

I came to know Fr. Bob Pelton about five years ago through the extraordinary film, "Monsenor: the Last Journey of Oscar Romero", he helped to shepherd to creation. Fr. Bob introduced the film as part of a panel discussion then hosted by the Office of Global Mission Ministries of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. I was certainly impressed and moved by the film but even more so by this extraordinary man. At a time when most people are retiring from ministry or work, Fr. Bob took up a monumental project for the sake of introducing, to a new generation, the inspiring and relevant witness of Blessed Oscar Romero, archbishop and martyr.

In the years since then, Fr. Bob has assisted me in personally introducing the film in events I helped to organize in the Chicago area. Each time, I watched Fr. Bob inspire young men and women through his own personal story and his incredible passion and love for the Church in Latin America. Each time, I watched these young men and women come away richer for their encounter with Fr. Bob, richer in the sense of possibility he's instilled in their lives as to the incredible transformations that take place when we join hands with our Latin American brothers and sisters in witness of the Good News.

As I grow older myself, Fr. Bob remains an example to me of the possibilities that remain ever before us, at each stage of life. Some stories never age. And neither do those who tell them well. The story of Christ in Latin America is a story that shall keep one its most eloquent storytellers, forever timeless. And me, forever grateful to him. Thank you, Fr. Bob.

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