

CLARE

GALLERY

at the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry

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“Remembering Archbishop Oscar Romero” by Photojournalist: Brother Octavio Duran, ofm

Hartford — The Clare Gallery is pleased to present “*Remembering Archbishop Oscar Romero*” by *Photojournalist: Brother Octavio Duran, ofm* from March 4–May 10, 2010. A richly illustrated exhibit tells the story of a modern prophet and martyr. Thirty years since his assassination in 1980, Oscar Romero continues to serve as one of the great Christian witnesses of our time. These photographs show him embracing the church’s “option for the poor” as he became a courageous voice for the voiceless, entering a path he knew would lead to his death. The exhibit also reveals his humanity as well as his extraordinary faith and courage. It offers a good portrait of the Gospel challenge for our time.

The Clare Gallery will be screening the movie “*Romero*” on Thursday, March 4 from 6:30–8:30 p.m. This movie is inspiring, as well as historical, providing background for the exhibition. Additionally, a Twilight Retreat with the artist Brother Octavio will be held on Thursday, March 18 from 5–9 p.m. **This evening is not to be missed!** Come and hear the riveting first-hand witness from Brother Octavio of the events 30 years ago under the courageous, prophetic leadership of Archbishop Romero as he ministered to and advocated for the people of El Salvador. The newly published book containing the photography of Brother Octavio capturing the story of Romero will be available for purchase and signing.

The Clare Gallery primarily features exhibitions that emphasize world religions or interfaith themes, as well as social justice themes, on either a global or local level. The Gallery is housed in the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry at 285 Church Street. The Center is part of St. Patrick – St. Anthony Church, a vibrant and active downtown faith community.

The Clare Gallery’s hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays; 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Fridays; Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The Gallery and all related events are free and open to the public. Free parking is available directly across from the church, and the facility is handicapped accessible. More information may be found at www.spsact.org, click “Community Life” and then “Clare Gallery”.