

2026 St Elizabeth Youth Trip to El Salvador

A group of St. Elizabeth (STE) students, parents, Fr Bob, and members of the El Salvador Ministry traveled to El Salvador this past Spring Break. We visited our STE sister communities in El Salvador and some of the schools our scholarship students attend. Our STE students brought down baseball equipment, soccer and volley balls, footballs, jump ropes, and games to leave for the communities and schools. We had fun playing games together, including some new games that the STE students introduced.

We also visited some of the scholarship students' homes. One family's home was far up on a hill and had no electricity. The student living there had to walk down the hill and into town just to charge her laptop for school!

Our STE students learned about the culture and history of El Salvador, including the country's Civil War, and visited the chapel where St. Oscar Romero was celebrating Mass when he was martyred by a gunman. We also visited St. Oscar Romero's home, which is now a museum, to learn more about his life.

Our sister communities are always such gracious and welcoming hosts. For example, each community had a fiesta for us, complete with dancing, songs, skits, fireworks, and some traditional El Salvadoran food.

Our students spent their last day with some of the scholarship students at the beach. Everyone was able to relax and enjoy the day before we said our goodbyes and traveled home, our hearts filled with new knowledge, experiences, and, most importantly, the building of friendships.

