



## CVUUF Community Forum

*The mission of the Conejo Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is to nurture spiritually courageous people who transform the world through justice and compassion.*

**Friday, AUGUST 17, 2012 – 7:30**

### **Testimony: The Maria Guardado Story**

A film directed by Randy Vasquez



**Special Guest Speaker:  
MARIA GUARDADO  
In Person**

This painful and complex documentary narrates the story of Maria Guardado, whose political activism stems from the horrific ordeal she suffered during the civil war in her native El Salvador. Kidnapped and brutally tortured by Death squads trained in Georgia's School of the Americas, she now lives in Los Angeles. TESTIMONY follows her odyssey and the trauma that provoked it. But if the inner demons of her past still torment Maria Guardado, they have also obligated this conscientious woman to be an energetic and ubiquitous presence in political activism. Maria returns to El Salvador after 18 years of absence to participate in the March honoring Archbishop Oscar Romero, who was assassinated on March 24, 1980, while officiating mass. The footage for this documentary was shot during this trip. Maria again confronts her past and obtains inspiration for her tireless struggle for social justice.

**WARNING:** Film contains graphic images that may not be appropriate for younger children.

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