

Search for Justice

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Dear Friends,

Enclosed you will find "*Martyrs in a Martyred Land*," a religious service commemorating the six Jesuit priests and their two co-workers, murdered by the U.S.-trained Atlacatl Brigade of the Salvadoran military during the night of November 16, 1989. It includes:

1. Complete text of the service
2. People's Page (duplicate for local use)
3. A set of 15 slides
4. Two petitions: to Congresspeople and the Salvadoran Military (send copies to us as well)
5. Ideas for organizing the service and general organizing for November 16
6. A Remembrance Sheet with drawings of the eight martyrs (for distribution at the end of the service - or other uses you may have)
7. A Search for Justice informational brochure
8. A return form (on reverse side of this letter) and envelope

We are looking for 1,000 communities across the United States that will celebrate November 16 in a significant and public way. Few events in the history of El Salvador have had such an impact in the United States as the cold-blooded murder of these eight martyrs. It is important that the impact continue to be felt until justice is done in this case and until the U.S. government has stopped funding the bloodletting in El Salvador.

That's why we're sending you this service. Will you be willing to celebrate the First Anniversary of the Jesuit/Co-Worker Martyrs in your local community? If you can't do it, will you pass this service along to a group that will celebrate it? (People are free, of course, to use this service "as is" or to adapt it to local needs). If you can't use it at all, please return it and we'll send it to another group.

The cost of the service is \$15 (unless you are a co-sponsor of the Search for Justice). If you can send that amount (or more), we'd greatly appreciate it. If possible, take up a collection at the service to assist the work of the Search for Justice or other groups listed on our organizing sheet. (A project of Jesuit Refugee Services repatriating Salvadorans long exiled in Panama is in special need of assistance). If nothing is possible financially, use the service gladly with your local community. Our priority is the celebration of this anniversary in as many locations as possible.

When you decide to hold a service, call or write us so we can get a "count" for the national media. Afterward, please use the response form to let us know how it went, how many participated and what type of media coverage you received locally. Send the petitions directly to your Congressperson, Senators and the Salvadoran Military, but send us copies as well.

With hope for 1,000 or more celebrations across the country,

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P.S. We urge you to link your November 16 commemorations with those of December 2, the 10th anniversary of the martyrdom of the four U.S. churchwomen. A religious service and organizing packet for December 2 is available from: *Religious Task Force on Central America, 1747 Connecticut Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20009. (\$5, prepaid).*

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