

## Movietime! *Romero*

In this chapter, the youth learn about Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador in El Salvador, a hero who gave his life for the faith.

Take this opportunity to show the group the movie, *Romero*, which depicts his life. Check your parish or diocesan media library or your local DVD/video rental store for a copy to rent.

*Romero* (1989), starring Raul Julia.

This film is about the life and work of Archbishop Oscar Romero who opposed, at great personal risk, the tyrannical repression in El Salvador.

To prepare the youth to see the movie, share that Archbishop Romero was not afraid to speak out on behalf of the poor and oppressed in his country of El Salvador. He was a modern day martyr who struggled for a just society.

- Days before his murder Archbishop Romero told a reporter, "You can tell the people that if they succeed in killing me, that I forgive and bless those who do it. Hopefully, they will realize they are wasting their time. A bishop will die, but the church of God, which is the people, will never perish."
- Romero also said, "While it is clear that our Church has been the victim of persecution during the last three years, it is even more important to observe the reason for the persecution. ...The persecution comes about because of the Church's defense of the poor, for assuming the destiny of the poor."