

RE Year 4 Universal Church

Extra resources

Eric's Story

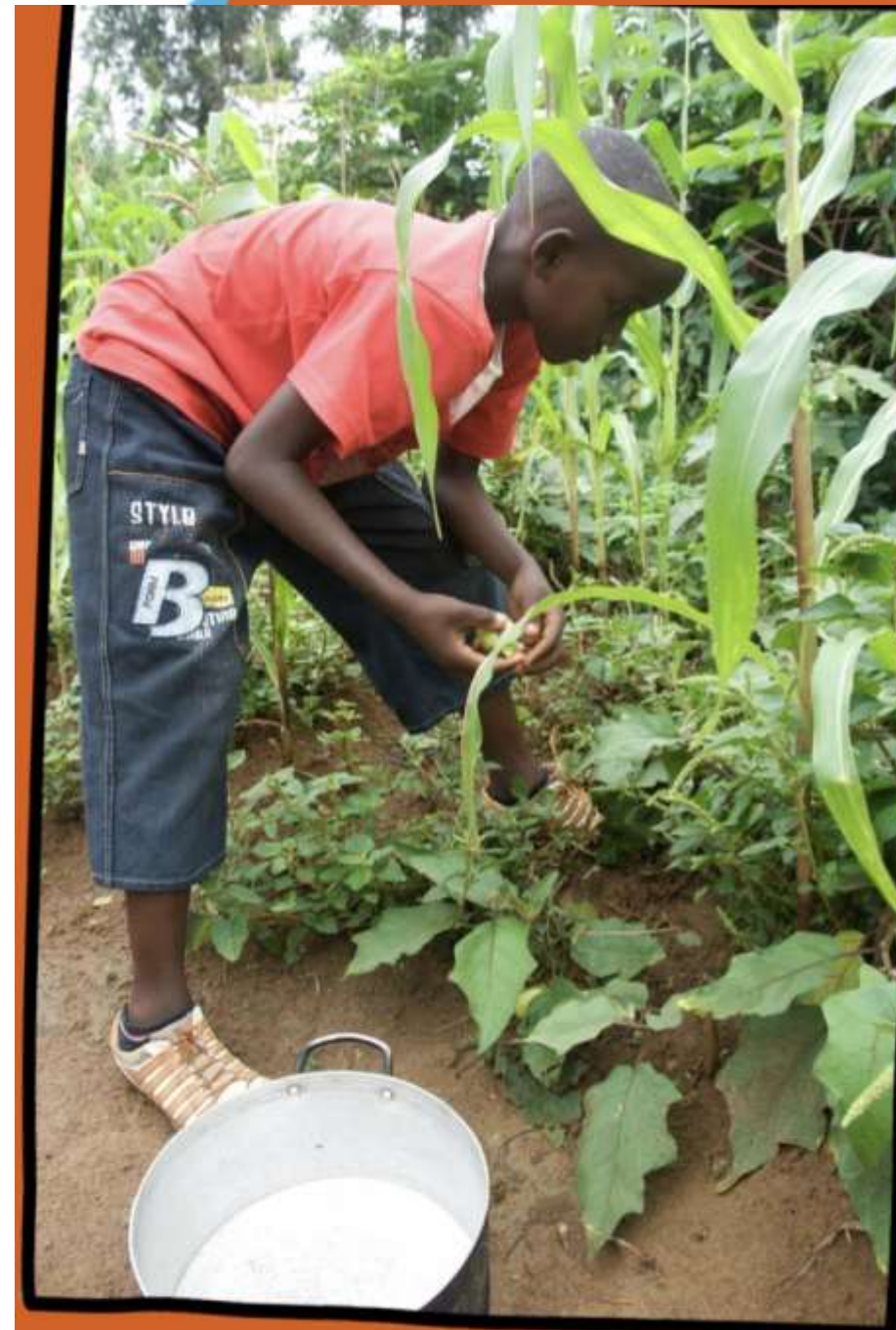
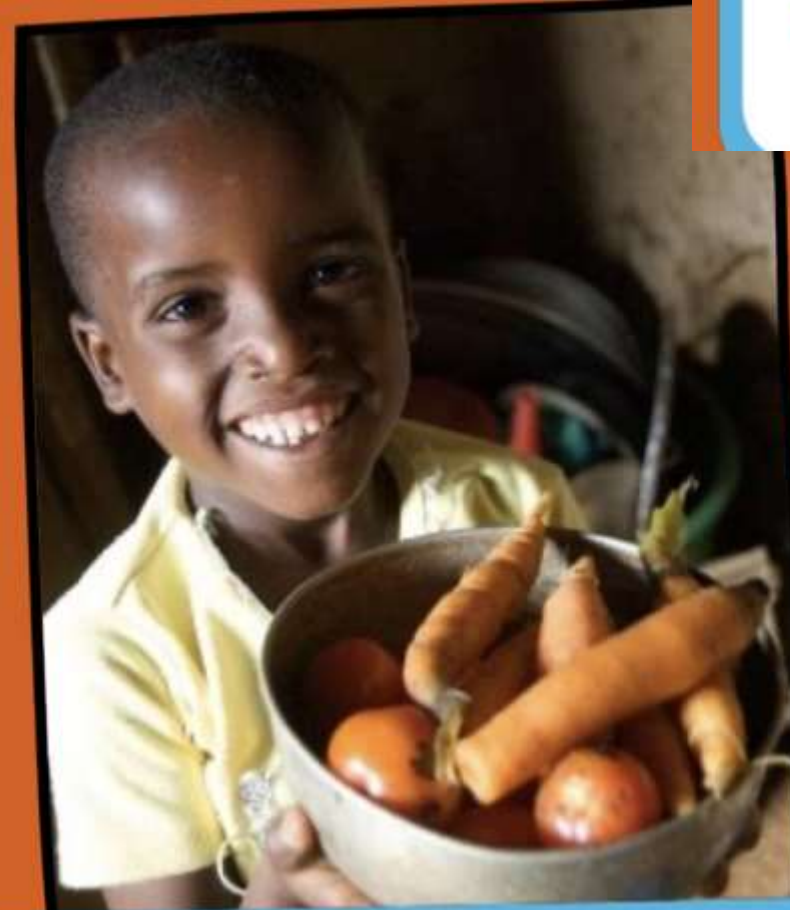
My name is **Eric** and I am **8 years old**. I live in **Rwanda**.



I **live** with my **seven brothers** and **sisters** and my **niece**. My sister **Julienne** is **18 years old** and looks after us all.



This is my **niece Benita** collecting our **vegetables**. **Julienne** is part of a group of young people who started a **business** through **CAFOD** growing food. Benita and I help her **look after** the **crops**.



This is me **collecting vegetables** in the **garden**. **CAFOD** is helping my **family** to **grow potatoes** and **aubergines** to **eat**, and to **sell** to make **money**.



This is **me** at **home**. I share a **bedroom** with my **brothers** and **sisters**. Our **beds** are made up of **stones** which are on the **floor** with **mattresses** on **top**.



I think it is **important** to always **look for ways** you can live **peacefully** and be **united**.



I love to **sing**. In our **choir** we are united and sing well to **build peace** in our **country**.



I like to **help out** at **home**. In the **evenings** I look for wood to cook **supper**, and I help to **prepare dinner**. **Do you do any jobs at home?**



My **best friends** are called Fizz, Fabreze and Simiona. We play lots of **games together**. Here I am playing with Julienne my sister, and my niece Benita. **Do you like skipping?**



Pope Benedict's Assembly

Did you know?

The Pope is the leader of the Catholic Church.



In a **visit** to the **UK** Pope Benedict XVI spoke to all the **children** in **England**, **Wales** and **Scotland** who go to **Catholic Schools**.



Our current Pope is **Pope Francis**. He became the Pope in **March 2013** and is the first Pope from the **Americas**. **Pope Benedict XVI** was our previous Pope and he visited **Great Britain** in **September 2011**.



Future Saints

I **hope** that among **those** of you **listening** to me today are **future saints** of the **twenty-first century**.



Let me **explain** what I mean. When we are **young** we can usually think of **people** we look up to, people we **admire**, people we want to be like. It could be someone we meet in our **daily lives** that we hold in **great esteem**. Or it could be someone famous.



Big questions

My question for you is this:
What are the qualities you see in others that you would most like to have yourselves?
What kind of person would you really like to be?



Future Saints

Are you willing to follow Jesus, to be guided by His Spirit in making present His kingdom of justice and love?



Carlos from El Salvador commented...



I want to be brave like Romero, we should be like him. Oscar Romero was a very good man and very good to people. He helped rescue people.

This is what Oliver has to say...



I would like to be a caring person and sometimes be nicer to others.



When Sorcha sent out invitations to her First Holy Communion she included a note saying...

...please don't bring any presents but if you would like to support CAFOD World Gifts and give children in poorer countries a pack to go to school, I would be very pleased.



42 school starter packs later, thanks to her family and friends, Sorcha has provided a wonderful example of how to do good in the world.

Amelia says...

Yesterday I was sitting on the bench alone and my friend Lilly came up and asked me to join her game. That was being thoughtful.



"The key to it is very simple - true happiness is to be found in God."

Having money makes it possible to do good in the world

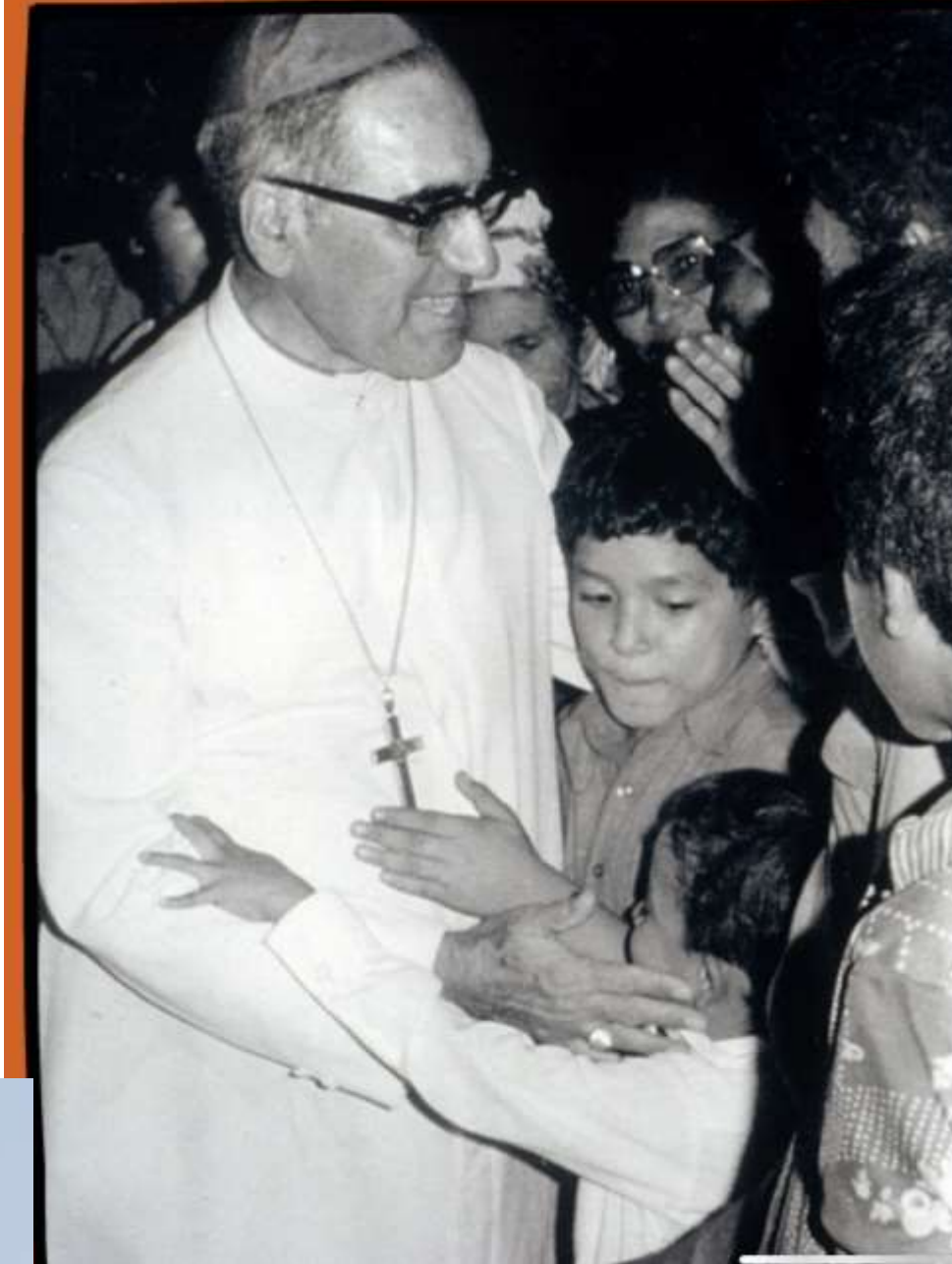


But on its own, money is not enough to make us happy. Many people never find happiness because they look for it in the wrong places.



Saint Oscar Romero

A special person



Saint Oscar Romero was born on **15 August 1917** in **El Salvador**, Central America.

When he left **school** he became a **carpenter**, but soon decided he wanted to become a **priest**.

Saint Oscar Romero
1917-1980



El Salvador at the time

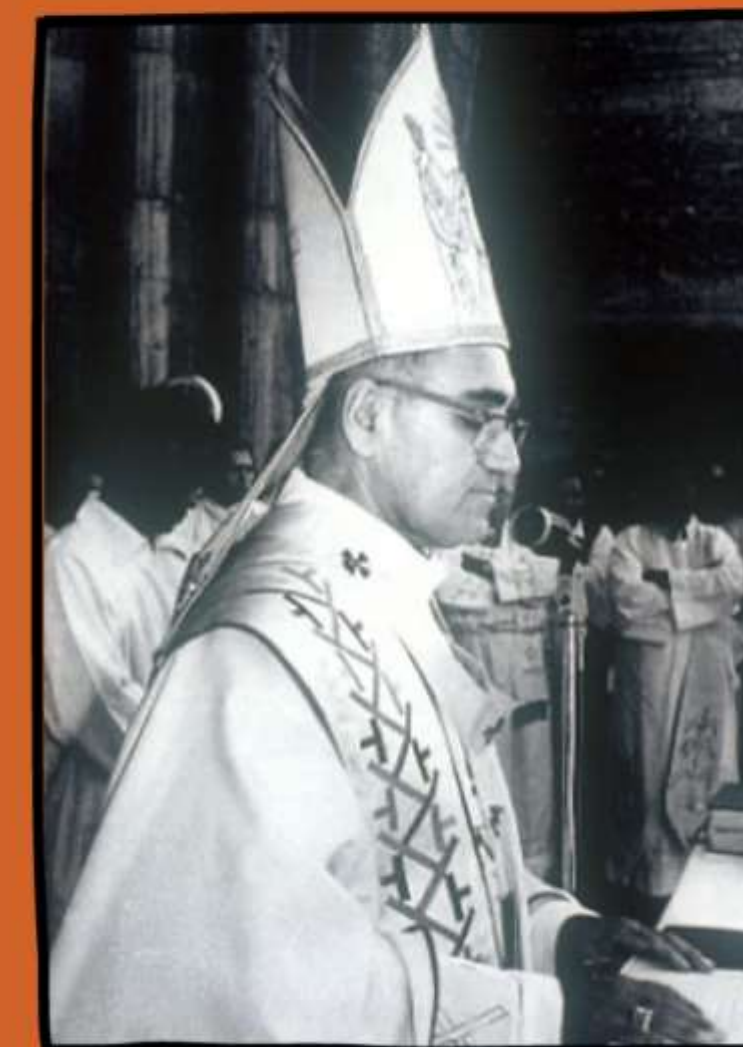
A few families were **very rich and owned** lots of **land**. Most people **were poor and** earned very little.

People **became** very angry **at this** unfairness.

But the rich were very powerful. **If** anybody complained **they were** put in prison **or** even killed.



A quiet man

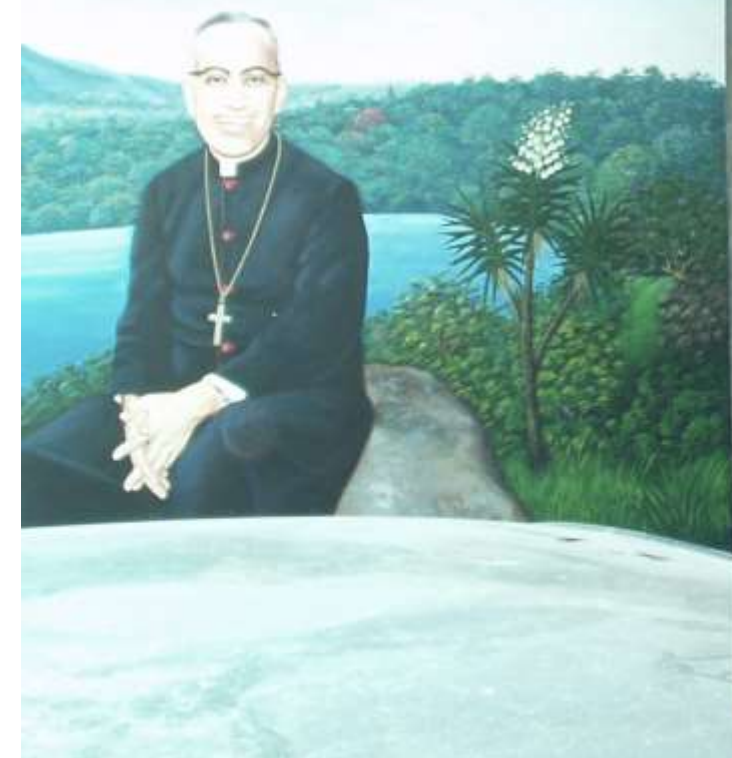


In **1977 Oscar Romero** became the **Archbishop of San Salvador**, the capital.

He was a **quiet, shy man** and nobody thought he would **speak out** about how **poor people** were being treated.

They **thought** he would be **too afraid**.

A friend's influence



Romero's friend **Fr. Rutilio Grande** worked with **poor communities**. He spoke out about how **unfair** things were and demanded better living conditions for **poor people**.

For this he was shot dead.

His death **upset** and **angered Romero**, who insisted on **justice** for his friend. This never happened.

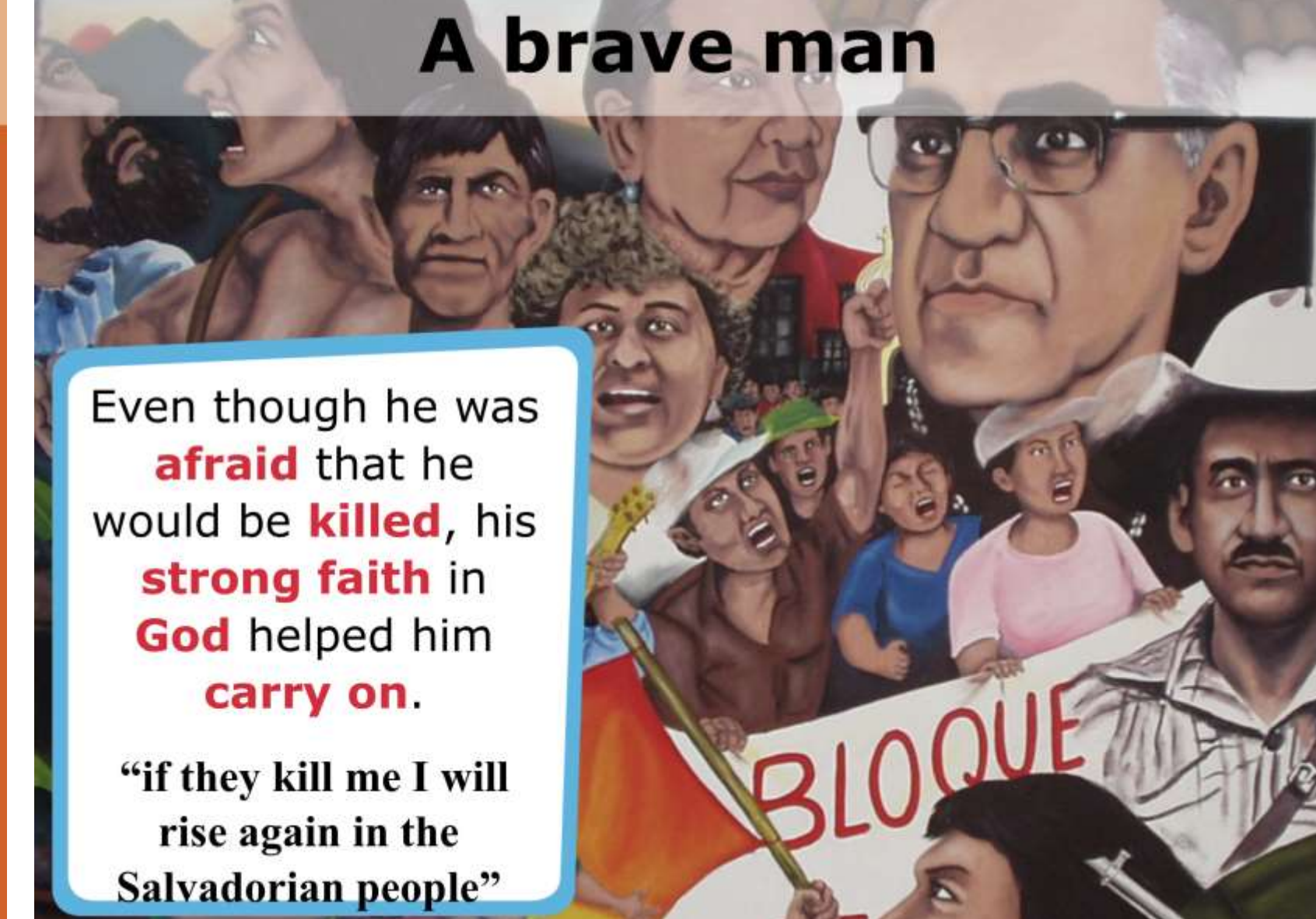
A voice for the voiceless

From that point Oscar Romero stopped being a quiet man and spoke out. He told the truth about what was happening to poor people in his country.

Every week in his sermons on the radio, he spoke out against the violence.

“**Many** would like the **poor** to keep on saying it is **God's will** for them to live that way. But it is **not God's will** for some to have **everything** and others to have **nothing**. That **cannot be of God.**”

A brave man



Even though he was **afraid** that he would be **killed**, his **strong faith** in **God** helped him **carry on**.

“if they kill me I will rise again in the Salvadorian people”

A martyr



On **24th March 1980**, **Oscar Romero** was celebrating Mass. A car drew up and a **shot** was **fired** through the open church door.

Oscar Romero was killed.

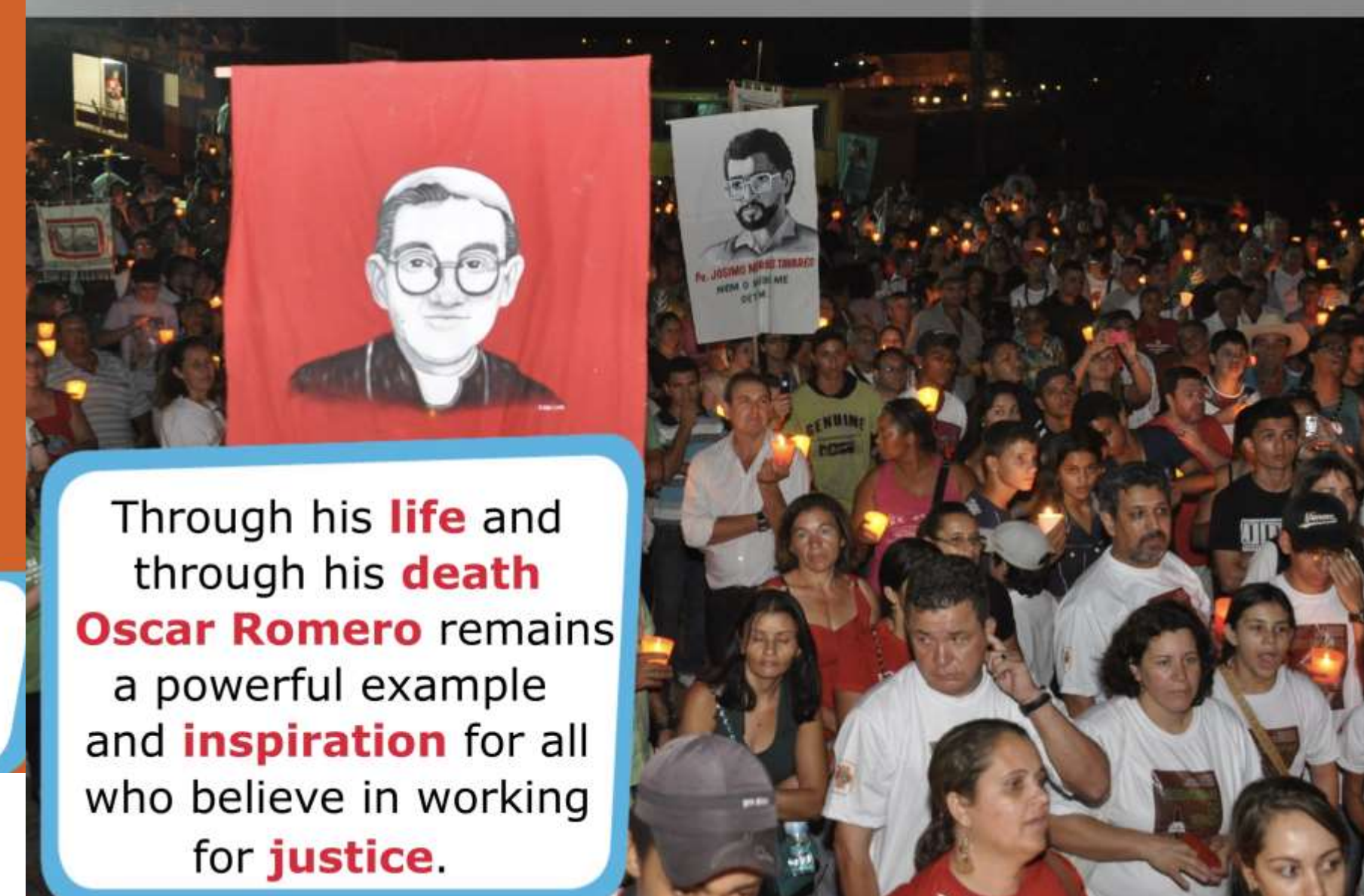
CAFOD in El Salvador

Archbishop Oscar Romero was one of **CAFOD's** partners



CAFOD partners continue **working** for **justice** in **El Salvador** alongside the **poor**.

A guiding light



Through his **life** and through his **death** **Oscar Romero** remains a powerful example and **inspiration** for all who believe in working for **justice**.

Nitu's Story

Meet **Nitu**.

She is ten years old and lives in south **Bangladesh** in **Asia**.



Nitu lives with her **Grandmother, Mum, Dad** and **brother Niam**.



The **walk to school** takes **Nitu** and her **friends** about **20 minutes**.



I usually **get up** at **6am**. When I **wake up** I wash my face and **read religious books**. Then I do my **homework**. At **7.30am** I have **breakfast**. At **8am** I go to **school**.



English is my favourite subject. I am at the **top** of my **class** at **school**. I feel very **happy** and **proud**. I **study** a lot.



When **Nitu** was **six years old** she **fell over** and **broke her leg** while she was **playing** some **games**. **Doctors** tried to **treat her** but there were some **complications** and since then her **leg** hasn't **worked properly**.



Sometimes **children** at **school** call me names and make me **cry**.



Going to the **disabled group** makes me **feel better**. It's **good** to talk to other **people** who are **disabled** and are also **confident**.

Nitu and her Mum go to a group set up to change people's minds about disabled people.



God's people are **unique**. They come from **different places** and have **different beliefs**.

Nitu is just **one example** of an **ordinary person** trying to live her **daily life really well**.

How can you live your daily life really well?