

**Saturday March 8th 2008  
Tierra Blanca, Usulután**

**To Anthony Cernerá and the Community of Sacred Heart:**

**In the spirit of our beloved Martyr Mons. Romero we greet you with love and hope from your home in El Salvador.**

**As you know each year we await the visit of the delegation of students from Sacred Heart University who come to drink from the wells of the spiritually of the Salvadorian people who lived and who continue to live through hardships and never say Lord this is too much for our lives. These beautiful people refuse to be beaten down; refuse to lose hope, refuse to lose courage.**

**The entire delegation turned out to be exceptional. The physical work they took on helping to dig the foundation for two chapels at two different sites simply amazed the construction crew. However way over and above that they had many, many quality experiences as is always the case. The visit to the Jesuit University and to the Chapel de La Divina Providence (the place where Mons. Romero's life was taken) is always a reminder of life after death. Our martyrs are definitely alive; they inspire us.**

**One of the many visits was the visit to the monument at La Quesera, in Linares the burial place of some 45 members of a massacre that took place during the Salvadoran Civil War. (Human Rights continues with the work of identifying other places where remains may be found.) On this visit we were able to listen to the stories of three of the survivors as we sat under a huge tree by the river. Last night as we talked I thought how it will take time for the students to process this entire experience as they return to the states. I ask that you listen carefully to their stories so that the strength of this experience may continue to enrich the life of the University.**

**This is such a blessing for Sacred Heart University and the community there. It is no small thing to be moved by the lives of the poor.**

**Con mucho cariño,**

**Sister Elena Jaramillo, csjo and the Pastoral Team**

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