



## Maryknoll News...

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### **SPEAKER MARKS 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ROMERO SLAYING**

*FATHER DEAN BRACKLEY REPLACED ONE OF JESUITS  
MURDERED IN 1989 EL SALVADOR ASSASINATION*

**MARYKNOLL, N.Y.** – Maryknoll will celebrate the life, death and resurrection of San Salvador Archbishop Oscar Romero, as well as the fifteenth anniversary of the slayings of a half dozen Jesuit priests by Salvadoran security forces.

Guest lecturer, Father Dean Brackley, S.J., has drawn close to the perilous Salvadoran scene, right up to where the six Jesuits were martyred nine years after Romero. Brackley took the place of one of those martyrs on the staff of the Universidad Centroamericana (UCA) in El Salvador.

In a lecture called “Rays of Hope from the Land of Romero,” Fr. Brackley will explore the values Romero lived for--values that can still inspire us to meet our challenges today.

It has been a quarter century since the beloved Archbishop was gunned down in front of horrified parishioners while celebrating mass March 24, 1980. Less than a decade later, November 16, 1989, six Jesuits, their housekeeper and her daughter were slain in El Salvador because they stood up for the rights of the poor, in opposition to the changes forced by the El Salvadoran government.

***THE EVENT IS FREE OF CHARGE AND OPEN TO THE  
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<p><b>Who:</b> Father Dean Brackley, S.J. <b>What:</b> “Rays of Hope from the Land of Romero” <b>When:</b> Thursday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005, 7:00 PM <b>Where:</b> Maryknoll Society Center 55 Ryder Road, Ossining, NY 10545 <b>Tel:</b> 914-941-7590</p>
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