

“Jesus, Our Companion”
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Abstract

At the heart of the faith of Latino/a Christians is the experience, belief, and conviction that Jesus Christ accompanies us, especially in our struggles and suffering. Latino/a popular religion is a place where the poor experience Christ's nearness, especially the Crucified Christ. As the Jesuit theologian Jon Sobrino has said, it is that nearness, even in the midst of affliction, that makes the Christian faith credible for the poor--and, I would add, for all of us. Just as Christ is fundamentally our Companion and, especially, the companion of the poor, so too are we called to accompany the marginalized.

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