

Sundings ^{update}



Prophets of a Future Not Our Own *a reflection by Bishop Ken Untener*

On March 24, 2015, our world joins with the people of El Salvador in commemorating the 35th anniversary of the martyrdom of Archbishop Oscar Romero. Given the weather system of the past two weeks, we could have posted an array of snow pictures. As an alternative, we offer this prayer which reminds us that we are not in control of the weather, of our lives, or of our future. It is also a way to prepare for Romero's anniversary and pray in solidarity with millions of people who continue to be inspired by his life and spirit. ❄

It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view.
The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that could be said.
No prayer fully expresses our faith.
No confession brings perfection.
No pastoral visit brings wholeness.
No program accomplishes the Church's mission.
No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about.
We plant the seeds that one day will grow.
We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.
We lay foundations that will need further development.
We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.
We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.

This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.
It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way,
An opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results,
but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.

We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs.
We are prophets of a future not our own.



PRAYER: by Bishop Ken Untener of Saginaw

This prayer was composed by Bishop Ken Untener of Saginaw, drafted for a homily by Card. John Dearden in Nov. 1979 for a celebration of departed priests. As a reflection on the anniversary of the martyrdom of Bishop Romero, Bishop Untener included in a reflection book a passage titled "The mystery of the Romero Prayer." The mystery is that the words of the prayer are attributed to Oscar Romero, but they were never spoken by him.

PHOTO: from [SHARE El Salvador website](http://www.share-elsalvador.org/delegations/major-delegations/romero_commemoration)
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Dates to Remember

- FEB. 17, TUES., 4:30PM — MARDI GRAS PRAYER AND CELEBRATION
— Hosted by the Sisters of Jesus Crucified, Brockton — **postponed due to snow!**
- FEB. 18, WED., 5:30PM — ASH WEDNESDAY MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY — all welcome
- FEB. 19, THURS., 7:00PM —TAIZÉ PRAYER — Motherhouse — all welcome
- FEB. 22, SUN., 10:00AM — MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY — all welcome
- FEB. 26, THURS., 5:30PM — MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY — all welcome
- FEB. 28, SAT. 9:00AM-2:30PM — CONGREGATION GATHERING
*** Snow Date: Sunday, March 1 ***
- MARCH 7, SAT., 9:30AM — ASSOCIATE GATHERING, Motherhouse, Brighton
— call 617.746.1670 to participate [SNOW DATE: MARCH 8, SUNDAY]
- MARCH 12, THURS., 7:00PM —TAIZÉ PRAYER — Motherhouse — all welcome

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"Keep an ever free heart..."
Maxims of the Little Institute #53

SISTER PAVEL RANDALL, CSJ
Date of Birth: July 18, 1927
Date of Death: February 7, 2015
In the 70th year of her Religious Life.

SISTER DOROTHY STINSON, CSJ
Sister Donald Marie
Date of Birth: December 7, 1931
Date of Death: February 11, 2015
In the 65th year of her Religious Life.

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