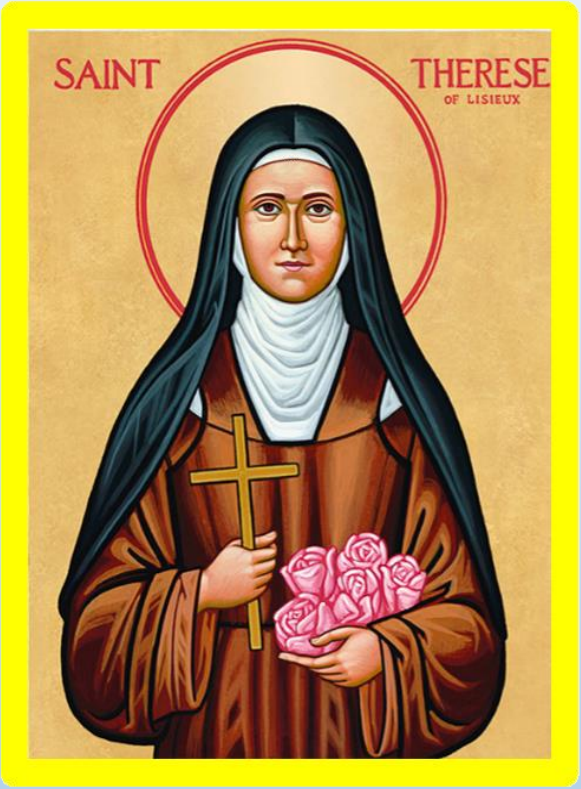
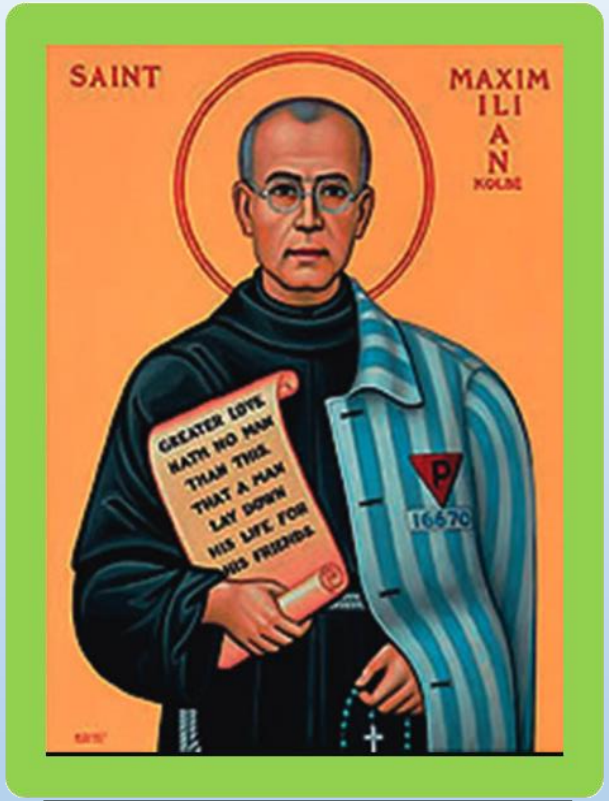
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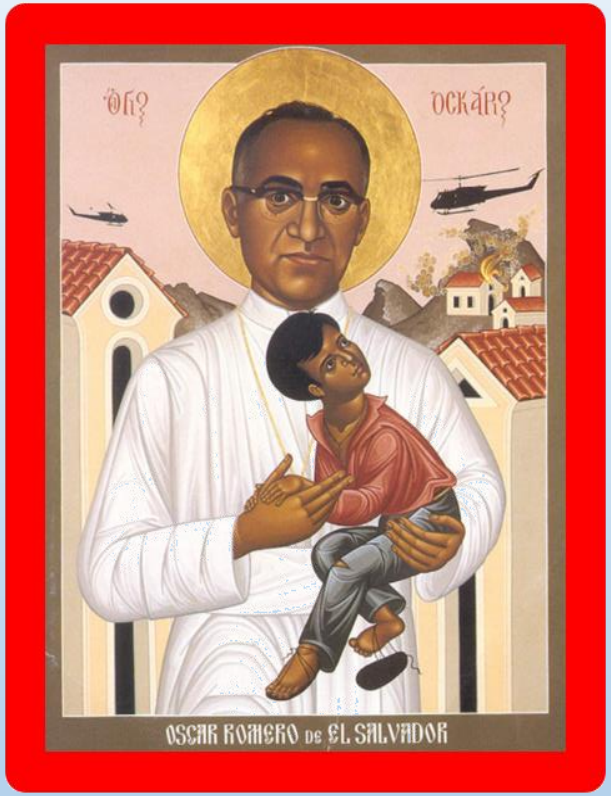
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ST MAXIMILIAN KOLBE



ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA



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What is a Saint?



A saint is a person who is believed to have lived a holy life and is especially close to God.

The word ‘saint’ comes from the Latin word ‘sanctus’ which means ‘holy.

Saints can be prophets, healers, martyrs, or people who do good deeds.

Saints have died and are now in Heaven with God.

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How can you be more like the Saints?

Bravery

Respect

Forgiveness

Modesty

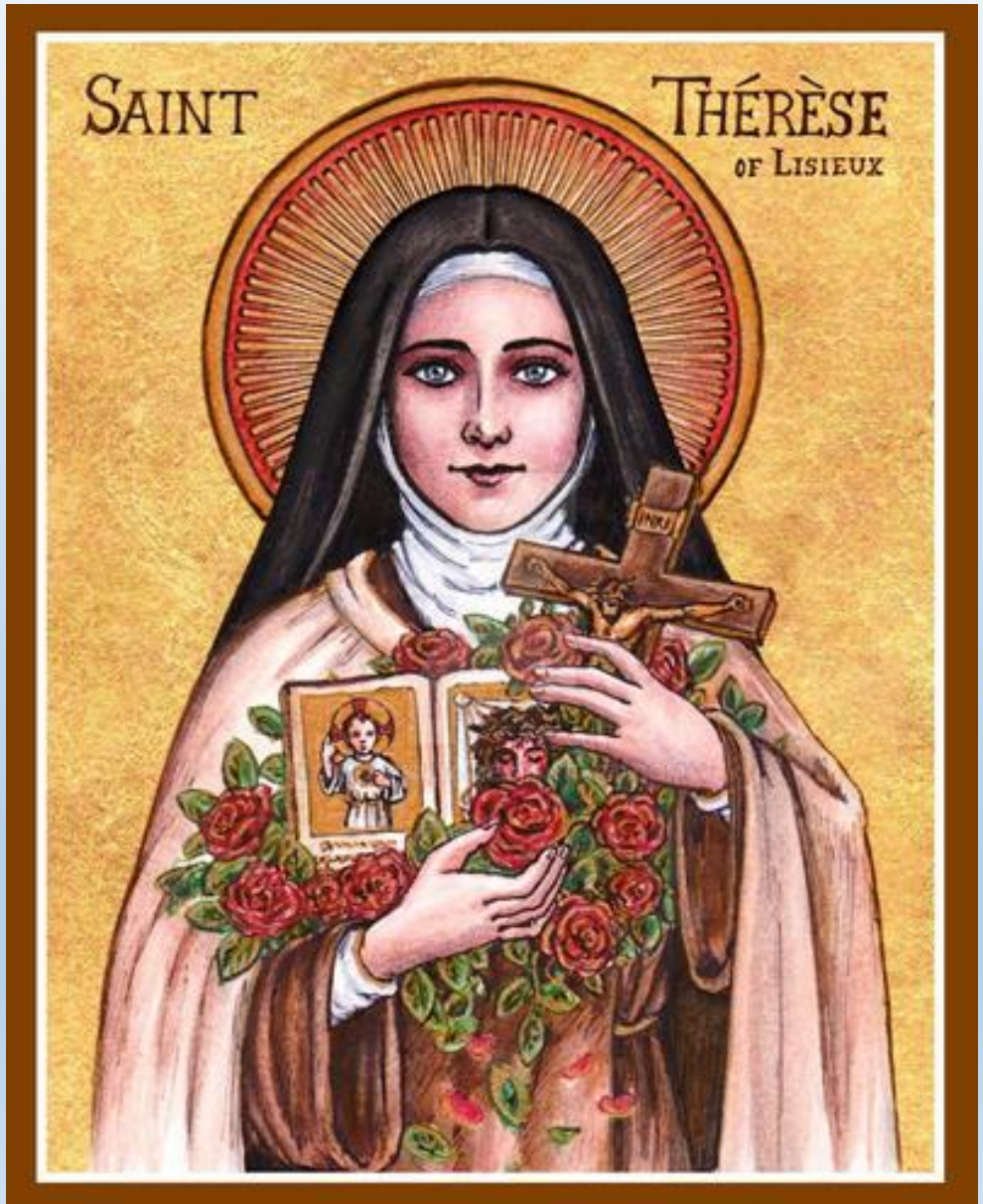
Love

Kindness

Generosity

Strength

St Therese of Lisieux



St Therese of Lisieux

St Therese was born in 1873 in France. Her mother died when we was very young and Therese was brought up by her sister. However, when Therese was only nine, her sister left home to become a nun. Therese begged the nuns to let her join too, but she was not allowed because she was too young.

Therese then became seriously ill. Doctors could not cure her illness and thought that she would soon die. Therese prayed to a statue of Mary and was miraculously cured.

Therese still desperately wanted to be a nun, so she went on a pilgrimage to Rome and asked the Pope if he would let her.

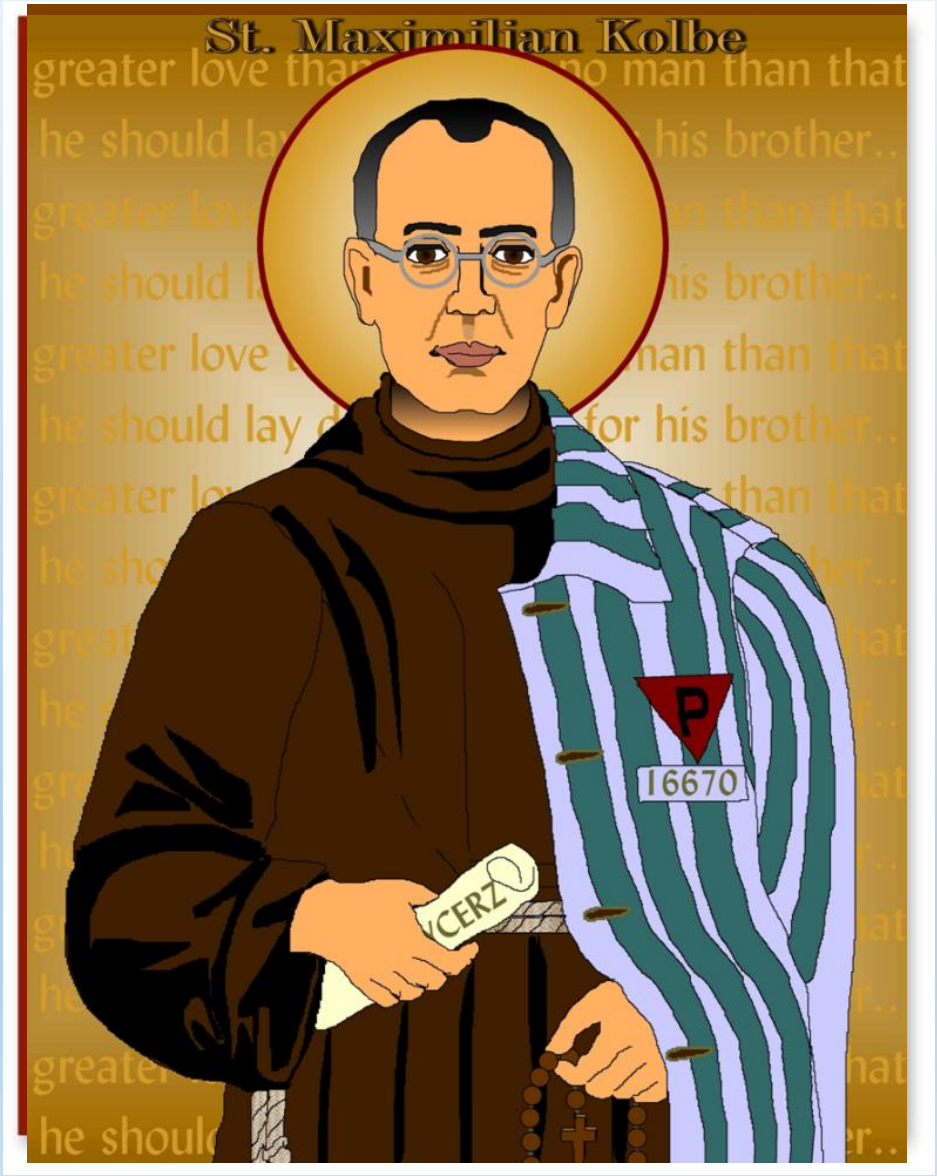
A year later, she was finally allowed to join the monastery, where she lived for the rest of her life.

She is remembered for teaching others about showing love in small ways and is popularly known as 'Little Flower'.

Her feast day is October 1st – the day after she died.



St Maximilian Kolbe



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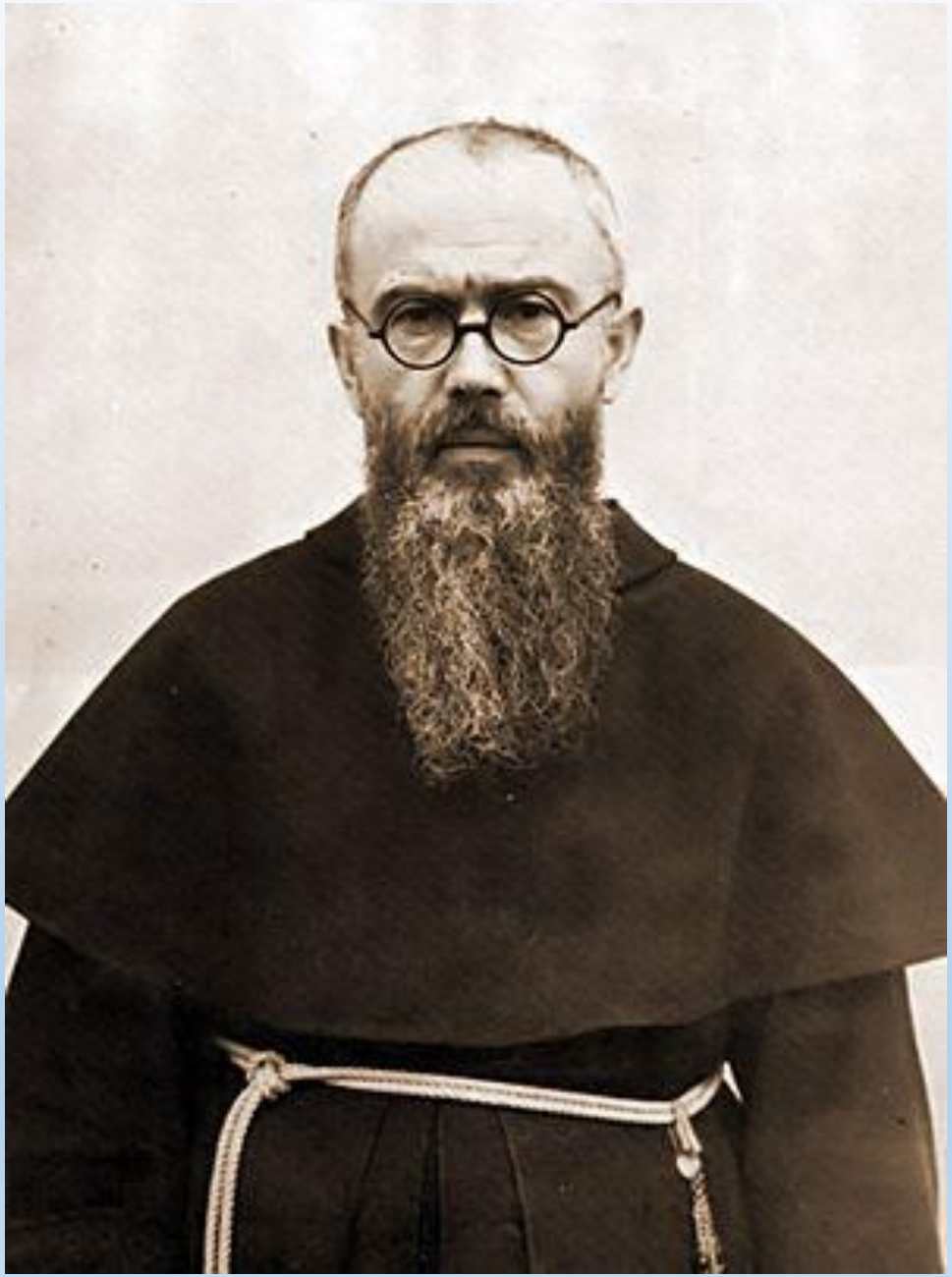
St Maximilian was born in Poland in 1894. When he was 12, he had a vision of the Virgin Mary, which changed the direction of his life.

He became a friar (similar to a monk) and travelled around Poland and the world telling people about Jesus and converting them to Catholicism.

When World War 2 started and Poland was invaded by Nazi Germany, Maximilian chose to stay in Poland and opened up a hospital for anyone who had been injured. He was arrested by the Nazis and sent to the prison camp Auschwitz.

After two months, some of the men in Maximilian's prison were selected to be executed. Maximilian was not chosen, but he volunteered to die instead of one of the men, who had a family.

His feast day is celebrated on August 14th - the day that he was murdered.



St Josephine Bakhita

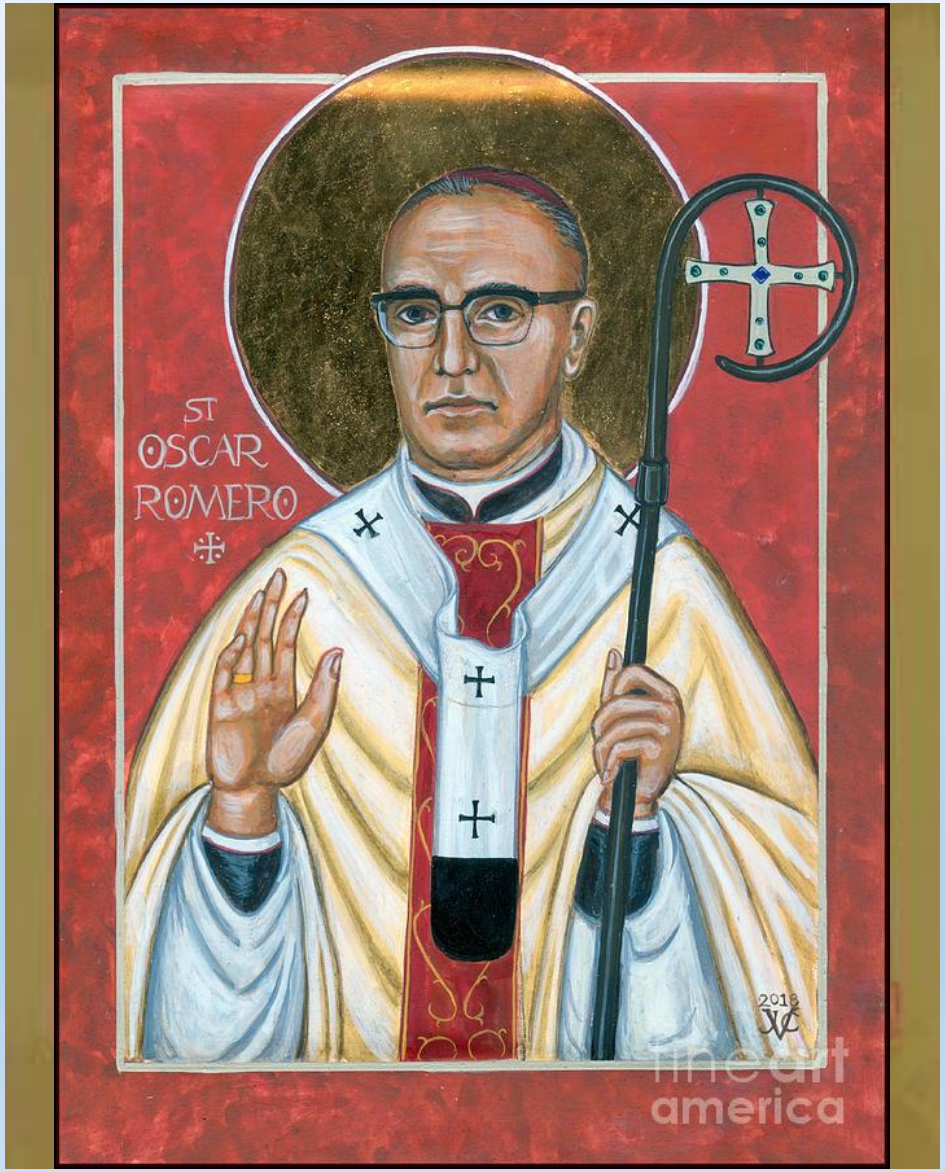


St Josephine Bakhita

Saint Josephine was born in Sudan in 1869. She had a happy childhood, but when she was seven, she was kidnapped and enslaved by outlaws. Then men who kidnapped her gave he the nickname 'Bakhita', which means 'lucky.' She was sold to many different people, first in Sudan and then in Italy and she was often treated cruelly.
After 12 years, Josephine was freed and became a nun. For 42 year she served her sisters as a cook and doorkeeper.
She was known for her gentle and forgiving nature.
Before she died, she said that if she met the men who kidnaped her as a child, she would kiss their hands in thanks, because without them she would not have become a Christian.
St Josephine's feast day is celebrated on February 8th. On this day, Catholics around the world celebrate her life and pray for those who are not free.

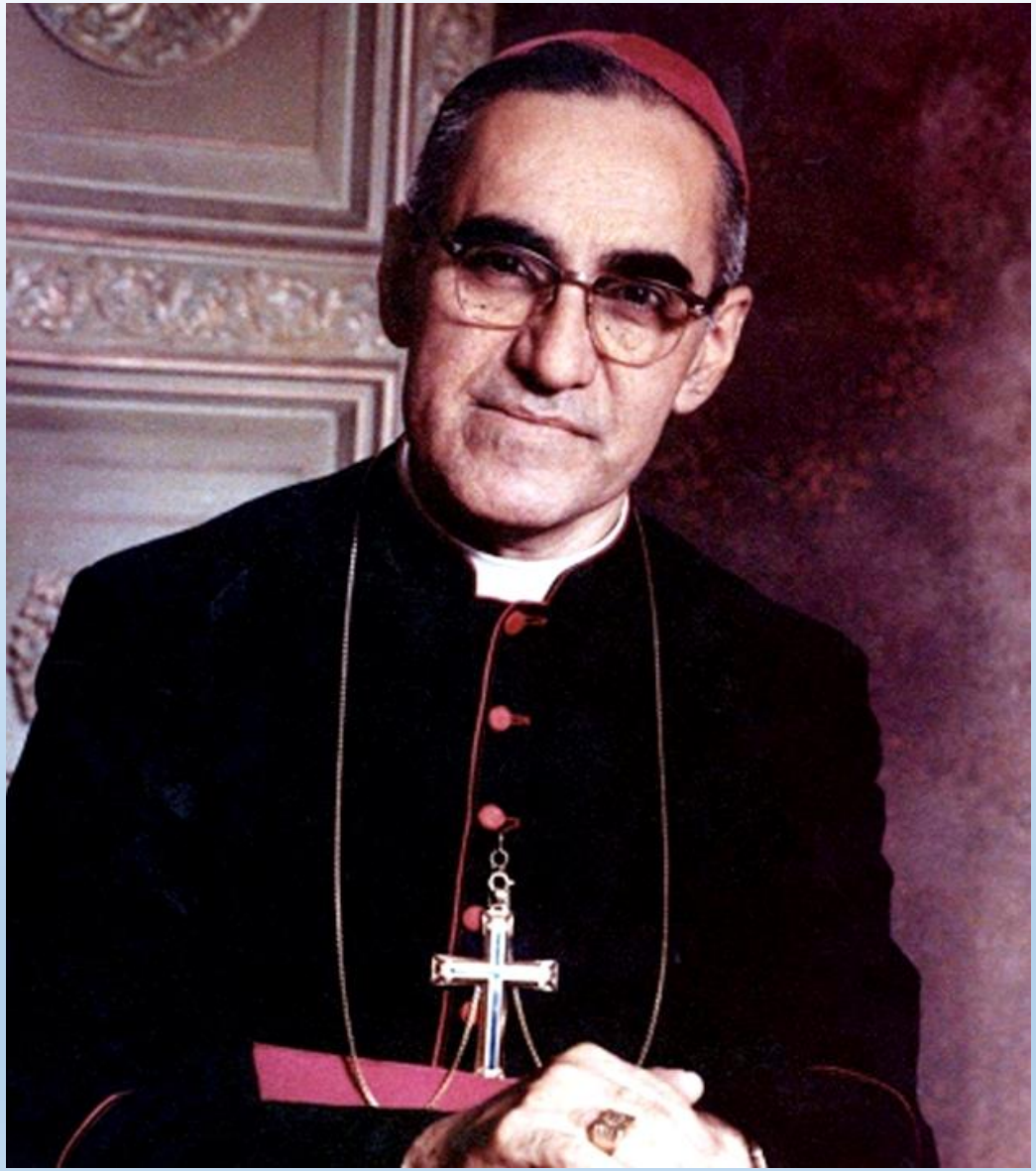


St Oscar Romero



St Oscar Romero

St Oscar was born in 1917 in El Salvador in Central America. When he 14 he began to train to be a priest and he later travelled to Italy to complete his training. He became a priest when he was 25 and he later became the Archbishop of San Salvador, the capital of El Salvador.
At that time, there was a civil war being fought in El Salvador and thousands of innocent people were killed every year. Oscar tried to do what he could to protect people, especially poor people who had lost their homes in the war.
He used his role as Archbishop to call for peace and he was a hero to many people around the world.
In 1980, Oscar was shot and killed in a church in El Salvador as he said mass.
His feast day is celebrated on March 24th – the day that he was assassinated.



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Dear God,

Thank you for the example of the Saints.

Help us to be more like the Saints by showing compassion, generosity and forgiveness in our lives.

Help us to follow in their footsteps and in the footsteps of Jesus, so that we may show the world Your love.

Amen