

# Dare to care about community radio

When the poorest people of El Salvador were being oppressed by those in power, Saint Oscar Romero used his own radio station, supported by CAFOD, to broadcast messages of hope and truth, despite the threats to his life.

Today, radio is still a crucial tool used by local experts across the world to provide life-saving information to people who can't rely on newspapers, who don't read, or who can't trust the other information sources available to them.

Imagine that you had not heard that the pandemic was happening.  
Or you had heard of it, but were told that if you don't have a cough you don't have the virus.

What mistakes might you make that could endanger your health or the health of others?

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**This week's dare** is to experience something of how it feels to be without a reliable information source.

**We dare you to go without radio, television and internet (on any device) for 24 hours - and no cheating by sneaking a peek at someone's newspaper!**



*Robin Martínez, recording from Ecuador. With CAFOD funds, local experts from Radialistas broadcast information across Latin America relating to the coronavirus pandemic. Picture credit: Radialistas*

Afterwards, reflect on how it felt.

Was it hard to avoid hearing about the news?

Which news stories did your family or friends hear about, but you didn't?

Have you any new insights into people's difficulties in protecting themselves from coronavirus when they have no access to reliable information?

Share your thoughts with your friends or on social media to raise awareness of the importance of community radio around the world.

**We'd love to hear your thoughts and how you got on: [youth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:youth@cafod.org.uk).  
Check back next week for a new dare!**