Romero & Grande
Companions on the Journey
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Archbishop Paglia said at the beatification of Archbishop Romero: “It is impossible to know Romero without knowing Rutilio Grande.” Understanding more fully their relationship is the special strength and contribution of this book. I recommend this book as an essential part of the living tradition of prophetic leadership in the Latin American Church.
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ENDORSEMENTS

Latinos in the Americas live their faith not as individual spiritual quests, but as communitarian pathways to God. Romero and Grande unveil how commitment transforms human weakness. This book inspires us to imitate everyday holiness of spiritual leaders not as isolated heroes, but as members of what Christians call the communion of saints.
— Timothy Matovina, Professor of Theology, Co-Director, Institute for Latino Studies, University of Notre Dame

Years of research and personal interviews went into this insightful, inspiring book. Much more than biographical, this deeply moving examination of the faith journeys of two key figures in the history of the Church come alive as great leaders and pastors, but also as profoundly human men of faith who can be companions in our own spiritual journeys.
— Roberto S. Goizueta, Margaret O’Brien Flatley Professor of Catholic Theology, Boston College

ABOUT THE BOOK

On February 14, 2015, Pope Francis announced the beatification of El Salvadoran martyr Archbishop Oscar Romero who was assassinated while presiding at Mass in 1980. Three years before his murder, Rutilio Grande, S.J., priest and friend of the Archbishop, was also murdered for the same offense — speaking up for the poor and vulnerable.

Until this book, the stories about these men have grown elusive and vague. Now, El Salvadoran native Ana María Pineda once again catapults these martyrs back into our collective consciences in a story that is both significantly personal and painstakingly researched during multiple trips to her homeland where she discovered surprising facts very “close to home.”

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