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2023 Mission Coop Plan Request

Dear Mission Cooperation Plan Director,

COAR (the Community Oscar Arnulfo Romero) in Zaragoza, El Salvador, Central America requests entrance into the Mission Cooperative Plan for the year 2023. **We are the oldest organization named for St. Romero, canonized October 14, 2018.**

COAR is a foster care facility for 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. Please send us any application that you may require.**

Vital facts:

- Approval from Archbishop of San Salvador Jose Luis Escobar-Alas, *supporting letter for 2023 enclosed*
- We are a 501c3 charity, National Catholic Directory listing, 2018 pg. 332, *copy enclosed*
- We speak Spanish
- 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 to raise awareness for COAR on behalf of the Archbishop of San Salvador.

Thank you for considering our request,


Ms. Mary Stevenson, Executive Director


Ms. Susan Barnish, Programs Director

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