

PORTSMOUTH SCHOOLS **ADELANTE!** WALKAROUND

Cherishing all sorts of people who help other lives go forward

"A DELANTE! LET US GO FORWARD!" called out Oscar Romero when soldiers blocked the funeral procession of his assassinated friend Fr Utilio Grande. And onwards they walked, around the rifles.

Romero later became an official Catholic saint. But most people can point to what you might call Unofficial Saints: inspirers, encouragers, uplifters, initiators; nearby or far off; who see things can change for the better; helping others go forward by words or action. They include Pope Francis' "Saints Next Door": one of the many voices on the four faces of the 2+ metre tall Adelante Gallery.

Adelante Walkaround is a simple idea to help Southwark schools enjoy, appreciate, cherish, and learn from and about such people – past and present. It's also a happy 2023-4 happening while the Synod on Synodality is taking place in Rome.

It puts to use the Adelante Gallery, a personal artwork by a former CAFOD schools volunteer to mark the sainthood of Romero. Adelante is his freestanding signpost to dozens of unofficial saints – one you can wheel around and move onwards in a small car!

The Gallery's been seen by thousands of people on visits to schools and churches - an unusual opportunity to use and amuse their eyes, minds and souls. Now *Walkaround* lets Portsmouth schools do the same. The starting point? Maybe St John's Cathedral. Then...



SCHOOLS LEND A HOME TO THE GALLERY. They volunteer to have to it stay for a couple of weeks or so. Without fuss. It's self-explanatory, so can simply be placed where students & staff can walk around its four faces. A flip chart nearby might let them comment. In time, Adelante moves onwards for another school to enjoy.

OTHER MINDS & HEARTS GO FORWARD IN CLASS OR ON-SCREEN Schools not visited can join in. There's a PDF with all the Gallery wordings.

There'll also be an editable slideshow version. They'll help you:

- Share & celebrate your own examples
- Show appreciation by sending greetings and thanks
- Compile your own A-Z Alphabets of Unofficial Saints – perhaps as a Year or in-family activity.
- Create some simple Adelante Songs – for choirs of 1 to 1000! See overleaf for suggestions.
- Raise awareness of good deeds – maybe a weekly moment to share new examples with a Well Done.

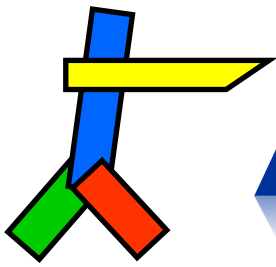
The Gallery and Adelante Walkaround are the inventions of Hugh Gibbons. For more information or to make suggestions - contact hughgibbons@just1.org.uk.

ADELANTE! ONWARDS!



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THE ADELANTE GALLERY has four faces and many facets. So it's good to walk around, given a good space to breathe – about 3-4 metres square. And take away what you will from the many quotes, stories and pictures.

As well as Romero's voice, the faces have some familiar names such as Martin Luther King, Malala Yousafzai, Grayson Perry, Greta Thunberg, Desmond Tutu, Mary Robinson – and the 12 Martyrs over the west door of Westminster Abbey.

You'll see tributes to NGOs such as the Red Cross & Crescent and CAFOD – and the lesser known Adelante Africa and Vamos Adelante in Guatemala. Celebrate too Foodbanks, NHS staff, women journalists, the London-based Forgiveness Project. And the delightful poem Small Kindnesses.

There are two things to touch as a takeaway: a fragment of WWII bomber at the heart of a story of reconciliation; silence sent by a Quaker school; spare socks for Romero sent by Churches Together in England, carpenters' pencils from the UK Trades Union Congress.



The Gallery is lightweight and easy to set up, taking just a couple of minutes. The whole kit is: the solid blue base on rubber castors; hollow lower and upper sections; panels colour-coded to match their face of the Gallery, simply hung with magnets steadying them; the balsawood crosspiece. And a topmost angel.

Wheeling it around or aside is very easy. And it's good to let people dress the gallery with the panels.

When it's time to travel, the Gallery components fit into the back of a small family car – as at least two school chaplains know from outvisits to primaries. The two hollow sections and panels can go across the back seat, and the base in the boot. The panels fit nicely inside the hollow sections.

IN YOUR YEARS OR FAMILY CREATE YOUR OWN A-Z ALPHABETS OF UNOFFICIAL SAINTS

This is the sort of thing:

Accident & Emergency Staff
Bomberos (Fire & Rescue services)
Carpenters
Devil's Advocates
Everyone, at Times
Food Bank Staff & Supporters

COMPILE MORE « FORWARD! » WORDS

The Gallery has it in 24 languages. Can you add one ?



AND FOR CHOIRS OF 1-1000 SOME VOICE WARM-UPS

CREATE YOUR OWN ADELANTE SONG

The four syllables Ad-De-Lan-Te lend themselves to simple songs. They have only one word: Adelante! NB You can lose a syllable at times.

FIND ANY TUNE THAT FITS

"Adelante" or "Onwards" eg The chimes of Big Ben; Ode to Joy; Twinkle twinkle little star

MAKE UP YOUR OWN TUNE

Sing 'Adelante with the same note, or wandering wherever your voice takes you

FIND YOUR TOPMOST SINGER!

It's fun for a group. Everyone starts by singing 'Adelante' or Onwards on the same note.

Then go up one note of the scale, dropping out if you can't reach the next note until you end up with just one (topmost) singer!

Go down the scale for the deepest.

For rapidity, go up a note for each syllable.

FIND YOUR LONGEST SINGER!

Take a very deep breath. Sing Adelante or Onwards as many times as possible until you run out of breath.

OR TRY SINGING SILENTLY

Just listen to your own voice in your head – and the sounds around



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