

Ordination Mass  
Remarks at the end of Mass  
6/6/15

Fifteen days ago, on the Saturday before Pentecost, I had a privileged place on the sanctuary platform for the Mass of beatification of the Martyr Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero.

It was a sunny day with a few cloud formations providing a merciful shade to the vast multitude of the Salvadoran people eager to hear the name of their beloved pastor included among the blessed souls of the just in heaven.

En un momento maravilloso durante aquella misa solemne de la beatificación del querido Oscar Romero, las nubes blancas y los rayos de sol se combinaron para crear una arco íris sobre la asamblea. Era como una aureola de santidad indicando la presencia duradera de aquel pastor valiente. Mons. Romero todavía estaba realizando el lema de su escudo episcopal: "sentir con la Iglesia".

On banners as well as the vestments prepared for the occasion was emblazoned the episcopal motto of the humble Salvadoran martyr, "sentir con la Iglesia", to feel with the Church. Because these were the words chosen by Oscar Romero for his episcopal ministry one could not reduce their meaning to mere sentimental feeling. Both by his preaching as well as his

generous testimony we now tremble at the depth with which he joined his own heart to the Sacred Heart of the Good Shepherd, who with a great sentir of compassion gave his life for his sheep.

My brother deacons, Raj and Alex, my brother priests, Victor and Michael: Jesus has now given you the powerful grace to sentir con la Iglesia, to love and live with the Church. Her hopes as well as her anguish must become your own. El gozo y las tribulaciones del pueblo de Dios tienen que resonar en el corazón de los servidores, los diáconos y sacerdotes de la Iglesia. El verdadero sentir nos llevará a un auténtico servir. Por eso, vino Jesús para sentir con el pueblo y servir al pueblo con todo su corazón sagrado. También, por eso, les ha llamado Cristo para sentir con la novia del Cordero de Dios y servirla a través del sacramento del altar, el sacramentum caritatis.

Archbishop Oscar Romero was killed at the altar. He died during the sacrifice of the Mass. May you choose to live, together with all of your brothers in the ordained ministry, by uniting yourself more closely to that same altar of sacrifice, the altar of the God who is now and always your gladness and joy.