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NATIONAL ADVOCACY CENTER
Rise Up AND Act for Justice

MEDIA ADVISORY: March 19, 2026

Prayer Vigil at ICE Headquarters
St. Oscar Romero Prayer Service in Support of Immigrants

4:30 pm - March 24, 2026

(Silver Spring, MD) – Our immigrant brothers and sisters are not forgotten and are not yet safe. The National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd (NAC) is honored to join together with sixteen other faith organizations in nonviolent witness to host the St. Oscar Romero Prayer Service in Support of Immigrants on Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 4:30 pm in front of ICE National Headquarters.

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Tuesday, March 24, 2026 | 4:30 – 5:30 pm
ICE Headquarters, 500 12th Street SW, Washington DC
Closest Metros L'Enfant Plaza (Exit C, 9th Street)
Smithsonian (SW corner, 12th St & Independence)

The vigil will consist of prayers from Catholic and Ecumenical partners, testimonies from Central American speakers, and songs. In an adaptation from Saint Oscar Romero's appeal to the military and government of El Salvador in 1980, we will issue an appeal to ICE. We also will lift up the names of those 45 people who have died in ICE custody or been killed by ICE agents.

March 24th is the Feast Day of St. Oscar Romero, Archbishop and Martyr of El Salvador. It also is the International Day for the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims. This day was inspired by the life and witness of St. Romero.

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The National Advocacy Center educates and advocates on social justice issues for the transformation of society to the benefit of all people reflecting the spirituality, history and

mission of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd. NAC advocates at the Federal level for people living in poverty, immigrants, survivors of human trafficking, survivors of domestic abuse, and other vulnerable populations.

The National Advocacy Center reflects the spirituality, history and mission of the Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd (better known as the Sisters of the Good Shepherd). The sisters and their agencies work in solidarity with the disenfranchised – particularly families, women and children – who often are forgotten, left-behind or dismissed.

The Sisters of the Good Shepherd was founded in France in 1835 and are in 67 countries on 5 continents and have had a presence in the United States for over 180 years. With a presence in 19 states, the Sisters and their Lay Mission Partners have dedicated themselves to serving girls, women and families who experience poverty, exploitation, vulnerability and marginalization.

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