



The Canonization of Blessed Archbishop Óscar Romero

The Canonization of Blessed Archbishop Óscar Romero took place on Sunday, October 14, 2018.

Blessed Archbishop Óscar Romero (1917-1980), became the first Salvadoran saint who served as the fourth Archbishop of San Salvador. He was a strong advocate of social justice and spoke often on behalf of the marginalized and the voiceless. He was assassinated in 1980 after urging the soldiers in El Salvador to stop killing innocent civilians.

While Óscar Romero was an Archbishop in San Salvador, he spoke out about poverty and oppression and in defense of the poor. He advocated for the human rights of everyone, especially the most vulnerable people. He was the voice for those who did not have a voice. As the Archbishop, he would preach about justice, reconciliation and peace. His legacy for advocating for human rights is admired around the world.

Archbishop Romero preached a gospel message of social justice, non-violent change, peace and reconciliation. Pope Francis stated during Romero's beatification, "His ministry was distinguished by his particular attention to the most poor and marginalized." His words and actions truly reflected the Catholic Social Teaching – preferential option of the poor.

"Aspire not to have more, but to be more." – Óscar Romero

