

Archbishop Oscar Romero: a guiding light

Oscar Romero was Archbishop of San Salvador, the capital of El Salvador in Central America. He lived at a time of terrible oppression and violence, when many people in the church were targeted because their commitment to the poor led them to speak out against injustice. After years of persecution and threats Romero was assassinated on 24 March 1980.

He is remembered for his courage, his faith and, above all, his great love for the poor. 'Many' he said, 'would like the poor to keep on saying it is God's will for them to live that way. But it is not God's will for some to have everything and others to have nothing. That cannot be of God.'

Oscar Romero's memory is a source of strength and encouragement for millions of people throughout the world. 'He was a guiding light for his people...as pastor, as shepherd, and as teacher.' Jon Sobrino SJ.

Prayer

May the courage of Oscar Romero inspire us to work with integrity for an end to violence and poverty.

Goleuni sy'n arwain Yr Archesgob Oscar Romero

Roedd Oscar Romero yn archesgob San Salvador, sef prifddinas El Salvador yng Nghanol America. Bu'n esgob yn ystod cyfnod o orthrwm a thrais dychrynlyd, pan oedd nifer o bobl a godai eu lleisiau dros y tlodion yn cael eu herlid. Wedi blynyddoedd o fod yn destun bygythiadau, lladdwyd Romero ar 24ain o Fawrth 1980.

Cofir Oscar Romero am ei ddewrder a'i ffydd, ond yn anad dim am ei gariad mawr tuag at y tlodion. 'Fyddai llawer,' meddai, 'yn hoffi bod y tlodion yn dal i ddweud mai ewyllys Duw yw iddyn nhw fyw felly. Ond nid ewyllys Duw yw bod rhai'n perchen ar bopeth a rhai eraill ar ddim. Nid oddi wrth Dduw daw hynny.'

Mae coffadwriaeth Oscar Romero yn ffynhonnell nerth a chalondid i filiynau o bobl ledled y byd. 'Fu'n oleuni i dywys ei bobl... yn offeiriad, yn fugail ac yn athro.' Jon Sobrino, SJ

Gweddi

Bydded i ddewrder Oscar Romero ein hysbrydoli ni i weithio'n ddygn dros roi pen ar drais a thlodi.