November 7, 2002

Dear Latino/Latina student:

Congratulations! You have been nominated for the Archbishop Oscar A. Romero Scholarship. Your selection was based on meeting initial eligibility requirements. This prestigious scholarship honors a Boston College junior-year student of Latin-American descent, selected on the basis of academic accomplishments, financial need, community service, and dedication to values and ideals that best exemplify those values inherent in Archbishop Romero’s life. We would like to acknowledge that this year marks the twentieth anniversary of Archbishop Oscar A. Romero’s death.

Enclosed you will find the Archbishop Oscar A. Romero Scholarship application form and additional eligibility requirements. As you will see by reviewing the criteria listed on these pages, candidates for this scholarship must have a 3.0 grade point average by the application deadline, Friday, February 7, 2003. Please read the instructions carefully. We encourage you to submit your application for further consideration. If you have any questions, you may contact Dr. Dennis Sardella, Chair of the Selection Subcommittee, at 617-552-3612 or at sardella@bc.edu. Completed applications must be delivered to 36 College Road, in care of Dr. Dennis Sardella, by Friday, February 7, 2003. Information and applications are also available at www.bc.edu/romero.

The scholarship to be awarded this year will be presented to the recipient at the annual Romero Scholarship Award Ceremony, on the evening of March 22, 2003. On behalf of the Archbishop Oscar A. Romero Scholarship Committee, we wish you the best of luck and look forward to receiving your application.

Sincerely,

Vicky Barges, Co-Chairperson

Sonia Slomba, Co-Chairperson
Requirements for Candidates:

To apply for the Oscar A. Romero Scholarship, you must be a Boston College junior-year student of Latin American descent and a citizen or permanent resident of the United States. You must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 by the application deadline, and have a demonstrated financial need. In addition, you must possess an outstanding record of community service at Boston College or in other off-campus communities.

Deadline:

Completed applications must be returned to Dr. Dennis Sardella, Director of the Presidential Scholars Program, 36 College Road, Chestnut Hill, MA 02467-3860, no later than February 7, 2003.

Selection Process:

The Scholarship Selection Subcommittee will make its selection of the Archbishop Oscar A. Romero Scholarship winner after careful consideration of each application. This subcommittee is comprised of Jesuits, staff, faculty, alumni, and students of Boston College.

Announcement of Scholarship Recipient:

Finalists will be notified in early March by phone. The announcement of the scholarship winner will be made during the award ceremony, which will be held on the evening of March 22, 2003 in the Welch dining room in Lyons Hall. It is expected that the scholarship recipient will address the audience during the ceremony.
I  Personal Information

(Please type or print in ink)

Name
(last)  (first)  (middle)

Student ID Number (Eagle #)

Permanent Address

City   State   Zip Code

Campus Address

E-mail Address

Permanent Phone #   Campus Phone #

Major   Expected date of Graduation

Are you a U.S. citizen? If not, are you a US permanent resident?

Cumulative GPA

In one or two sentences, please describe your plans after graduating from Boston College. If possible indicate what professional field you plan to pursue or study. Use only the space provided below.

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II

Short Answer Questions

On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following questions, being as specific as possible. Typewritten responses are preferred.

a. List all the extracurricular activities in which you have participated at Boston College. Describe the offices or positions you held and the extent of your participation in carrying out the mission of the organization. You may include work-study jobs.

b. Describe your activities and responsibilities outside Boston College during the academic year and in the summer. Please include volunteer work that you have done in any capacity for a community, church, school, family responsibilities as well as off-campus jobs you have held. In addition, include the approximate number of hours per week that you spent on these activities.

c. List and describe any special academic accomplishments or awards you earned during high school and college.

d. List extracurricular activities in which you plan to participate during your senior year.

III

Essay Question

The essay should be three to five double-spaced, typewritten pages. Please follow accepted styles for academic writing. Cite all references.

Please develop an essay that demonstrates your understanding of Archbishop Romero’s commitment to scholarship and justice, and how it connects to your life.

The essay should address the following themes:

a. In demonstrating how Archbishop Romero has impacted your life, you may want to choose from one event, teaching or sermon and illustrate its significance in your life.

b. How do you plan on furthering Archbishop Romero’s commitment to justice during your senior year at Boston College and post graduation? Please be specific about your future goals.
IV. Official Transcript

An official copy of your Boston College transcript from the Office of the University Registrar must be included with your application materials.

V. Financial Need

Please be advised that financial need is a factor in the selection of the scholarship. The Romero Committee will contact the Financial Aid Office to obtain your financial need assessment.

VI. References

You must submit two letters of reference: one from someone familiar with your academic background, and one from someone who knows your work and service at Boston College or any other community in which you are involved.

VII. Interview

Those applicants chosen as finalists will be required to attend a formal interview with the selection committee.

It is expected that the winner of the scholarship will become a member of the Scholarship Committee for the 2003-2004 Academic Year.