FALL 2023 CHARLAS CON CAFÉ

I SURRENDER: A MEMOIR OF CHILE'S DICTATORSHIP, 1975

with author Kathleen Osberger
and discussant Jadwiga Pieper-Mooney
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Fifty years ago, on September 11, 1973, a U.S.-backed coup toppled the democratically elected government of Salvador Allende in Chile and ushered in the Pinochet dictatorship. Please join us as we commemorate the human rights struggles that occurred in Chile after the coup. In 1975, Kathleen Osberger, a volunteer teacher, lived in a convent with nuns who were sheltering Chilean dissidents. In this memoir, she recounts the danger of extra-judicial killings, torture, and forced disappearance, and the role of human rights defenders, including Kathleen herself, who was kidnapped by Chilean security forces.

Kathleen Osberger is a clinical social worker whose work has centered on issues of trauma and torture survival. Her life was shaped by volunteer experiences when she lived in Panama, Chile, Perú, and the South Bronx. In 1987, she began a seventeen-year relationship with the Maryknoll Lay Missioners as an instructor in their orientation to mission program. In 1993, she joined the University of Chicago Hospitals, Department of Psychiatry. She is the author of I Surrender: A Memoir of Chile's Dictatorship, 1975 (Orbis Books, August 2023). Limited free copies of the book will be available at the event.

📅 Friday, September 15th
🕒 1:00 p.m. Coffee & snacks at 2:30 p.m. 12:30pm!
📍 Marshall Bldg. Suite 280

Zoom registration: