



CANADIAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR
**Development
and Peace**

Join **COMPADRES** in El Salvador Summer 2010



Collective of Ontario Teachers Moving for Peace, Action, Development, and
Relationship in El Salvador

***Unite with us for the third trip in forging sustainable links between Ontario
Teachers and communities in El Salvador***



Why?

- ✓ “Because there is **nothing more genuine and honest** than being involved in communities taking charge of their own lives.” Maureen Bourke, Gr 12 religion teacher, Holy Trinity H.S.
- ✓ “Because it’s a **total rush** seeing that social justice and economic sustainability is about survival and not just trendy catchphrases.” Wayne Ng, social worker, Student Services
- ✓ Because you **love adventure** and learning outside of the box
- ✓ Because you **want to learn** about meaningful partnerships with grassroots development agencies such as Development and Peace, Salvaide, CRIPDES, etc..
- ✓ Because your **sense of social justice** and analysis of the critical issues affecting people in the North and the South matters
- ✓ Because you want to **witness El Salvadoran social movements** as...
 - Communities attempting to protect their own land from Canadian mining ventures
 - Workers defending their rights in maquila and agro-export plantations
 - Farmers collectivizing over the impact of biotechnology on food security
 - Peasants (campesinos) struggling to recuperate land
 - Women struggling to fully participate in their society
- ✓ Because you want to **apply such experiences** to the social teachings of the Church

Tentative dates: First week in July (depends on flight availability)

Time commitment: 1 pre-trip orientation session, 1 formation day held in Ottawa

Length of trip and approximate costs: 12 days, \$2200.00, all inclusive

Find out more: Paul McGuire, 613-224-8833, paul.mcguire@ottawacatholicschools.ca

Join us on Facebook – go to ‘groups’ and type in **Compadres**
or go to our web site – www.compadres-elsalvador-canada.ca

Compadres Information Package



There are several good sources of information available to you to discover more about the Compadres Project

1. Compadres Pamphlet – this is attached with this package. The pamphlet gives you the basic information on our schedule, costs, and contact information. The pamphlet is a good way to get the basics and to pass on to friends who might be interested.
2. Compadres Facebook – Our facebook is open – anyone can sign on as long as they have a facebook account. On the page you will find more detailed information about the trip along with good information on our partners in Canada and El Salvador. The page also has pictures from past trips. To join all you have to do is the following:
 - i) if you don't have a facebook account just go to www.facebook.com and create one for yourself.
 - ii) You can then go to: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Compadres-El-Salvador-Canada/172458377507?ref=nf> we have 49 members, we would love to have you as our 50th!
 - iii) newest addition. Most current information, very interactive.

3. Compadres web site: www.compadres-elsalvador-canada.ca

This site was created recently to give more colour to the information we are providing. All our contact information is there, along with information on our partners and a photo page that illustrates each day of the schedule. The contact information that I need from you is outlined on the web page. This site also has a link to our blog:

: <http://compadres-elsalvador-canada.blogspot.com/>

4. Compadres Blog: This site is updated on a regular basis. It contains the most up to date information on El Salvador including a link to Tim's Blog – a great source of information on current events in El Salvador. The blog also includes journal entries from this year's trip.

What to do next?

Please complete the application form and send it to me at Frank Ryan.

Starting in January, we will begin asking for deposits to secure your place on our flight. The schedule of payments is listed on the web site.

There will be a formation session before we leave. We are planning to hold this meeting in May.

Thank-you very much for your interest! Any questions, please contact me.

Paul McGuire