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Mission Cooperation from COAR, a School and Orphanage in El Salvador

Cooperación con la misión de COAR, escuela y hogar de niños en El Salvador

COAR, which stands for the Community Oscar Arnulfo Romero, will be making an upcoming mission education presentation. COAR is located in Zaragoza, El Salvador. It was founded in 1980 by a Cleveland Diocese Mission Team priest Fr. Ken Myers during El Salvador's brutal civil war. Fr. Ken and fellow Cleveland Mission Team members Sr. Dorothy Kazel, OSU, and Jean Donovan (murdered December 2, 1980) began gathering orphans from refugee camps and bringing them back to the Mission's parish of Zaragoza.

COAR is now known as the "Children's Village" in El Salvador with 1,000 day-students at the school, as well as foster care, workshops, and other services. It is administered directly by the Archbishop of San Salvador through his Vicariate of Human Development. COAR's motto is Women and Men for God and Culture: the curriculum educates the entire person. With over 30 employees COAR strengthens the regional economy. One of the first orphans of COAR served as mayor of Zaragoza from 1998 - 2002. COAR buzzes with optimism and vitality.

However, El Salvador remains an impoverished country as are COAR's students. To protect the most vulnerable simply requires food, shelter, and housemothers. To educate the children to modernize their economy requires updated computers and new classrooms. To learn more about how this mission of the Church reaches these vulnerable children visit: www.coarpeacemission.org, (216) 269-1710.

