

Salvadoran Immersion: March 9-16, 2024

In El Salvador, a 12-year civil war left tens of thousands of innocent men, women and children dead or missing. Those who survived now struggle with the emotional and physical problems of stress-induced trauma; moreover, an economy where about 50 percent of the people live in poverty brings additional challenges. We invite you to explore the global presence of the church and experience a radical encounter with God expressed in the sacred stories, traditions, history and culture of Salvadorans. We will visit the tomb of Mons. Romero, his home and the chapel where he was assassinated, Women's Rights organizations, Human Rights groups, priests and communities that worked closely with Oscar Romero, basic Christian Communities in various and different parts of the country, the University of Central America Martyrs' site, learn about the lives and culture of the indigenous people, hear from Salvadorans about their lives, faith, hopes and challenges, visit with communities at Lake Coatepeque, talk to folks in the former guerrilla stronghold in Cinquera (Northern El Salvador) and participate in local liturgical celebrations. Contact: Dr. Harold Recinos and/or Dr. Robert Hunt. 3cr hours.