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USM Theology Professor to Explore the Life And Works of Oscar Romero at Lecture

7 p.m. Thursday, March 25, Mead Hall Walnut Room

(Leavenworth, Kan.)—University of Saint Mary Associate Professor of Theology Dr. Brian W. Hughes will examine the life and deeds of assassinated archbishop Oscar Romero in “Romero, Spirituality, and the Poor,” a lecture presented by USM’s Lawrence D. Starr Global Studies Institute (GSI).

The lecture, which is free and open to the public, will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 25, in the Walnut Room of Mead Hall on the Saint Mary Leavenworth Campus, 4100 South 4th Street.

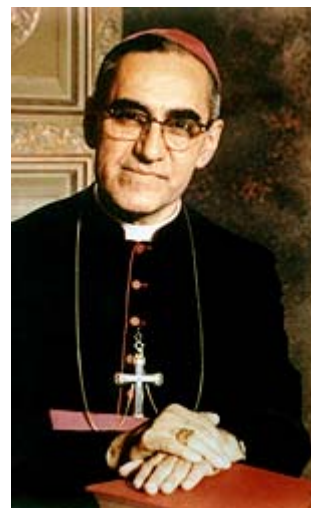
Romero was a nominee for the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize, and is revered as a saint in his home country and other parts of the world for his opposition to his government’s oppression of the poor.

The GSI lecture is tied to the 30th anniversary of Romero’s death. Romero, who was archbishop of San Salvador, El Salvador, was assassinated while saying mass on March 24, 1980.

“Romero is a vital witness to social injustice and a true Christian martyr,” Dr. Hughes said. “In my talk, I will explore how he managed to speak truth to power without hating his enemies. It’s also important for us to examine how his spirituality drew strength from the experience of the poor that surrounded him.”

Contact Dr. Hughes at (913) 758-6317 or HughesB@stmary.edu for more information about the event.

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