

Previous Romero Recipients

Previous recipients of the Oscar Romero Award are Juan Mendez, UN Special Advisor on the Prevention of Genocide; Casa Alianza, the Central American division of Covenant House, an organization that helps children and young people in several parts of the world; and Radhika Coomaraswamy, former United Nations Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women.

Additional Stander Symposium Activities

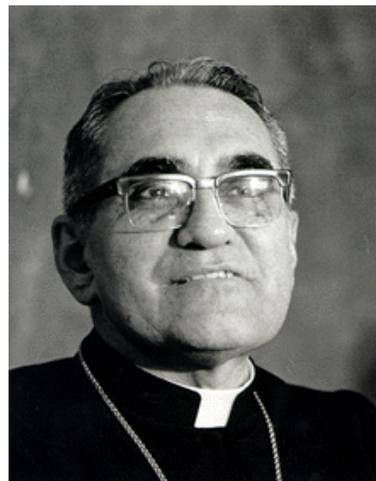
Tuesday, April 17

4:00 PM	Red Mass	UD Chapel
8:00 PM	Evening at the Stander: A Celebration of the Arts	Victoria Theatre
9:00 PM	Stander Cup	RecPlex

Wednesday, April 18

9:00 AM	Keynote: Dr. Bernard Kouchner	Frericks Center
10:30 AM	Morning at the Stander	Campus Venues
12:00 PM	Unit Luncheons	Campus Venues
1:00 PM	Afternoon at the Stander	Campus Venues

The Human Rights Committee at the University of Dayton presents the Monsignor Oscar Romero Award for Leadership in Service to Human Rights



*"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 of you, I
order you, in the name
of God, stop the
repression!"*
Oscar Romero

*"To be alone as a
pioneer... like
we were,
was difficult.
My strategy was
not only to help
the people, or
transform the world,
but to do both."*
Dr. Bernard
Kouchner



Keynote Address
**Universal
Healthcare
in the Developing
World**

Stander Symposium
Wednesday, April 18, 2007
Frericks Center
9:00 AM

What is the Romero Award?

In his final sermon on March 23 1980, Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero y Galdámez publicly appealed to soldiers to disobey orders to kill peasants pleaded with the government to let the peasant's voices be heard. The next day, as he was celebrating Mass, an assassin's bullet pierced Archbishop Romero's heart.

The Human Rights Committee of the University of Dayton established the Archbishop Oscar Romero Award for Leadership in Service to Human Rights in 1998.

The award commemerate the ministry and martyrdom of the slain Salvadoran Archbishop and honors individual or organization whose work has contributed significantly to the promotion of the inherent dignity of all persons and the alleviation of the suffering of the human family, consistent with the spirit of Christian humanism that animates the University of Dayton.

The award itself, a statue of Monsignor Romero, is an original piece sculpted by Emily Trick and Brother Gary Marcinowski, S.M., of the University of Dayton's Visual Arts Department.

Co-founder of Nobel Prize-winning Doctors Without Borders

Kouchner is the co-founder and former president of Medecins sans Frontieres (Doctors Without Borders), a Paris-based non-profit humanitarian organization made up of voluntary medical personnel who contribute their time and expertise in assisting in situations of emergency or inadequate medical care in the developing world. In that capacity he traveled extensively in all the troubled areas of the world. He organized humanitarian operations to Somalia, El Salvador, Lebanon and Vietnam. In addition to those countries, he led field operations in Cambodia, Thailand, Uruguay, Peru, Guatemala and Honduras.

The first person to challenge the Red Cross's stance of neutrality and silence in wars and massacres, Kouchner has played an important role in international humanitarian efforts for more than twenty years. As France's Minister of Health and Humanitarian affairs, he convinced the U.N. to accept "the right to interfere" resolution, and after devastating civil wars in the Balkans, served as Special Representative to U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan in Kosovo.

Today, Kouchner continues to promote universal access to medical care, and takes part in international efforts in the fight against AIDS. He brings to the podium his in-depth experience with public health, human rights and international political involvement to discuss global issues.

Kouchner has played an important role in the French political scene for the past twenty years, holding a number of ministerial positions in different French governments. Most recently he served as France's Minister of Health, and before that as Minister of State for Humanitarian Action and Minister of State for Social Integration. He is currently the professor of public health at the Health and Development Department of the Conservatoire National des Arts Et Métiers (CNAM).

Kouchner is the author of several books and co-founder of the news magazines L'Evenement and Actuel. He is the recipient of several human rights awards, including the Dag Hammarskjold Prize and the Prix Europa.

