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## **SOS FOR THE WORK OF SISTER MARIA ROMERO**

### **Meeting with the reality of Blessed Sr. Maria Romero**

During my visit to the six countries in the two provinces of Central America, in the early part of October 2015, I had the joy and the grace to visit, the birth place of Sr. Maria Romero at Granada in Nicaragua, and the place of her mission, the expansion of her work and her life of holiness at San Jose, Costa Rica.

How alive and how active her presence, especially in Costa Rica!!!

In her house called “ Casa de la Virgen” at San Jose, there is a continuous flow of pilgrims, devotees, beneficiaries of her protection and powerful intercession. Miracles flourish uninterrupted: *It may be the grace of conversion, miraculous healings, lost love and affection returned, difficult situations resolved.*

Each of her devotees has something beautiful to narrate.

The water called "of Our Lady" continues to flow right behind the mausoleum of Sr Maria and the people come to draw with bins and bottles of all sizes, but always with great devotion because this water heals the body and especially

the spirit, infusing peace and serenity. Of course the condition is faith and prayer.

### **The fire in the medical clinic**

A few months ago, while workers were repairing the electrical connections in the clinic with a blowtorch, a blaze longer than usual, lapped the ceiling, caught on the light plywood that began to burn like paper . The fire broke out in a flash on two floors of the area dedicated to surgery. This work also was created directly by Sr. Maria. There are 17 doctors with different specialties who work for free. Also two dentists, two ophthalmologists; a laboratory, a warehouse well stocked with medicines. The consultations are always free, you pay nominal sums for analysis, dental care, glasses, small outpatient surgery and medicines.

At the time of the fire a miraculous hand stopped the flames at the equipment level, the pharmacy and the house of the Sisters. But the damage is significant and not to stop the flow of patients, some temporary repairs were made. Much more remains to be done - strengthening of the structure since it is in a very high risk earthquake zone, repairs of the ceiling, electrical system, doors and windows, cleaning and painting.

### **The endangered “Chapel”**

This too in the “Casa de la Virgen”, a huge and beautiful chapel, built by the same Sr. Maria Romero welcomes the faithful daily for four holy Masses, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and spiritual accompaniment almost uninterrupted, meetings for Christian formation, undisturbed personal prayer . Thousands of people visit this Chapel every day. The walls are decorated with stained glass windows representing the Beatitudes practiced

by Sr. Maria Romero, expressing her unconditional dedication to the poor: the construction of houses for the homeless started by her is now continued by the association of lay people called ASSAYNE (Associazione Ayuda a Necesitados), care for the sick, accompaniment and advice to those who are without hope; feed the hungry, clothe the naked and many training courses for thousands of women. All these activities are carried out in the centers, associations and workshops established by Sr. Maria Romero.

### **But today the Chapel is in danger:**

The pillars that support the Chapel have bases too small; because under the floor it has formed a vacuum ranging from 30 to 70 centimeters, caused from the foundation that is sinking gradually. To save the Chapel, we have to dig around the foundation and it has to be strengthened with cement and iron concrete base, widening and strengthening also the bases of the columns. It will be a delicate operation, but also very expensive.

Certainly, Sr. Maria Romero will do her part, occasionally she appears to some needy persons to accompany him/her to the clinic, or to those in need of comfort and help. Later on when these people come to the Community to thank the Sister who helped them so much, are immediately led to the chapel and they recognize her in a beautiful and large painting to the left of the altar. Sr. Maria Romero is alive and present in her house.

**We too must contribute to the work of Sr. Maria**, because the good works that took place for the last 70 years in the “Casa de la Virgen” continues in favor of the poorest.

Anyone wishing to contribute to repair the medical clinic from the fire damage and to save the chapel from a collapse can send your contribution by:

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Blessed Sr. Maria Romero who had a fine sense of gratitude to the  
benefactors will express in her own way, our thanks to you.

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Sr. Vilma Tallone

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