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Notre Dame and Latin America. It is a fundamental focus for the university. Think Fr. Ted of course. But you cannot think of ND and its involvement in Latin America without seeing Fr. Bob Pelton shepherding the relationship. When I remember days of struggle and hope in El Salvador, I recall talking of a better future with my old fellow Domer, Napoleon Duarte, then mayor of San Salvador. And I think of he who became Archbishop, Oscar Romero, now known as “San” Romero”. It is Fr. Bob Pelton who was instrumental in raising the knowledge of Romero and all he signified for social justice. Fr. Bob himself is our conscience organized. Yes, it is Pope Francis who officially recognized the martyrdom of Romero. And it is Fr. Bob who worked to bring that reality to the full light. Fr. Bob is the face of ND in Latin America. He represents us and is our Notre Dame man of truth and values projected with spirit and action.

From North and South we thank you Fr. Bob.

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