“El Salvador is such a beautiful country! Where else would you find roses in December?”
—Jean Donovan.

Roses in December 40th Anniversary Celebration

2020 marks the 40th anniversary of the martyrdom of four U.S. women religious. On December 2, 1980, members of the U.S. trained-Salvadoran National Guard raped and killed lay worker Jean Donovan, Maryknoll Sisters Ita Ford, MM, and Maura Clarke, MM, and Ursuline Sister Dorothy Kazel, OSU. The women had been accompanying the Salvadoran people displaced by war and poverty. Their witness cost them their lives. Their deaths shook the world and were emblematic of the violence suffered by the Salvadoran people and the power of accompaniment. Today, the SHARE Foundation continues their work accompanying the people of El Salvador and Honduras. Help keep alive their spirit through a gift to SHARE’s Ita, Maura, Dorothy and Jean’s Legacy Fund.

Artist: Sister Kathy Weider is a sister of St. Joseph of Rochester, New York. She visited El Salvador during the war through the SHARE Foundation. “I will be forever grateful to the people of El Salvador and to the wise, strong leaders of the sanctuary movement, LCWR, and the SHARE Foundation who invited me and countless others to walk with our Salvadoran sisters and brothers in pursuit of the love and respect that each and every person deserves.”

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Celebrating the lives of Ita, Maura, Dorothy, Jean, and all the martyrs!