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2019 Mission Coop Plan Request

Dear Mission Director,

COAR (the Community Oscar Arnulfo Romero) in Zaragoza, El Salvador, Central America requests entrance into the Mission Cooperative Plan for the year 2019. **We are the oldest organization named for Bl. Romero, who will be canonized October 14, 2018, in Rome.**

COAR is a foster care facility for up to 50-100 children (infants - high school) that seeks to provide all the knowledge, faith, and love to make them successful citizens and Christians in El Salvador. The children attend a parish school, receive on-site medical and dental treatment, and are cared for by a vigilant and knowledgeable staff of local Salvadoran teachers, administrators, and caregivers. It is a ministry of the Archdiocese of San Salvador under the Episcopal Vicariate of Human Development-CARITAS. **100% of the MCP funds we raise go to the COAR children.**

Vital facts:

- Archbishop of San Salvador Jose Luis Escobar-Alas, *supporting letter for 2019 enclosed*
- National Catholic Directory listing, 2017 pg. 320, *copy enclosed*
- We speak Spanish and Korean
- We can supply more than one speaker on a weekend
- Speakers know COAR directly and are usually lay men and women, Cleveland seminarians, and very few priests. Testimonials of Suitability for Ministry available for all speakers
- Because of this diversity of speakers and mileage donations our travel expenses are minimal

COAR was founded in 1980 during El Salvador's civil war by a Cleveland Diocese Mission Team priest, Fr. Ken Myers. Fr. Ken's strong support community in Cleveland (known as the COAR Peace Mission) continues raise awareness for COAR on behalf of the Archbishop of San Salvador.

Please send us any application form you may require. Thank you for considering our request,

Ms. Mary Stevenson, Executive Director

Sheltering, educating, and healing children for El Salvador's future since 1980