



The Holy See

APOSTOLIC JOURNEY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
TO ECUADOR, BOLIVIA AND PARAGUAY
(5-13 JULY 2015)

**REMARKS OF THE HOLY FATHER
DURING THE STOP AT THE SITE
WHERE Fr LUIS ESPINAL WAS MURDERED**

Wednesday, 8 July 2015

[Multimedia]

Good Evening, Dear Sisters and Dear Brothers,

I stopped here to greet you and especially to remember. To remember a brother, one of our brothers, a victim of interests that did not want him to fight for the freedom of Bolivia. Fr Espinal preached the Gospel and that Gospel annoyed them, so they eliminated him. Let us take a moment for silent prayer and then let us pray all together. [silence]

May the Lord take into his Glory, Fr Luis Espinal, who preached the Gospel, the Gospel that brings us freedom, that sets us free. Like every child of God, Jesus brought us this freedom, and he preached this Gospel. May Jesus keep him with Him. May the Lord grant him eternal repose and may endless light shine for him. May he rest in peace.

May the Almighty God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit bless all of you, dear brothers. And please, please, I ask you not to forget to pray for me. Thank you.