

Answers to Requirements

1. Feast Day: March 24
2. Why is he the patron of persecuted Christians in the Americas and El Salvador: He was made patron of the persecuted Christians because he spoke out against social injustice and violence through the civil war.
3. Message left: One day before his execution, Fr. Romero told the soldiers that “no one is obliged to obey and counter the law of God.” That no one is required to kill and that the troops should cease fire against their poor brothers and sisters.
4. What was he doing when he was executed: Fr. Romero was celebrating Mass when he was executed. More importantly he was consecrating the Body and Blood of Christ when he was killed. This is significant, because he was killed at the most important time of mass for Catholics, and this made him a martyr for the faith.
5. What did his dad want him to become: Fr. Romero’s dad wanted him to be a carpenter but Fr. Romero had always felt a special calling to become a priest.
6. Fr. Romero was elected for the role of Archbishop because he was timid and quiet, and his superiors thought he would not get involved in the political turmoil. After he was appointed Archbishop, one of his close priest friends was killed by the government, which is why he began to speak up against the injustice he saw.

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Frequently Asked Questions

May only Catholics or Scouts earn this? Who may earn this activity patch?

Any youth or adult may earn any of the activity patches. The requirements are grade-specific.

Is this activity considered a Religious Emblem and may a Scout receive a religious knot after completing this activity?

No. This activity is considered a Religious Activity, not a Religious Emblem program. Scouts may not receive a religious knot for completing this activity.

Will there be more Saint Activity Patches?

Yes. There may be additional Saint patches released, from time to time.

Who may serve as an adult mentor for this activity?

Any parent or adult who meets the standard BSA and diocesan safe environment requirements.

Is there any time requirement?

Only that the grade-specific requirements need to be completed while in the respective grade level.

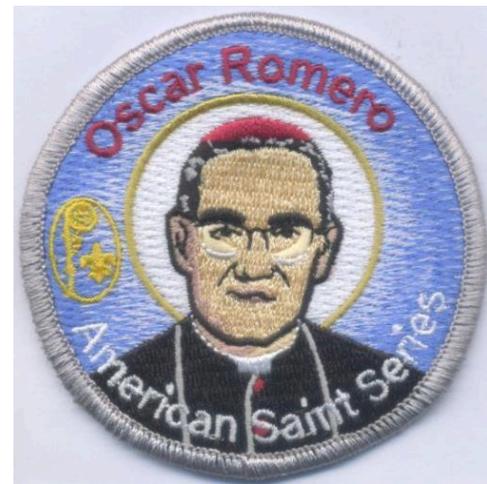
Do the answers need to be submitted?

No. The answers should be reviewed by an adult. The Order Form and patch fee are the only things that need to be submitted.

Whom do I check with once I complete the requirements for my grade level?

Any knowledgeable parent, Scout leader, group leader, priest, religious or catechist.

American Saint Series



Saint Oscar Romero Activity Patch



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American Saint Series Activities

The American Saint Series honors men and women who led heroic lives of faith that have greatly influenced American Catholics. Their words, their deeds, and their devotion to prayer and the sacraments, inspire all American Catholics. Some of these men and women are canonized as “Saints” and are venerated by the Universal Church. Some are beatified as “Blessed” and are venerated by the Local Church. Some are honored as “Venerable” and, while on the way to becoming a “Saint”, may be venerated by Catholics. Most of these men and women lived and worked in North America in what is now the United States. Some others never set foot in America, however they had a huge impact on the Catholic American landscape. All of them sought to follow Jesus.

Requirements for Saint Oscar Romero Activity Patch

All – Read about this saint. You can find the answers to these questions on <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-oscar-arnulfo-romero>, <https://catholiccurrent.org/saints/saint-oscar-romero/>. Feel free to use other resources.

1st thru 5th Grades - Complete 4 requirements and 2 activities.

6th thru 12th Grades - Complete 5 requirements and 3 activities.

Requirements:

Activities:

Requirements for Adults:

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| 1) When is the feast day of St. Oscar Romero? | 1) St. Oscar Romero was known for speaking up for the most vulnerable and defending the rights of others. With your family pray for an end to abortion and ask for the intercession of St. Oscar to help the most vulnerable. | 1) Assist the youth with this American Saint Activity. |
| 2) Why was St. Oscar Romero considered a patron saint of persecuted Christians, in the Americas and El Salvador? | 2) Introduce St. Oscar Romero to someone who does not know him by sharing his story and what you have learned about his life. | 2) Share your thoughts with the youth about this American Saint. |
| 3) What was the message that St. Oscar Romero left the people of El Salvador one day before his execution? | 3) St. Oscar Romero lived a life of service to the Church, go to your parish and find a ministry in which you would like to serve. | 3) Review the responses to the requirements of each youth participant to confirm their accuracy and to ensure his/her understanding. |
| 4) What was St. Oscar Romero doing when he was executed by the military, and why is this significant to his beatification? | 4) St. Oscar Romero believed strongly in “Christian Love” to overcome obstacles. Write down some ways in which you can demonstrate your Christian love to others and share them with your family and friends. | 4) Complete the order form for this Modern Saint Activity and submit it with payment for the patch to NCCS. |
| 5) What did St. Oscar Romero’s dad want him to be and why did he become a priest? | | |
| 6) Why was St. Oscar Romero made Archbishop, and what happened shortly after he was elected for this role? | | |