

The Central American Studies Program Presents:
Central American Community Lecture Series



Father Rogelio Ponselee

"Morazán, Christian Base Communities Today"

Tuesday, November 22, 2011

12:30- 2:00PM

2221 Eucalyptus Hall

Father Ponselee, originally from Belgium, arrived in El Salvador in 1970 and was an integral figure in the formation of the Comunidades Eclesiales de Base (Base Ecclesial Communities) in El Salvador. Members of these Base Ecclesial Communities faced increasing repression due to the work they were doing in terms of organizing Salvadoran communities. This repression made it impossible to safely continue pastoral work in San Salvador. This forced Father Ponselee to move to work in the zones controlled by FMLN forces in the northern sector of the province of Morazán, El Salvador. From 1980 to 1992 under very difficult circumstances, Father Ponselee accompanied the civilian population in Morazán. The zone was constantly attacked by the Salvadoran military. After the peace accords between the government and the FMLN, from 1992 to 1998 Father Rogelio was re-integrated to the Dioceses and was chosen as the Priest of the Santiago Apostle Church in Perquin, Morazán.