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I have come to know Fr Bob over the past decade and developed a deep affection for him as we have worked together as co-conspirators in what has been a great, and in the end a joyously fruitful, struggle to have Monseñor Oscar Romero raised to the altars as a martyr of the Church. I have boundless admiration for Fr Bob's indomitable spirit, his shrewd and discerning understanding of the ecclesiastical machine, his deep and unshakeable devotion to Blessed Oscar Romero as a Father of the Latin American Church at the head of a gallery of his heroes from the Medellin era, icons for the 21<sup>st</sup> century (inter alia Marcos McGrath, Raul Silva Henriquez, and Dom Helder Camara) and overall his utterly focused dedication to building a world where justice, truth and peace, the signs of God's kingdom, are ever more visible. In that task he has certainly 'made a difference'. I salute you Fr Bob.

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