



Trócaire Romero Family Award



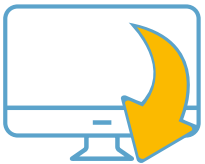
WHAT IS THIS INITIATIVE?

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Trócaire is calling upon all parishes in Ireland to take on the Romero Award as part of their preparations for the World Meeting of Families. Inspired by Blessed Óscar Romero and his concern for the poor and oppressed, the Romero Award aims to provide parishes, families, schools, the youth and individuals with an avenue to express their solidarity with their brothers and sisters who are suffering as a result of injustices and inequalities in our world.

WHY TAKE THIS INITIATIVE?

In *The Joy of Love* Pope Francis says God has called on families to make the world our common home, 'helping each person to see fellow human beings as brothers and sisters'. This initiative seeks to put this into practice. In making Óscar Romero blessed, Pope Francis has set him before the world as an example to follow. Blessed Óscar Romero, a great modern-day saint, challenged both the Church and the society in which he lived.



WHAT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE AND WHERE?

- Simply log on to www.trocaire.org/parish to register for this award.
- Resources for your parish will also be available on the WMOF website.
- If you would like to speak to a Trócaire staff member about this award, or for more information about how you, your family, your parish, your school or your community can get involved, please contact the church officer at churchofficer@trocaire.org or (01) 629 3333.





HOW DOES THIS WORK IN A PARISH?

It is awarded to those who can show how they have highlighted some form of injustice in our world. Romero Award participants have encouraged people to walk or cycle to church or school, to install solar panels in their local parish, created a local media campaign about homelessness, started a local soup kitchen, hosted a wilderness meal during Lent, knitted solidarity blankets for women and children in Gaza – the list is endless. The award celebrates what you have already done and inspires you to do more. It helps you, your family and your community to live more justly!

- 1 Identify people in the parish who will help with this project.
- 2 Register your interest for the award at www.trocaire.org/parish at any time of the year.
- 3 We'll support you with resources and the opportunity to share ideas and experiences.
- 4 Decide upon an injustice to focus on within your parish/home.
- 5 Develop a simple action plan.
- 6 When you're ready, we'll come and visit your community, find out what you've been doing and help you to celebrate and share your achievements.
- 7 Submit details of your project and evidence of shared learnings.
- 8 Join us at an event during the WMOF to celebrate your achievements.

