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The Human Rights Committee

Mission

The inter-disciplinary Human Rights Committee at the University of Dayton was formed by members of the faculty committed to focusing their teaching and research on the promotion of the dignity of all persons and alleviating the suffering of the human community, consistent with the Vision 2005 objectives of the University.

The committee's functions encompass

- Pedagogy, teaching human rights-related courses in the University's undergraduate programs in human rights;
- Programming, organizing public programs and academic symposia focusing on emerging human rights and humanitarian challenges; and
- Policy, conducting policy-oriented research addressing a wide range of human rights and humanitarian issues.

Members

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The Human Rights Committee

at the
University of Dayton

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The Inaugural
Monsignor Oscar Romero Award
for Leadership in Service to
Human Rights

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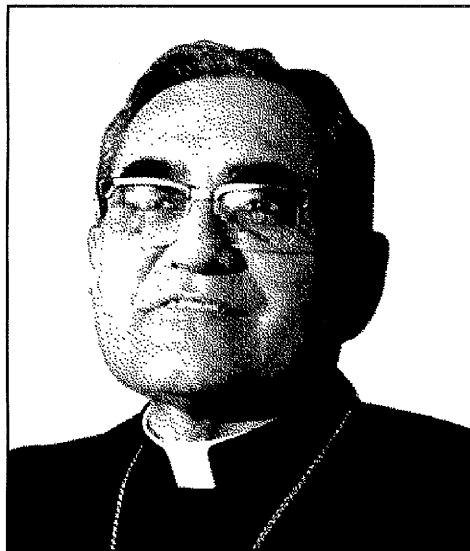
Juan Ernesto Méndez

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, 2000

Sears Recital Hall

Jesse Philips Humanities Center

"In the name of God, in the name of these suffering people whose laments rise to heaven, each day more tumultuous, I beg of you, I ask you, I order you, in the name of God, stop the repression!"



Monsignor Oscar Romero
(1917-1980)

Juan E. Méndez,

was appointed Professor of Law and Director of the center for Civil and Human Rights in 1999. A graduate of Stella Maris Catholic University of Mar del Plata, Argentina, he began his law practice by serving those who wanted to change the norms imposed by the oppressive military dictatorship. Initially, he represented trade unions working for labor reform, but quickly became involved in representing political prisoners. As a consequence of his work, he was arrested, tortured and placed in administrative detention for one and a half-years by the Argentinean dictatorship. He was released only after the United States government pressured the Argentinean dictatorship and Amnesty International adopted him as a "prisoner of conscience." He subsequently moved to the United States where he studied at the Washington College of Law at American University, and was admitted to the District of Columbia Bar. He worked with Human Rights Watch for the next 15 years, at first concentrating his efforts on human rights issues in the Western Hemisphere and helping to build the organization into one of the most widely respected human rights non-governmental organizations in the world. In 1994, he became General Counsel of Human Rights Watch and worked on legal advocacy and policy issues. Immediately prior to joining the Notre Dame Law School faculty, he served for three years as Executive Director of the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights, a regional academic and promotional



agency based in Costa Rica. He has taught at Georgetown University, the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies and, most recently, the Oxford University Summer Program in International Human Rights Law. In June 1999, he was elected to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. He has continued to write passionately and persuasively about the importance of accountability, and is highly regarded in the human rights movement for his leadership, vision and commitment.

PROGRAM

Introduction

Margaret Karns, Ph.D.
Human Rights Committee

Reflections on the Life and Martyrdom
of Monsignor Romero

Fr. James L. Heft, SM,
Chancellor and University Professor of
Faith and Culture

Monsignor Oscar Romero Award Citation
Mark Ensalaco, Ph.D.
Founding Director, Human Rights Program

"In the Pursuit of Justice"

Address by Juan Ernesto Méndez
Recipient of the Inaugural
Monsignor Oscar Romero Award
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Concluding Remarks

Mark Ensalaco