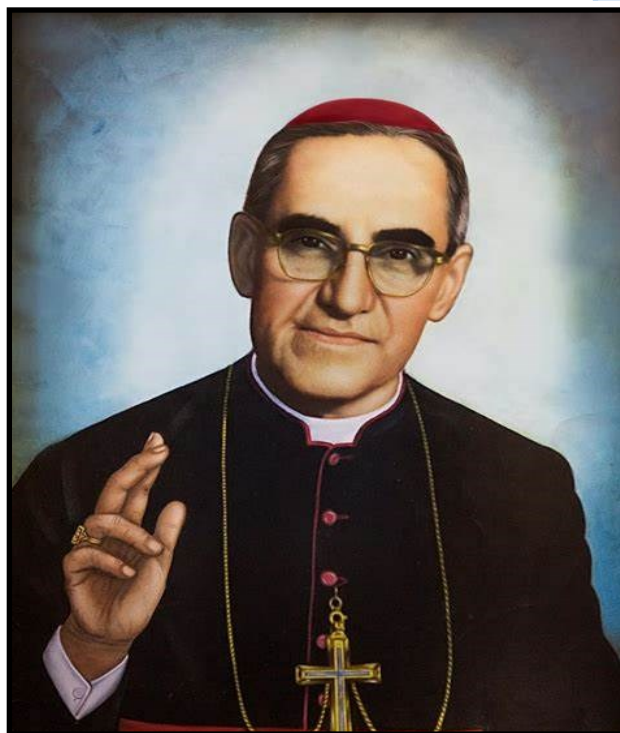


March 24th, 1980 - the death of a Martyr and Saint.



Saint Oscar Romero

This year, as we prepare to celebrate the Feast of St. Oscar Romero of El Salvador and the 40th anniversary of his death, please join the Social Concerns Committee of the Diocese of Winona Rochester and Catholic Charities of Southern MN in welcoming Marta Portillo, a catechist who worked with Archbishop Romero in the 1970s. She will be sharing with us great insight into this saint, who he was, what he stood for, and her experiences of being in ministry in El Salvador during those turbulent times.

Presentations are planned for:

**Weds. March 4th—6:15 pm—The Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
-Rochester**

Mon. March 9th—7 pm—Our Lady of Good Counsel—Mankato

Weds. March 11th—7 pm—The Church of St. Leo—Pipestone

Sun. March 15th— 2 pm—The Church of St. Joseph—Owatonna

Fri. March 20th —7 pm—The Church of St. John Vianney-Fairmont

Sat. March 21st—10 am—The Cathedral of the Sacred Heart—Winona

Please contact the individual churches or Tom Parlin at Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota (507-454-2270, ext 246) for detailed information.



Marta Portillo is a Catholic who worked with her fellow Salvadorians during the civil war there. She was a community leader among the rural populations in the countryside of El Salvador in the time of Romero. Marta speaks of drawing powerful inspiration from the Sunday homilies of then Archbishop Romero and from the political realities which propelled a new relationship between the Church and its people, the government with its people, and the people of El Salvador with themselves as well as with the world.