

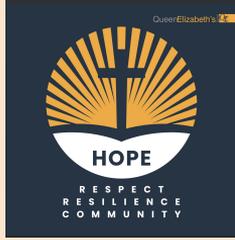
Key question : "What does it take to stand up for what's right, even when it's dangerous?"

## Personal Identity and Core Values



‘The Voice of the Voiceless’

# Hook and Introduction 2 mins



What values did he hold ?

Which our ur school values do we share with him ?

Watch until 3:16

Ask Mrs Finean about him... 

# Interactive Core activity - 8 mins

"What does it take to stand up for what's right, even when it's dangerous?"

**Oscar Romero:** "Today, we're going to look at the life of a man who did just that: Oscar Romero. He was the Archbishop of San Salvador in El Salvador during the late 1970s, a time of extreme poverty, injustice, and violence in his country."

**His Transformation:** "Initially, Romero was seen as a quiet, conservative figure. However, after witnessing the immense suffering of his people and the assassination of his close friend, a Jesuit priest who worked with the poor, Romero underwent a profound transformation. He became an outspoken advocate for the voiceless, condemning the oppression and violence perpetrated by the government and military."

**His Sacrifice:** "His powerful sermons, broadcast across the nation, spoke truth to power and gave hope to the poor. Sadly, this commitment ultimately cost him his life; he was assassinated in 1980 while celebrating Mass, becoming a martyr for justice."

"Oscar Romero famously declared:

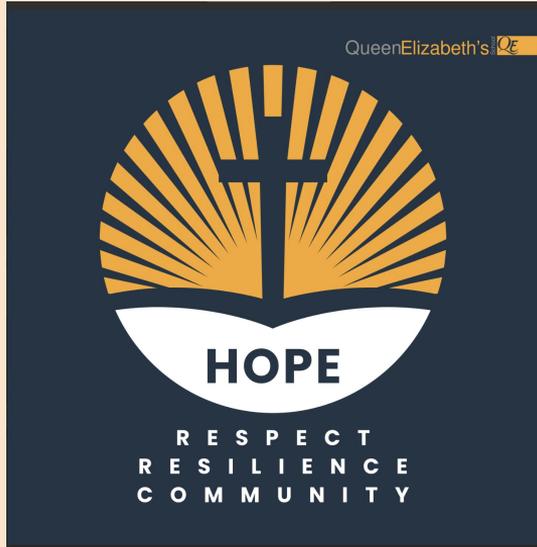
**'If they kill me, I will rise again in the Salvadoran people.' His life and words were a testament to deep-seated values."**

Based on what you've just heard about Oscar Romero,

1. What **Christian values** do you think he demonstrated most strongly? (e.g., justice, compassion, courage, faith, love for the poor, speaking truth to power).
2. Why do you think it was so important for him to speak out, even when it put his own life at risk? What does this tell us about the power of conviction?
3. How might his actions inspire us to think about our own values and what we are willing to stand for in our own lives, even in less extreme circumstances?
4. Can you think of any other examples of people who have stood up for their values? With or without a faith.

# Reflection & Discussion

3 mins



In pairs/groups to share one value you identified and why.

"Oscar Romero's life is a powerful example of what it means to live out Christian values in the face of injustice. His commitment to justice and compassion for the poor was rooted in his faith and his belief in the inherent dignity of every human being, created in God's image."

"His story reminds us that living our values can sometimes be challenging, but it can also be incredibly impactful, leading to profound change and inspiring countless others to seek justice and peace."

# Spiritual Connection

## 2 mins



How did Oscar define "truth" for himself, and how did that definition compel him to speak out against injustice?



What was his vision for a just society, and how did it depend on mutual respect and shared responsibility among all people?



How did he see the relationship between faith and politics, and what did it mean for a bishop to engage in political discourse?



In what ways did he appeal to a higher moral authority in his calls for human rights?



### Self:

Understanding one's inner self, unique identity, and core values.

### Others:

Recognizing the interconnectedness and interconnectedness with all people and their perspectives.

### World:

Experiencing and appreciating the beauty and wonder of the natural world and human creativity.

### Beyond:

Exploring one's connection to something larger than oneself, whether it be a spiritual belief, a religious belief, a sense of universal consciousness, or a desire for transcendence.