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On Nov. 15, relatives of the six Jesuit priests and two women murdered on Nov. 16, 1989, by Salvadoran soldiers unveiled a memorial plaque in front of the San Salvador cathedral. Thursday evening the Permanent Committee on National Debate for Peace (CPDNP) organized a march through the streets of San Salvador. The march ended in a rally and candle light vigil at the Central American University campus, site of the murders. On Nov. 16, Archbishop Arturo Rivera y Damas officiated at an open-air mass. Participants included 20 bishops and 400 priests and nuns from five countries. In Rome, the European Economic Community (EEC) released a communique denouncing the lack of progress in the investigation of the Jesuit murder case. The statement expressed concern over the "lack of cooperation of certain elements of the [Salvadoran] armed forces" and called on all concerned to work to improve the country's human rights situation. (Basic data from AFP, 11/15/90, 11/16/90)

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