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Treasure is kept in clay jars. In the same way, we have the treasure of the good news in these earthly bodies of ours. That shows that the mighty power of the good news comes from God. It doesn't come from us.

2 Corinthians 4:7

The peace of Christ and his divine commission accompany your faithful and evangelizing work. As Anglican Episcopal Church of the Diocese of El Salvador, and member of the Province of Central America, IARCA, we want to share our joy and commitment with the legacy of Monsignor Oscar Arnulfo Romero y Galdámez, Humanist, Pastor and Martyr, who will be canonized on October 14th, 2018.

Our pastoral joy is the first foundation, to understand that as an Anglican Episcopal Church, in its communion, it had the right certainty about the faithful and authentic evangelizing and prophetic work of Bishop Romero. Many years before, the poor people and victims of sin in Latin America, religious, non-religious and our Churches, recognized the saintliness of this martyred servant of God.

We define as Holiness the continual search for perfection in the love of Christ. In that context Romero is a Saint. We are a church full of symbols, we have accompanied Romero in his struggle through the following symbols

- **1979.** 118 English parliamentarians from all political parties proposed to Monsignor Romero to the Nobel Peace Prize for his defense of Human Rights.
- **1996** was collocated his image in the National Episcopal Cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul, in Washington
- **1998.** Westminster abbey, is placed a monument of Monsignor Romero. Authorized by Queen Elizabeth II and Archbishop of Canterbury, Monsignor Romero was collocated together with X humanists of the 20st Century together to Martin Luther King and others. Once again, the Anglicans elevate Romero to the heights and recognize his legacy.
- **2005.** The Episcopal Church of the United States suggested to the Anglican world to add in our Saints the day of Monsignor Romero and the martyrs of El Salvador. The Anglican Communion on the Sunday closest to March 24th we prayed since 2005 by Saint Romero and the Martyrs.
- **2013.** The Cross of Monsignor Romero that contains a piece of Alb stained with blood of the martyr was placed in the Anglican Cathedral of St. George in the Southwark district of the city of London.

Another foundation of our joy is that Saint Romero discovers Christ in the victims and the Poor. And, like Jesus, we must serve them by being among them. Churches and their Pastors are invited to be Churches of the poor; today we would also say, Churches of the victims of the unfair political systems, economic, social, cultural and migratory. Understanding that, St. Romero, like the historical Episcopal, Anglican and Catholic documents (Medellín, Puebla and Vaticano II), affirm that the message of salvation is universal, but its starting point is the victims, the poor and "is the poverty that is going to Save the World".

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To the rich and powerful, the saint offered them the conversion, the stripping of the material and giving it to others. Without conversion, there is no follow-up of Jesus Christ nor Redemption.

It is also a joy to know that God did not allow the destruction of the work of St. Romero, even though his murder was planned. Romero had a passion for the defense of women and men that was exploited, victims of human rights violations and pointed to those responsible for his time (the authorities and the power of money) and asked for their conversion to Christ. He struggled to build a humanity with a converted heart practicing justice, the love and artisan of fraternal unity.

We know with faith that, you will share our joy and this treasure we carry in clay vessels, we also hope that together we practice the legacy of Saint Romero, to find Christ in the victims, the poor, the irregular migrants, the jobless, the victims of violence and poverty. Together we fulfill the law of love for abandoned children, fight against sin and protect the Environment.

That the gift that God has given us in San Romero, inspire us to continue building with passion, the Kingdom of love, in Christ:

The Rt. Rev. David Alvarado
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