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I should no longer say that I have neighbors to help, but that I must myself be a neighbor to others.

—Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 81

On June 26, 2020, Fr. Ricardo Antonio Cortez Martínez, rector of the St. Óscar Arnulfo Romero seminary in Usulután, El Salvador, sent a request to the Subcommittee on the Church in Latin America for financial aid for 42 seminarians in the philosophy stage of their formation. Less than two months later, on August 7, Fr. Ricardo was found assassinated. Despite a falling homicide rate in El Salvador, three priests were slain from 2019 through August 2020.

To answer the call to priestly or consecrated life is a courageous act of faith, especially in a time and place where priests face violence, as Fr. Ricardo did. The Subcommittee on the Church in Latin America recognizes the courage and openness of seminarians, such as those at the St. Óscar Arnulfo Romero seminary, by supporting their formation as they prepare for lives of dedicated service. Your support for the Collection for the Church in Latin America makes it possible for young men in El Salvador and throughout Latin America and the Caribbean to answer that call. Thank you for your generosity.

For more information about the Collection for the Church in Latin America, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

2020 CLA Financials

Expenses

- Grants and Donations: **83.31%**
- Program Costs: **6.42%**
- Allocations—Internal Grants: **6.07%**
- Promotions and Fundraising Expenses: **2.90%**
- Administrative Expenses: **1.30%**

Total Expenses: \$6,877,734

Total Number of Grants Approved: 358
Total Amount Approved: \$10,851,081

- Emergency Disaster Funds: **47.93%**
- General Pastoral*: **36.41%**
- Formation of Clergy and Religious, and Vocations: **14.22%**
- Child Protection: **1.44%**

*includes evangelization, religious education, and family and other pastoral ministries



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