

Bibliography

These resources are available in the Resource Center, Pastoral Center, 1229 Mt. Loretta.

Hefley, James & Marti, By Their Blood, Christian Martyrs of the Twentieth Century, Baker Books, Grand Rapids, Michigan, ©1996 second edition.

This is a book about twentieth century martyrs that is geographically organized. The main purpose is to provide stories of the deaths of Christian nationals where reliable information is available. According to the Preface, the book, “represents the largest research project that the authors have undertaken while writing over sixty books in over thirty years of writing on Christian subjects.”

Lernoux, Penny, Cry of the People, The Struggle for Human Rights in Latin America—The Catholic Church in Conflict with US Policy, Penguin Books, New York, ©1982.

According to reviews, Cry of the People is a compelling account of what is happening all over Latin America, based on accounts of both witnesses and victims. It is also a powerful indictment of US policy there and of our silent complicity in the activities of totalitarian regimes. The introduction states, “Much of the narrative of the book is composed of stories of the Church’s martyrs, people who were murdered because they supported a farmers’ cooperative or the construction of a sewer system in a slum or because they repeated God’s commandment ‘You shall not kill.’ These courageous people have given new testimony to the essential character of the Gospel, which is the story of poor people, and of the Gospel message of human rights.”

Lernoux, Penny, Hearts on Fire, The Story of the Maryknoll Sisters, Orbis Books, Maryknoll, New York, ©1994.

“That adventure is still possible I know from researching this book, which is about the dream of a group of idealistic American women—the Maryknoll Sisters. Many saw themselves as the woman on horseback who would go forth to do battle with the forces of evil. But as in most myths—dreams—they discovered that the real objective of their often perilous journeys was not to change the world, or even a small portion of it, but to go beyond themselves and do something important in life.” This book is about their experiences. —From the Introduction

Nouwen, Henri, Gracias! A Latin American Journal, Harper & Row Publishers, San Francisco, ©1983.

This book is a personal account of Henri Nouwen’s six-month visit to Bolivia and Peru. As indicated in the preface, “It is a personal document and a vital commentary on the role of Christianity in our times. It is an exploration of themes of faith and justice in a poor, volatile, yet spiritually rich world too little known and too much taken for granted by North Americans.” Fr. Ray Herman is mentioned on p. 86–88.

Romero, Oscar, The Violence of Love, The Plough Publishing House, Farmington, PA, ©1988.

“Archbishop Oscar Romero gave his life, in the words of Pope John Paul II, ‘for the church and the people of his beloved country’ of El Salvador. His death from an assassin’s bullet on March 24, 1980 crowned a life of service as priest and bishop. During his three years as archbishop of San Salvador, he became now across the world as a fearless defender of the poor and suffering... This selection of Archbishop Romero’s thought is meant to enable others to know this man of faith and to experience the power of his words.” —From the Preface

Royal, Robert, The Catholic Martyrs of the Twentieth Century, A Comprehensive World History, The Crossroad Publishing Company, New York, ©2000.

“Martyrdom is not one of the common categories of modern thought. In addition, a great deal

World History, The Crossroad Publishing Company, New York, ©2000.

“Martyrdom is not one of the common categories of modern thought. In addition, a great deal of the material produced by religious sources only complicates the problem...Martyrdom is a gruesome affair, and few of the true martyrs of the twentieth century, who saw it close up, looked upon it in a conventionally pious or romantic light...Most of us need to approach the exemplary lives of modern martyrs by way of the often brutal details of their deaths. When we understand concretely the enormous price they were willing to pay for no earthly reason, we might just catch a glimpse of what they achieved and why.” –From the Introduction

Sobrinio, Jon, Jesus in Latin America, Orbis Books, Maryknoll, New York, ©1988.

According to the Foreword, “This book consists of a series of articles written by Jon Sobrinio between 1978 and 1982. The first two chapters, and especially the first, are the most important and most theological. One can easily see how seriously the author has considered and developed them. They constitute a careful, complete presentation of his christological thought. As he says himself chapter 1 ‘seeks to remove doubts and answer questions addressed...to my Christology at the Crossroads.’”