THE MARTYRED PEOPLE TODAY AND
THE HOPE THEY BRING US

Martha Zechmeister, C.J.
“To update something doesn’t mean, primarily, to bring it up to date in the same way that this expression might be fashionable these days. To update it means, rather, to give it present-day reality...”

Ignacio Ellacuría
“You all are the Image of the Pierced Divine that presents Christ nailed to the cross and pierced by the spear. This is the image of all peoples who, like Aguilares will be pierced, will be affronted.”

Oscar Romero
Bajar de la cruz a los pobres:

Testimonio, liberación, vida, reino, esperanza, dignidad, solidaridad.
“The only thing I would want... are two things: that you might place your eyes and your hearts on these peoples who suffer so much – some of misery and hunger, others of oppression and repression – and then ask yourselves: What have I done to crucify them? What do I do to take them down from their cross? What should I do so that these people may be resurrected?”

Ignacio Ellacuría
“It is scandalous to propose that the needy and the oppressed are the historic salvation of the world. … they cannot accept, theoretically, much less practically, that that death that gives life is happening in a real way today by the oppressed humanity.”

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