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## **ROMERO COMMUNICATOR**

Rome, 12 October 2018

Sala S. Pio X (Via dell'Ospedale, 1)

4:00-6:00 PM

### ***Speakers:***

***Cardinal José Gregorio Rosa Chávez***, Auxiliary Bishop of San Salvador

***Julian Filochowski***, President of Archbishop Romero Trust

***Helen Osman***, President of SIGNIS

On the eve of the Canonization of the Archbishop and Martyr Oscar Romero of Salvador, SIGNIS, the World Catholic Association for Communication, in collaboration with the Dicastery for Communication, invites journalists, media operators, and communication students to a reflection on this major saint of our time. **SIGNIS chose Archbishop Romero as its patron** in 2015 because of his willingness to give his life rather than be silent in the face of injustice, using the radio and print media to do so, and for this reason he stands as a model for all the communicators.

*“If we act as the voice of the voiceless it can only be as part of a process of liberation in which they gain their voice and we step aside”*, Archbishop Romero said. His figure as communicator will be analysed from two perspectives: his being both ***voice of the voiceless*** and ***microphone of God***.

The 12 October program in Sala S. Pio X - from 4 to 6 p.m. - includes a **reception** in which ***Julian Filochowski***, President of Archbishop Romero Trust and ***Helen Osman***, President of SIGNIS, will take part, together with ***Cardinal Chávez***. The Synod Fathers, SIGNIS members present in Rome for the Canonization, and Dicastery representatives, are welcome to intervene.

**An exhibition of the front pages of the world press** in the aftermath of Oscar Romero's assassination on 24 March 1980 will also be on display.

The Church will honor Oscar Romero as Saint on 14 October, the same day Pope Paul VI will be proclaimed a Saint. In Blessed Romero we acknowledge a real continuity with that Pope, who issued *Populorum Progressio*, and with the spirit of openness in the Church that can be traced back to the II Vatican Council.

**In the spirit of Romero Communicator**, and thanks to the presence in Rome of communicators from all over the world, the following day, Saturday, 13 October, in the same Hall San Pio X, the International Conference on Peace Journalism will take place. The event is under the auspices of the Dicastery of Communication together with the Dicastery of Human Integral Development.

**All journalists and media operators** who intend to participate must apply via the Holy See Press Office, through the online accreditation system available at: [press.vatican.va/accreditamenti](http://press.vatican.va/accreditamenti).

All applications must be received no less than 48 hours before the event.

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