

## ***Tragic facts influence Ursulines' Corporate Stance on SOA/WHINSEC***



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The following represents a small but powerful number of circumstances that were among those that influenced the Ursuline Sisters' position on SOA/WHINSEC:

- Three of the five El Salvadoran officers who committed the 1980 rapes and murders of Cleveland Ursuline Dorothy Kazel, Jean Donovan and Maryknoll Sisters Maura Clarke and Ita Ford were trained at the School of the Americas (1993 United Nations truth Commission Report).
- Two of the three officers who assassinated Bishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero were SOA graduates.
- Nineteen of the 26 officers responsible for killing six Jesuit priests, their housekeeper and her daughter were graduates of the SOA.
- Other SOA trainees and/or graduates were identified in the 1993 United Nations Truth Commission Report as having been responsible for the torture and murders of religious men and women, human rights workers and indigenous people within Central America.
- Mexican Ursulines serving in Chiapas, Mexico, called for the closing of the SOA because they had witnessed the violence of the Mexican military, which received training at the SOA, against unarmed indigenous people.

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