador at a time when the Catholic church was under significant persecution.

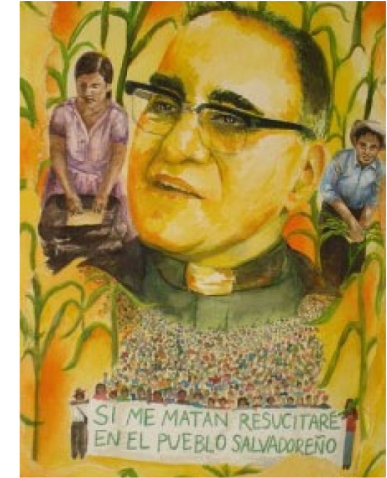
Oscar Romero entered the seminary at the age of thirteen and was ordained in Rome in April 1942. He worked as a parish priest in Anamorós, but then moved to San Miguel where he worked for more than 20 years.

In 1974, Romero was appointed Bishop of the Diocese of Santiago

de María, a poor, rural region. In February 1977 he was appointed the Archbishop of San Salvador.

Archbishop Romero openly defended persecuted Catholics who were working on behalf of the poor and advocating an end to all violence, especially abortion.

*"It moves one's heart to think: Nine months before I was born there was a woman who loved me deeply. She did not know what I was going to be like, but she loved me because she carried me in her womb. And when she gave me birth, she took me in her arms, because her love was not just beginning – she conceived it along with me. A mother loves – and that is why abortion is so abhorrent."*



Romero was shot on March 24th, 1980 while celebrating Mass at a small hospital chapel. The day before, he had preached a sermon calling on Salvadoran soldiers to reject violence and uphold basic human rights.

*"Whoever tortures a human being, whoever abuses a human being, whoever outrages a human being abuses God's image..."*

Oscar Romero was consistent. Will you follow his example?

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