Wisdom of Romero

Oscar Romero was the Archbishop of San Salvador. In 1980, his own government assassinated him while he was celebrating Mass because he defended the poor against the attacks of the rich.

With Christ, God placed himself into history. With the birth of Christ, God's reign now begins in human time. On this night, as every year for twenty centuries, we recall that God's reign is now in this world & that Christ begins the fullness of time. His birth proves that God is now with us in history, that we do not go alone.

Humans long for peace, for justice, for a reign of divine law, for something holy, for what is far from earth's realities. We can have such a hope, not because we ourselves are able to construct the realm of happiness that God's holy words proclaim, but because the Builder of a reign of justice, of love, and of peace is already in the midst of us.

As the Wise Men from the East followed their star and found Jesus, who filled their hearts with boundless joy, let us too, even in hours of uncertainty, of shadows, of darkness like those the magi had, not fail to follow that star, the star of our faith.

Blessed are the poor, for they know that their riches are in the One who being rich made himself poor in order to enrich us with his poverty, teaching us the Christian's true wisdom.

Works of Justice and Peace

A statement of the mission and purpose of the Oscar Romero Catholic Worker House

- **+LIVE** simply and justly in solidarity with the poor and marginalized and be a good neighbor. Make no war on them, rather, be one with them in spirit, truth, and love.
- **+HEAR** the truth when it is spoken to you. Discern the signs of the times and speak truth -- to power, to the people, and to the Church.
- **+MAKE** injustice visible -- witness, remember, teach, proclaim, tell. Light candles, do not curse the darkness.
- **+PROTECT** the poor and powerless-- listen, learn, educate, organize, empower participation, and respect life from the moment of conception to the time of natural death
- **+WORK** for reconciliation with truth, evangelism, catechesis, orthopraxis.
- **+CELEBRATE** life, goodness, beauty, virtue, responsibility, & joy. Practice peace, non-violence, servant leadership, harmony, community, voluntary cooperation, & the proper stewardship of God's creation. Pray without ceasing.
- **+ Ensure** fair distribution, subsidiarity, economic opportunity, justice, and food security for everyone everywhere. RMW 1998

If you cut too many corners, you'll be running in circles. . . It's a rare person who wants to hear what he or she doesn't want to hear. . . If you can laugh at it, you can live with it. . .

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CROCKPOT SOUPS

Bean Soup

4 cups water Salt and pepper to taste

2 med. potatoes, diced 2 carrots, shredded

2 small onions, chopped

2 (8 oz.) cans tomato sauce

1-1/2 cups beans, soaked overnight and drained 1/2 to 1 cup diced ham or a ham hock or bacon Combine all ingredients in crock pot. Stir. Cook on low 8 to 10 hours. Adjust seasonings. Serves 4.

Corn Chowder

2 cans whole kernel corn, drained 2 to 3 medium potatoes, chopped 2 cups chicken or turkey broth

onion, chopped 1/2 teaspoon salt, pepper

2 cups milk 1/4 cup butter

Combine all ingredients except for the milk and butter in crock pot. Cover and cook on low for 7 to 9 hours. Puree in a blender or food processor or with mixer, if desired, then return to pot. Or leave it chunky as you prefer. Stir in milk and butter; cook on high about 1 hour more. Serves 6 to 8.

Easy Very Tasty Stew

Stew meat or hamburger 2 cups water
1 can vegetables, drained 2 small Potatoes
4 Cubes beef bouillon 1 tblspn Italian herbs
Brown meat, cube potatoes, put all ingredients in the
crockpot. Add water and turn on crock pot on LOW for 8
to 9 hours. Thicken with a mixture of flour and a little
cold water, if desired. Taste and adjust seasonings. Serve
with biscuits. You can use 2 cups stock instead of
bouillon. You can use left over turkey and broth instead
of beef.

French Onion Soup

2 tablespoons butter 1 lb. onions, sliced 1 bay leaf 1/8 teaspoon salt 4 slices of bread loaf

1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese 2 1/2 cups chicken or turkey broth

Melt the butter in a large saucepan, add the onions. Cook about 8 minutes until golden brown. Add chicken stock, bay leaf and salt and pepper to taste. Bring to boil, then transfer to the slow cooker and cook for 7-10 hours on LOW. When ready to serve, toast the bread and sprinkle the cheese on it. Pour soup into bowls float pieces of the toast with the melted cheese on top of the soup

Don't forget to eat your black-eyed peas and greens on New Years Day!