

Promoting Justice and Growth in El Salvador ... Continuing *Our Work*

You are invited to participate in the 2024 Missionary Cooperation Plan of the Milwaukee Archdiocese at St. Sebastian Congregation



*"**Together**, we can develop the approach that will be needed to assure that the economic, social, and political futures of both El Salvador and the United States are humane and progressive."*

Saint Oscar Romero

WHAT IS SHARE: SHARE is a non-profit organization that supports the empowerment of historically impoverished and marginalized communities in El Salvador as they strive to meet both their most immediate needs and construct long-term sustainable solutions to the problems of social injustice, poverty, underdevelopment and natural disasters. SHARE is not a charity organization, rather a justice organization. They do not accompany Salvadoran communities simply because they are poor but because they are organized and are forging visionary solutions for sustainable and justice-based rural development.

As a result of this concern for social justice and democracy, St. Sebastian Parish has partnered with SHARE since 1992. This partnership currently supports 2 primary projects in the region of Chalatenango (CCR) which includes St. Sebastian's sister community, Teosinte:

- **"Food Sovereignty Project":** Objective is to teach women management skills through home gardens that provide a small income from the sale of their products.
- **"Integral Development of Youth through Academic Education, Organization and Political Training":** Objective is to offer the youth in community leadership the opportunity to continue with their studies and strengthen their organizational and political capacities, allowing them to make significant contributions to the development of their respective communities and deter them from joining gangs or migrating to other countries. 20 high school and 17 university students are supported with scholarships.
- Additionally, SHARE partners with communities for workshops and informational presentations on a variety of topics: food, water projects, mental health, and Human Rights.

WHAT YOU CAN DO: With your generous contribution through the 2024 Mission Appeal on **September 22**, you will join SHARE in promoting justice and economic development in El Salvador. Mission envelopes for donations will be in the pews beginning on September 22. Place envelope in collection basket or designated basket in the gathering space. Online donations may be made through the Archdiocese of Milwaukee: <https://spof-mke.givingfuel.com/group-70-mcp-2024-share>.

We encourage you to read more details about the people and projects this appeal supports: <https://www.archmil.org/group70share>.

Read more about the SHARE Foundation at www.share-elsalvador.org

Join SHARE in the struggle for social justice and give back to women, youth, and young adults what poverty, war, and discrimination tried to take away.