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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 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 house-keeper and her daughter were killed.

In Guatemala, the participants will visit beautiful Santiago Atitlan where Fr. 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



*Brother Octavio Duran*

**“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.”**

“The retreat/pilgrimage to El Salvador and Guatemala was exactly what I was looking for: not an excursion, but a true faith-engagement with the martyrs of Central America. Little did I expect that I would learn about so many more who have given their life for the faith: catechists, church workers, labor organizers, and many caught in the crossfire. And, as one of our leaders said, Guatemala is the ‘hidden story’ of Central America. Reflecting on my experience of the ten days has intensified my priestly commitment.”

“The retreat was a very informative experience and also very moving, by going to the actual places where church people were killed and buried. It brought back in a concrete way the history that I read about from afar in the 1980s.”

Truly, it was a life changing event and I am only beginning to process the full meaning of those inspiring days. Such a wonderful team of Maryknollers and participants.

“I really did not know what to expect. I found the familiarity of spirituality and my own background a refreshing homecoming.”

“To pray where these witnesses worked, died, and still live on was powerful, emotional, and inspirational. To hear their stories told by eye-witnesses has now “implicated” me to also tell their stories.”

“In my youth, I was always inspired by the lives of the Saints, and in particular by the Martyrs of old. Now, I have been profoundly inspired by these contemporary Central American Martyrs.