THE Archbishop
Oscar A. Romero
Scholarship Committee
of BOSTON COLLEGE
Oscar A. Romero is one of the greatest symbols of Christian love and solidarity. As Archbishop of San Salvador, Father Romero was a source of strength and hope for the poor and the oppressed of his country. He worked with and for them, taking their struggles as his own. Romero wrote and spoke passionately and publicly about the need for Christians to work for justice, and he frequently faced threats and danger from those opposed to his ideas.

On March 24, 1980, while celebrating the Eucharist, Archbishop Romero was shot and killed at the altar by a death squad assassin. He paid the highest price for the commitment about which he spoke so often and so eloquently. Because of his courageous stand for justice, he became a martyr not only for poor Salvadorans but for all people struggling to overcome oppression and poverty. Today, his sermons are read as powerful reminders of Christians’ obligation to fight for a just society. The example of Romero’s courageous life and death continue to inspire those who struggle for human dignity and justice.
A committee of students, faculty and administrators was formed at Boston College in 1992 to award a scholarship in memory of Archbishop Oscar Romero. Student leaders from the Organization of Latin American Affairs were instrumental in meeting with various Boston College officials to demonstrate the importance of establishing this scholarship. The Jesuit Community, with the help of the Rev. John A. Dinneen, S.J., donated the funds for the initial award. The award is now supported by University financial resources.

The annual award recognizes a Boston College junior who exemplifies Latino cultural traditions and heritage, as well as the values and ideals inherent in Romero’s life — notably the dedication and sacrifice to community that has kept the Archbishop alive in the hearts of many Latin Americans and others who believe in and fight for social justice. Devotion to learning as evidence by the student’s academic record here, and dedication to community service, both on and off campus, are the primary factors in determining the scholarship award. The student’s financial need is also a consideration. The scholarship is awarded at an annual celebration and award ceremony in the Spring Semester.
The work of the Committee is carried out by the following sub-committees:

- **The Award Ceremony Subcommittee** coordinates the annual celebration and award ceremony.

- **The Selection Subcommittee** solicits applications for the scholarship award, interviews applicants, and presents a decision to the Committee.

- **The Alumni Award Subcommittee** selects an alumni member who receives an award in honor of the Rev. John A. Dinneen, S.J., who was instrumental in establishing the scholarship.

- **The Activities Subcommittee** develops activities throughout the year including, but not limited to, speeches/lectures, presentations, cultural/informational gatherings, Latino Alumni Weekend, and community awards.

- **The Publicity Subcommittee** creates more awareness of the existence and activities of the Romero Committee, the scholarship, and the Award Ceremony.

If you are interested in becoming a member, please call (617) 552-1996. For more information please visit [www.bc.edu/romero](http://www.bc.edu/romero).
“... We plant seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development. We provide yeast that produces effects beyond our capabilities.

... We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers, not master builders, ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own. Amen.”

- Archbishop Oscar A. Romero