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Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America

I should no longer say that I have neighbors to help, but that I must myself be a neighbor to others.

—Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 81

On June 26, 2020, Fr. Ricardo Antonio Cortez Martínez, rector of the St. Óscar Arnulfo Romero seminary in Usulután, El Salvador, sent a request to the Subcommittee on the Church in Latin America for financial aid for 42 seminarians in the philosophy stage of their formation. Less than two months later, on August 7, Fr. Ricardo was found assassinated. Despite a falling homicide rate in El Salvador, three priests were slain from 2019 through August 2020.

To answer the call to priestly or consecrated life is a courageous act of faith, especially in a time and place where priests face violence, as Fr. Ricardo did. The Subcommittee on the Church in Latin America recognizes the courage and openness of seminarians, such as those at the St. Óscar Arnulfo Romero seminary, by supporting their formation as they prepare for lives of dedicated service. Your support for the Collection for the Church in Latin America makes it possible for young men in El Salvador and throughout Latin America and the Caribbean to answer that call. Thank you for your generosity.

For more information about the Collection for the Church in Latin America, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

2020 CLA Financials

Expenses

- Grants and Donations: **83.31%**
- Program Costs: **6.42%**
- Allocations—Internal Grants: **6.07%**
- Promotions and Fundraising Expenses: **2.90%**
- Administrative Expenses: **1.30%**

Total Expenses: \$6,877,734

Total Number of Grants Approved: 358
Total Amount Approved: \$10,851,081

- Emergency Disaster Funds: **47.93%**
- General Pastoral*: **36.41%**
- Formation of Clergy and Religious, and Vocations: **14.22%**
- Child Protection: **1.44%**

*includes evangelization, religious education, and family and other pastoral ministries

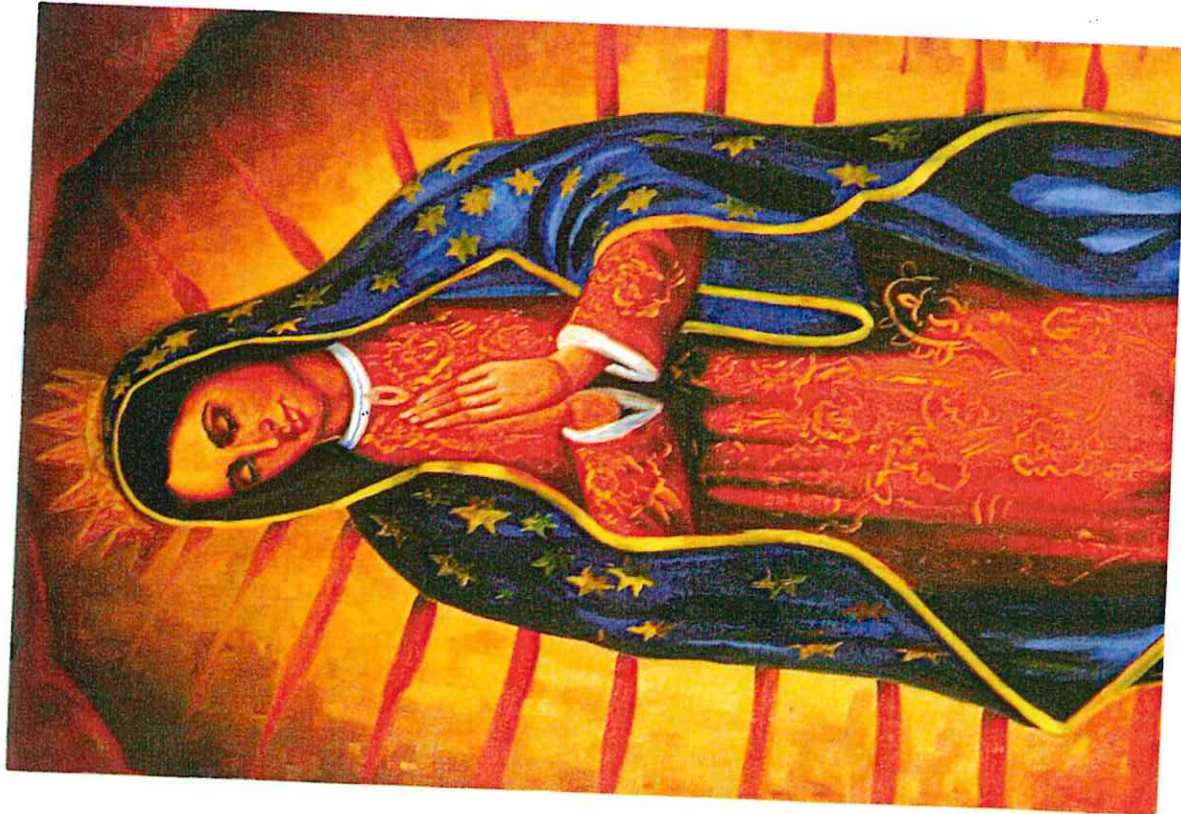


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Blessed Virgin of Guadalupe,
Patroness of all America,
Your appearance at Tepeyac began the evangelization
Of the peoples of the Americas.
From you was born our Liberator and Savior, Jesus Christ,
Who broke for us the chains of sin and death
And brings us the promise of life eternal.

In these challenging times,
We ask you to intercede for us,
O Blessed Mother,
That we might reject
The idols of power, wealth, and fleeting pleasure,
And instead be renewed in zeal for love
Of your Son and for our neighbors.

May we embrace
All the peoples of Latin America
As brothers and sisters of your Son,
Proclaiming to them the Good News
Of God's unfailing mercy.

Mary, Mother of God,
Shelter us in your mantle as you sheltered
Juan Diego and countless missionaries and disciples
Who proclaimed your Son as God and King,
And lead us to serve him
With joy, love, and hope
Today and all our days.

Amen.

Compartir a Fe



Apoye la Colecta para la Iglesia en América Latina

Entonces, ya no digo que tengo “prójimos” a quienes debo ayudar, sino que me siento llamado a volverme yo un prójimo de los otros.

—Papa Francisco, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 81

El 26 de junio del 2020, el padre Ricardo Antonio Cortez Martínez, rector del seminario San Óscar Arnulfo Romero en Usulután, El Salvador, envió una solicitud de ayuda financiera al Subcomité para la Iglesia en América Latina para 42 seminaristas que se encontraban en la etapa de estudios filosóficos de su formación. El 7 de agosto, menos de dos meses después, el padre Ricardo fue asesinado. A pesar de la reducción en la tasa de homicidios en El Salvador, tres sacerdotes fueron asesinados del 2019 a agosto del 2020.

Responder al llamado al sacerdocio o a la vida consagrada es un valiente acto de fe, especialmente, en un momento y en un lugar donde los sacerdotes enfrentan actos de violencia, como le sucedió al padre Ricardo. El Subcomité para la Iglesia en América Latina reconoce la valentía y la apertura de los seminaristas como aquellos del seminario San Óscar Arnulfo Romero, apoyándoles en su formación mientras que se preparan para una vida de dedicado servicio. El apoyo de ustedes a la Colecta para la Iglesia en América Latina hace posible que hombres jóvenes en El Salvador y en toda América Latina y el Caribe respondan a ese llamado. Muchas gracias por su generosidad.

Para más información acerca de la Colecta para la Iglesia en América Latina, visiten www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Datos Financieros de CLA 2020

Gastos

- Subvenciones y donaciones: **83.31%**
- Costos del programa: **6.42%**
- Asignaciones—subvenciones internas: **6.07%**
- Gastos de promoción y recaudación de fondos: **2.90%**
- Gastos administrativos: **1.30%**

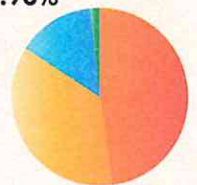
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Cantidad total aprobada: \$10,851,081

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- Protección del niño: **1.44%**

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