

Nicaragua: ¿A persecuted Church? (2018-2022)

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“Blessed will you be when by
my cause people insult you, persecute you and raise against you all
kind of slander”
Matthew 5:1

“Beyond the threats of those who hate the Church, there is a strong hand that guides and protects her. The hand of Jesus, who is a member of the Church, is stronger than the slander and persecution that are unleashed against her. The Church may seem weak, but it is not. Let us not be afraid. We are in good hands”

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I. Nicaragua: Hostilities towards the Catholic Church in the period from 2018 to May 2022

In April 2018, Nicaraguans manifested peacefully against the arbitrariness, illegalities, corruption, nepotism, impunity, and other acts at odds with the law carried out by the Public Administration headed by President José Daniel Ortega Saavedra and his wife, the vice president, Rosario María Murillo Zambrana. The Catholic Church was one of the first institutions to demonstrate support for students and protesters. The priests opened the doors of the temples, provided spaces for dialogue, made several calls for peace and cessation of hostilities, promoted days of prayer, attended to the wounded, provided company to relatives of citizens killed, kidnapped, political prisoners; among others.

The response of the government of Nicaragua against the actions of the Catholic Church was not long in coming. In this way, the fictitious State-Church bonanza that had been formed since 2007 when Mr. Ortega assumed the presidency of Nicaragua again, began a period of decline until it became a hostile relationship; characterized by aggressions, abuse and arbitrary harassment.

“According to the information recorded by the Special Monitoring Mechanism for Nicaragua (MESENI), since its working visit to Nicaragua, carried out between May 17 and 21, 2018, the American International Commission has carried out a historic work of monitoring and recording information. The victims of the serious human rights violations that occurred in the context of the violent State response to social protests. In this regard, the report of its visit indicates that these affectations would have been the result of the excessive use of force, including the lethal force by state agents and parapolice forces, reporting 212 fatalities, with the warning that the violence was still ongoing at press time, so the figures were subject to change and updates. The update of the register of fatalities in the context of the crisis accounts for at least 355 victims during the repression of social protests between April 18 and July 31, 2019. According to the disaggregation by gender, 15 would be women and 340 men. In addition, 27 of the total

number of victims would be children and adolescents. The data also give an account of 23 agents of the National Police who lost their lives in this context”.¹

The role of the Catholic Church has been fundamental in the crisis of human rights violations facing Nicaragua and as a consequence; the Ortega-Murillo regime initiated an indiscriminate persecution against bishops, priests, seminary students, religious members, lay groups and to everything that has direct or indirect relation with the Catholic Church.

Before April 2018, abuses towards the church were sporadic. After that date, the hostilities increased and become more menacing. The offensive and threatening language of the presidential couple against the Catholic hierarchy became increasingly evident and frequent; and the actions of some public institutions against the charitable work of the church increased.

However, we cannot affirm that all the incidents listed in this study have been planned and executed by the followers of Ortega-Murillo or deny they may be guilty. The truth is that in the years before President Ortega took office, these frontal attacks were not carried out in the context of the religious institution.

In 2020, the Nicaraguan Center for Human Rights (CENIDH) presented a report on the desecration of the Catholic Church perpetrated by the Ortega Murillo regime during 2019 and 2020. Events were described chronologically (2019, 2020) and were monitored and documented by CENIDH .²

The number of cases compiled in this document reflects an approximation of the aggressions that have been published by independent media, complaints on official pages of parish social networks, church press releases and press releases, among others. However, the figures provided may be distant from the real ones. The tendency is for it

¹IACHR Updates Registry of Fatalities in the Context of the Human Rights Crisis That Began in April 2018 in Nicaragua, See: Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, OAS,

<https://www.oas.org/pt/CIDH/jsForm/?File=/es/cidh/prensa/comunicados/2021/302.asp> November 15 Feb 2021

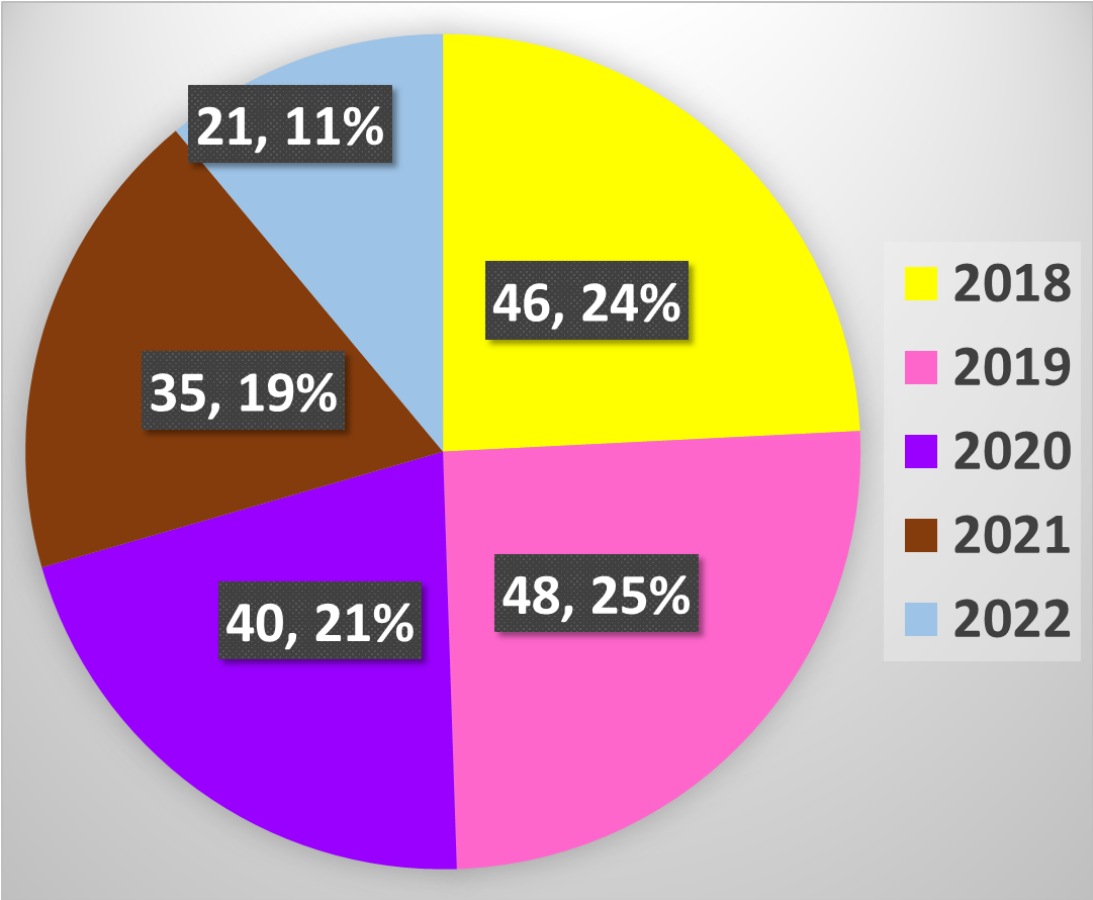
² Attack on the Catholic Church in Nicaragua, CENIDH, 2020, in:

https://www.cenidh.org/media/documents/docfile/INFORME_ATENTADOS_CONTRA_LA_IGLESIA_CAT%C3%93LICA_EN_NICARAGUA.pdf

to be an exponentially larger digit due to the scarcity of them. We find that the priests tired of the robberies and profanity decided to denounce only the last of them. Others have chosen to remain silent as they do not believe in Nicaragua's judicial system.

The number of cases documented are about 190. The years analyzed in the corresponding systematization put the period covered between the year 2018 to the month of May of 2022 (See graphic No. 1). In the year 2018 the aggressions carried out show a percentage of 46.254%; followed by the year 2019 with 48.25%, being that the year with the highest number of aggressions registered. The year 2020 with 40.21%, year 2021 with 35.19% and until May 2022 with 21.11%.

HOSTILITIES AGAINST THE CATHOLIC CHURCH BY YEAR



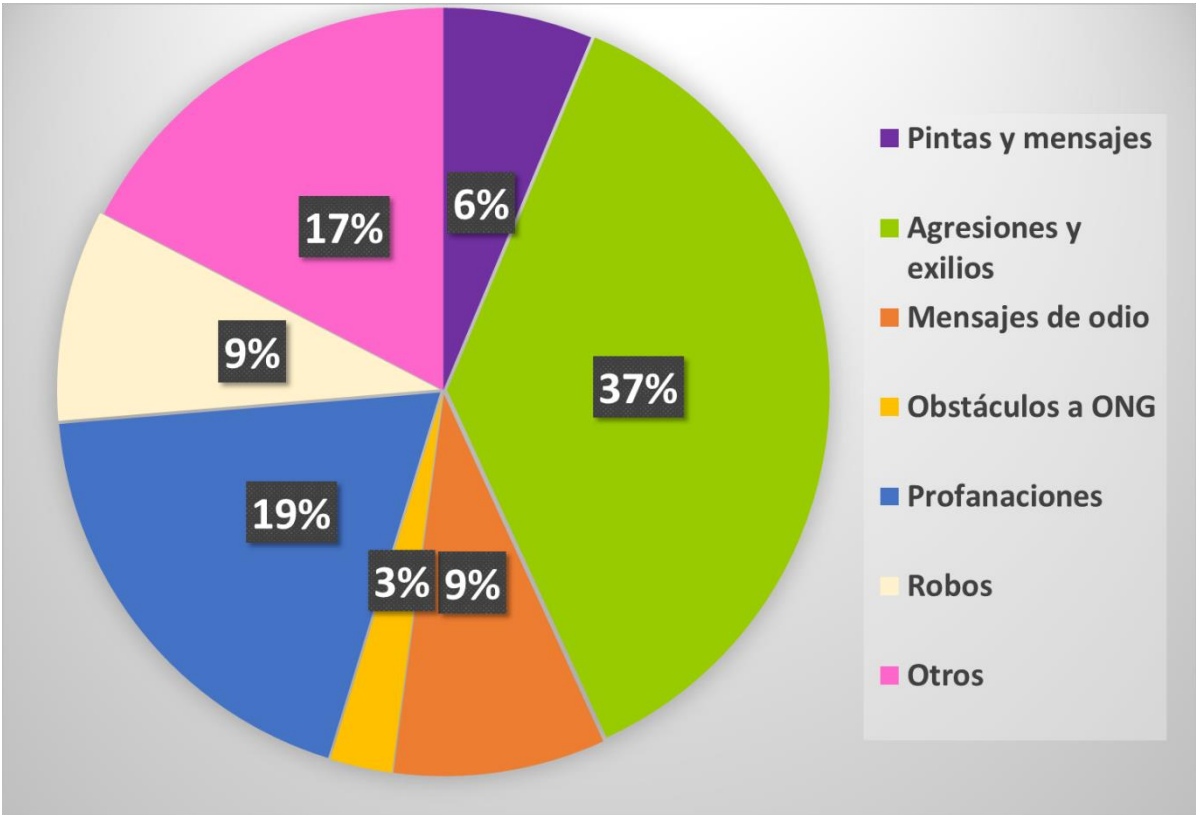
Graphic No. 1: Proprietary analysis based on data available

The systematized compilation of the aggressions against the Catholic Church were categorized as follows:

- 1. Paints on walls and Anonymous messages in Catholic temples
- 2. Aggressions, threats and exile against Catholic priests, bishops and laity
- 3. Obstacles to Non-Profit organizations (NPOs) of the Catholic Church
- 4. Aggressive oral messages against priests and religious (President Daniel Ortega and Vice president Rosario Murillo).
- 5. Temple desecrations
- 6. Thefts
- 7. Other

Graphic 2 shows the number of cases according to the type of hostility committed. The data shows that attacks on priests, bishops, religious, seminarians, laity and exiles represent 37% of hostilities towards the Catholic Church.

TYPE OF HOSTILITIES



Graphic No. 2 Proprietary analysis based on data available

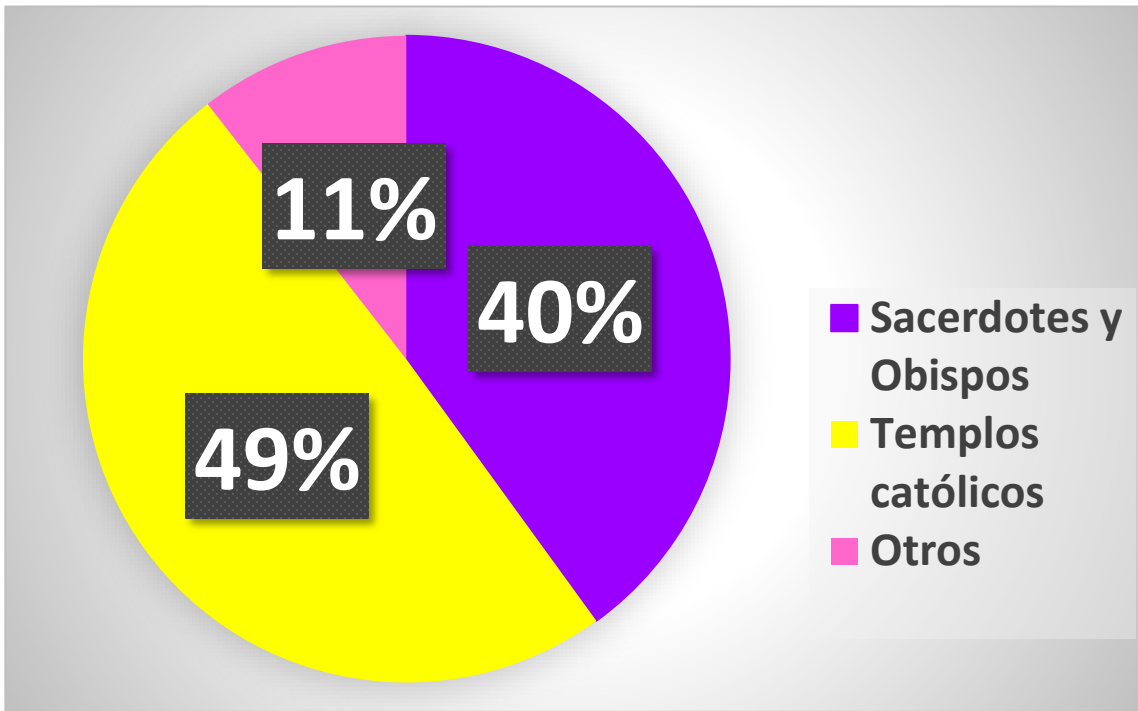
The second position corresponds to the desecrations to the temples that is projected at 19%. The crime of desecration is provided for in the Code of Canon Law, according to which "whoever desecrates a sacred, movable or immovable thing must be punished with a just penalty" (c. 1376). Sacred things are understood as things dedicated to divine worship that have been canonically dedicated or consecrated.

In third place is 17% Other cases of hostility, among which stand out: Sieges, destruction, burning, prohibitions, blockades of basic services, invasions of private property, etc. The fourth place corresponds to the messages of hatred emanated by President Daniel Ortega and his wife, Vice President Rosario Murillo against priests and bishops and according to the data reaches 9% of hostilities.

The fifth place are robberies by 9%. Sixth place with 6% the graffiti and messages of harassment, hatred and defamation on the walls of Catholic temples and buildings, and finally the seventh place corresponds to 3% referring to the closures of the NPOs and impediments against the social and humanitarian function of the church.

Graphic No. 3 highlights that the hostilities have been focused and destined mainly against the Catholic temples in a 49%. The second most affected group has been priests and bishops with 40% and other hostilities have obtained 11%.

AGGRESSIONS TO PRIESTS/BISHOPS; TEMPLES; OTHER



Graphic No. 3 Proprietary analysis based on data available

The U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF), an independent, bipartisan commission of the U.S. federal government that monitors the universal right to freedom of religion or worship abroad, said in its 2021 Annual Report that: "Attacks on Catholic churches were common throughout the country in 2020. In addition to the arson attack on Managua's cathedral, regime supporters threatened, vandalized, besieged, and desecrated churches throughout the country. Unlike previous years, the attacks appear to have been committed by citizens who support President Ortega and not by law enforcement or military groups. No one - neither citizens nor law enforcement

nor members of paramilitary groups - has been held accountable for crimes committed against Catholic women or their representatives or parishioners since April 2018".³

The document is divided into three moments:

1. It presents a general reflection of the facts
2. Description of the systematized record
3. Chronological table of hostilities

³ See report in the following link:

https://www.uscirf.gov/sites/default/files/2021-05/Nicaragua%202021_SWL_Spanish.pdf

II. Systematized record of desecrations, sacrileges, attacks, robberies, threats, hate speech, exiles of priests as a result of government persecution

1. Mobs guarded by riot police enter Managua Cathedral



Silvio José Báez

abr. 21, 2018 · 🌐

La vocera de la policía que intentó desmentirme este viernes por televisión, no dijo la verdad. Mintió. Pueden ver en este vídeo el momento en que grupos violentos, liderados y protegidos descaradamente por la Policía, entraron ilegalmente a los predios de la Catedral de Managua.



Wilmer Benavides Fonseca

abr. 20, 2018 · 👤

Custodiadas por las fuerzas antimotines ingresaron las turbas a la Catedral de Managua... #SOSINSS



2. Power cut in Managua Cathedral by orders from above



Silvio José Báez

abr. 20, 2018 · 🌐

Han cortado el fluido eléctrico en la Catedral de Managua con cientos de jóvenes dentro. De Unión Fenosa nos informan que ha sido una "orden de arriba". Pero les aseguramos que no vamos a dejar solos a los jóvenes y los vamos a proteger a toda costa.



7,193 916 comentarios 14,584 veces compartido

3. Mortars fired at young people who were protesting in the church atrium

 **Silvio José Báez** abr. 21, 2018 · 

URGENTE! ¡CESE LA REPRESIÓN!
Hace pocos minutos grupos violentos dispararon morteros contra unos 2000 jóvenes que protestaban pacíficamente en el atrio de la parroquia Santiago de Jinotepe. ¡Hay decenas de heridos! ¡Están disparando balas contra la parroquia Santiago de Jinotepe!

   4,936 278 comentarios 6,888 veces compartido

4. Man enters on his motorcycle to the main altar of Managua Cathedral



The rector of the Cathedral of Managua, Fr. Luis Herrera, said that the motorist "entered violently and shouting to the stands of the altar shouting 'who was the one who wanted peace' to which the people who were waiting for the Mass replied: 'we all want peace'". The priest commented that this irruption of the stranger caused him "a scare because with so much that has been seen it is not known if a person, who I know, under the impulses of drugs and alcohol and under the fanatical impulses can attempt against the life of whoever it is".⁴

⁴ "Motorized breaks into Managua Cathedral before celebration of Mass", Rondon, Maria Ximena, ACIPRENSA, April 30, 2018, in: <https://www.aciprensa.com/noticias/motorizado-irrumpe-en-catedral-de-managua-antes-de-celebracion-de-la-misa-video-17270>

5. Death threat against Priest Juan de Dios Garcia

Father Juan de Dios García, representative of the Santiago Church, in the city of Jinotepe, Carazo, denounced to the media that he is the victim of death threats and a wave of moral discredit. According to the parish priest, the threats against him began after he opened the doors of the church to young university students when they were attacked during protests over Social Security reforms in April.⁵

6. Sandinista mob beats priest Jose Ramon Gomez



7. Diocese of Matagalpa denounces smear campaign

"The priests of the Catholic Church who pilgrimage in Matagalpa, reiterate our availability for mediation in conflicts, however we have verified a campaign of slander and manipulation towards our work, expressed by cataloging ourselves as partial, as if we have been assuming a role of opposition politicians ..."⁶

⁵ Church priest Santiago de Jinotepe denounces death threats, Narváez, Tania, May 3, 2018, El Nuevo Diario, in: <https://www.elnuevodiario.com.ni/sucesos/462940-sacerdote-iglesia-santiago-jinotepe-denuncia-amena/>

⁶Catholic Church of Matagalpa denounces smear campaign, June 10, 2018, El Nuevo Diario, in: <https://www.elnuevodiario.com.ni/nacionales/466774-iglesia-catolica-matagalpa-denuncia-desprestigio/>

8. Hooded put AK 47 on the head of priest Vicente Martínez

The Diocese of Matagalpa reported that a group of hooded men intercepted a priest, put an AK 47 on his head and threatened him with death. "We are going to kill you, because your homilies are a poison," the hooded men told Father Vicente Martínez, parish priest of Santa Lucia, in Ciudad Darío, Matagalpa.⁷

9. Motorized throw stones in Our Lady of Lourdes Parish



Archdiocese of Managua denounces that motorized people threw stones in Our Lady of Lourdes Parish:

10. Paramilitaries force to suspend afternoon masses in Managua Cathedral

The evening masses in the metropolitan cathedral of Managua, Nicaragua, were suspended due to the presence of "paramilitaries", in a crisis that has claimed at least 135 lives, the vicar of that temple, Silvio Romero, reported today. "We do not have Mass at 6:00pm, we know very well that at that time the paramilitaries are walking," Romero said, at the end of the homily this Sunday in the cathedral.⁸

11. Desecration in St. Michael the Archangel Chapel.

⁷ Hooded men put AK 47 on the head of a Matagalpa priest and threatened him with death, Velásquez, Uriel, June 10, 2018, El Nuevo Diario, in: <https://www.elnuevodiario.com.ni/nacionales/466838-encapuchados-amenazan-muerte-sacerdote-matagalpa/>

⁸ Paramilitaries force to suspend evening masses in Nicaragua's cathedral, June 10, 2018, El Nuevo Diario, in: <https://www.elnuevodiario.com.ni/nacionales/466804-paramilitares-misa-crisis-nicaragua-protetas/>

Strangers forced the door of the sacristy of the Chapel of San Miguel Arcángel, of the José Benito Escobar distribution in León, stole several religious objects and soiled the interior of the temple with excrement. "Jesus in the Sacrament was desecrated... they took part of the custody and the cup," said Monsignor Vivas.⁹

12. Hooded men try to kidnap priest Juan Antonio Calero

"Father Juan Antonio Calero managed to leave the priest's house in time, thus escaping from the subjects who were carrying firearms."¹⁰

13. Desecration of St. Gabriel's Chapel

Archdiocese of Managua reports desecration of San Gabriel Chapel:

 **Arquidiócesis de Managua**
jun. 23, 2018 · 🌐

"Hago un llamado al Gobierno y a la Policía Nacional: Basta ya de seguir profanando el Cuerpo de Cristo en cada Nicaragüenses que pierde la vida." Cardenal Brenes en su homilía en la Capilla San Gabriel comarca Los Aburtos en donde en días pasados se realizó el robo y sacrilegio del Santísimo.

Esta mañana el Señor Cardenal Leopoldo José Brenes, Arzobispo de Managua visitó la comunidad los Aburtos para realizar una eucaristía de desagravio por el sacrilegio cometido en la Capilla de San Gabriel



⁹ Temple desecrated in León, González, José Luis, June 11, 2018, El Nuevo Diario, in: <https://www.elnuevodiario.com.ni/nacionales/466866-iglesia-catolica-protetas-leon/>

¹⁰ Armed men try to kidnap a parish priest in Masatepe, June 13, 2018, La Prensa, in: <https://www.laprensani.com/2018/06/13/departamentales/2434991-sujetos-armados-intentan-secuestrar-a-parroco-en-masatepe>

14. St. Teresa of the Child Jesus Parish desecrated

The priest Leonel Alfaro reported through a television interview that they desecrated the Parish of Santa Teresa del Niño Jesús, located on the old road to León, where they extracted the Blessed Sacrament. ¹¹

15. Threats against priest and collaborators of the parish of Molaguina

On June 24, 2018, the authorities of the San Felipe Apóstol-Molaguina Parish, located in the Department of Matagalpa, denounced on their Facebook page threats received against the parish priest and his work team.

"By this means we inform all the Holy People of God about the receipt of a written note (text in the image) that was left near the main altar of our temple, which is directed with a threatening character towards the physical integrity of the priest administrator and of all the people who work and serve in our temple San Felipe Apóstol-Molaguina.

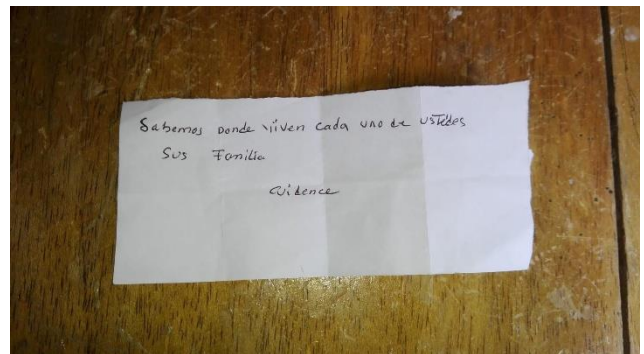
¹¹ interview available in: June 23, 2018, El Nuevo Diario, in: <https://www.elnuevodiario.com.ni/nacionales/467806-sacerdotes-van-unan-managua-medar-ataque-armado/>

 **Iglesia San Felipe Apostol - Molaguina ,
Matagalpa Nicaragua**
Jun. 24, 2018 · 🌐

¡¡« DENUNCIA PUBLICA !!»
240618

Por este medio hacemos del conocimiento a todo el pueblo Santo de Dios sobre el recibimiento de una nota escrita (texto en la imagen) que fue dejada cerca del altar mayor de nuestro templo, el cual va dirigido con carácter amenazante hacia la integridad física del sacerdote administrador y de todas las personas que laboran y sirven en nuestro templo San Felipe Apóstol - Molaguina.

Denunciamos , Repudiamos y Condenamos todos estos actos amenazantes, pidiendo el cese a la violencia de todo tipo en toda nuestra nación, el respeto a la vida humana ,como principio Cristiano y humano, la iglesia nunca dejará de ejercer su labor profética.



16. Robbery in "La Cartuja", Matagalpa



Monseñor Rolando José Álvarez L. ✓
@DiocesisdeMat

"Apenas he llegado a Roma, me informan los lamentables acontecimientos acontecidos en el Centro Pastoral de la Cartuja. Cumplieron su objetivo. Ya lo supe. Obviamente ésto fue dirigido. Esta es la realidad que vive Nicaragua". Mons. Rolando José.

5:55 AM · 27 jun. 18

"La Cartuja" is a property of the Diocese of Matagalpa, nestled in the mountainous area surrounding the Matagalpa-Jinotega highway, 136 kilometers north of the capital. It is used as a retreat and convention center. Also, there monthly Bishop Alvarez meets with the diocesan clergy. It is a picturesque place that favors recollection."

"On June 26, in the afternoon, "La Cartuja" was invaded by hooded men armed with machetes and firearms, where they stripped the guard of the premises of his regulation weapon and looted the religious center, taking televisions, power plants, lawn

mowers and even bedding from the bedrooms that the place has."¹²



17. Shots fired at Our Lady of Candelaria La Trinidad Parish

"... after the parish church of La Candelaria de La Trinidad was attacked with bullets on July 3, the day that the police and armed civilians executed the operation "Plan Limpieza" to dismantle the barricade installed in that municipality."¹³

18. Father Uriel Vallejos, from Sébaco, denounces smear campaign

Father Uriel Vallejos, administrator of the parish of San Juan Pablo II in Chagüitillo, Matagalpa, denied the publication made by the Facebook page "Viva Sébaco", where he reports that there are weapons in that temple. "Catholic Brothers of Chaguitillo and Sébaco, a Facebook page called Viva Sébaco publishes that today (this Friday) arrived at our Parish of Chaguitillo, 2 brothers workers of MINSa, who were shot and who ran away. In addition, they present a photo of a Catholic image with weapons on the shore. We note that this image is like a mannequin, and we do not have that type of image, said the statement shared by the Diocese of Matagalpa. The statement reiterates that the church does not use

¹² "Monsignor Álvarez condemns the desecration carried out by paramilitaries to the Pastoral Center "La Cartuja", Digital Religion, June 28, 2018, González, Israel, in: https://www.religiondigital.org/america/Monsenor-Alvarez-Centro-Pastoral-Cartuja_0_2025697436.html

¹³ Nicaragua: more harassment against priests, September 24, 2018, CELAM, in: <https://www.celam.org/nicaragua-mas-hostigamientos-contra-sacerdotes-2636.html>

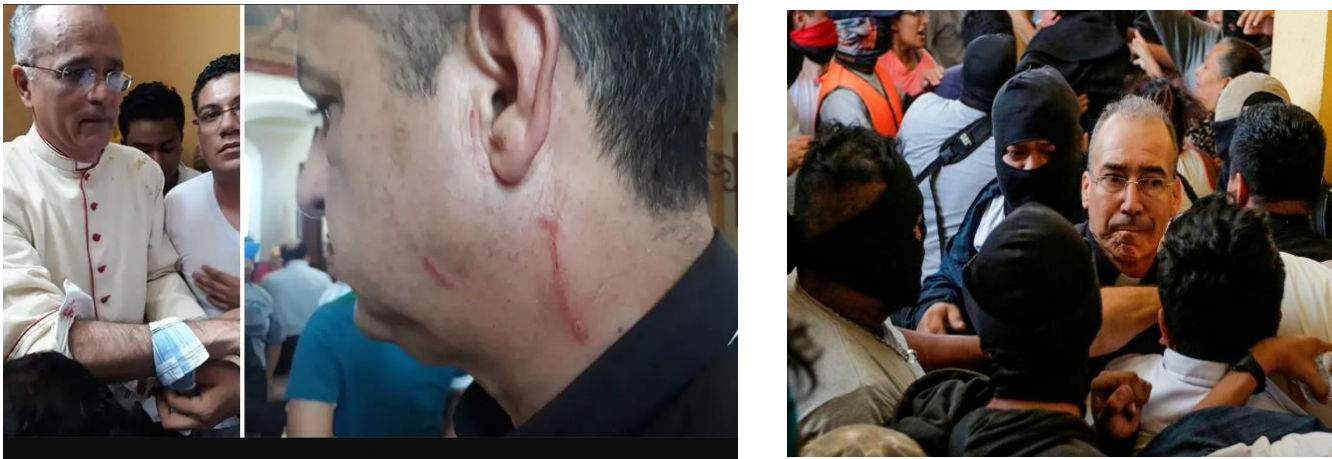
firearms "to kill." "The parishioners can figure out where this slander comes from," he adds. Although the publication does not point to the authors of that smear campaign, Vallejos accuses Mayor Luis Medal and the police authority.¹⁴

19. Government mobs steal monsignor Miguel Mantica's cell phone



20. Paramilitaries attack bishops and priests in Nicaragua

"The Archdiocese of Managua (Nicaragua) denounced that paramilitaries and sympathizers of the Government of Daniel Ortega physically and verbally assaulted bishops and priests while they were making a pastoral visit in the department of Carazo, south of the capital.



¹⁴ Father Uriel Vallejos, from Sébaco, denounces smear campaign, July 7, 2018, 100%News, in: <https://100noticias.com.ni/nacionales/91404-padre-Uriel-vallejos-de-sebaco-denuncia-campana-de/>

"The cowardly act of attacking bishops, the nuncio and priests by people related to the government and paramilitaries is condemnable and repudiable," the Archdiocese of Managua said in a statement issued on July 9. The attack occurred around noon in the Minor Basilica of San Sebastian in the city of Diriamba. Among those affected are the Archbishop of Managua, Cardinal Leopoldo José Brenes; the Auxiliary Bishop of Managua, Msgr. Silvio José Báez; and the Apostolic Nuncio, Msgr. Waldemar Somertag".¹⁵

21. Santiago Apóstol Parish Sacked



Through Facebook, the Parish made a public complaint where they stated that "people, paramilitaries accompanied by police forces, have entered our Parish, have desecrated our temple by removing and destroying benches, tables, medicines and have physically and verbally assaulted our Vicar Fr. Elisha and Fr. Hadder who are in our Temple. We denounce and condemn these acts of desecration, aggression and siege against our Priests and our Temple."¹⁶

22. Paramilitaries attack priest Jalder Hernández

On the other hand, the priest Jalder Hernández said, "I want to make public denunciation of what has happened in the parish of Santiago Jinotepe, where paramilitary forces have desecrated the temple for us. Father Eliseo Hernández and I were treated as murderers, criminals, they have beaten us. Our mobile teams have been taken from us, the boys who accompany us have been injured. We have put up no resistance other than to protect

¹⁵"Paramilitaries Attack Nicaraguan Bishops and Priests", Aci Press, July 9, 2018, in:

<https://www.aciprensa.com/noticias/paramilitares-agreden-a-obispos-y-sacerdotes-de-nicaragua-66115>

¹⁶ Mobs and paramilitaries break into Santiago Parish in Jinotepe, July 9, 2018, 100% News, in: <https://100noticias.com.ni/nacionales/91440-turbas-y-paramilitares-irrupen-parroquia-santiago/>

ourselves from God's mercy. Thank God, all this has already happened. We ask for your prayers in these challenging times."¹⁷

23. Paramilitaries attack priest Eliseo Hernández

The Archdiocese of Managua denounced the beatings of the priests on its social networks:

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24. They throw mortar and enter La Merced parish

The Diocese of Granada in its social networks denounced that: "Msgr. Juan Moreira, parish priest of the Church of La Merced, in the city of Granada, informed us that at the time of the celebration of the Mass (4:15pm), a mortar was intentionally thrown from the street, when a pro-government demonstration was passing by impacting one of the columns of the temple. We denounce and condemn this regrettable fact and ask for the cessation of all kinds of siege against our temples."¹⁹



25. Attack on the Jesus of Divine Mercy Parish

On July 13 and 14, 2018, the Jesus of Divine Mercy Parish gave shelter to more than 100 young students and 3 journalists from international media, who were attacked by police

¹⁷ Ditto

¹⁸ Ditto

¹⁹ See in: <https://www.facebook.com/DiocGranada/posts/2073322149549781/>

and paramilitaries, were trapped in the parish under fire for 12 hours, the church building was shot, the image of Mercy and the tabernacle also suffered obvious damage.

"At four o'clock in the morning the next day, after 16 hours of attack, the violence intensified. It was then that Geral Vásquez and Francisco Flores, the two fatalities of this bloody day, died.

"I found him dying, practically with a shot in the head, it was very hard, difficult, I tried to help him spiritually, but within a few minutes he died," says Father Zamora, after assuring that Geral's look of fear and anguish has never left his mind since then.

"Most of the kids were resigned to the worst, which was death, you were going to see some of us saying goodbye in the early morning, telling us it was a pleasure to have been here with you," says Jonathan López.²⁰



²⁰ Chronicle of a Day Under Fire: Attack on the Divine Mercy Church, July 2020, Nicaragua Investigates, Houston CastilloIn: <https://nicaraguainvestiga.com/reportajes/11365-cronica-de-un-dia-bajo-fuego-ataque-a-la-iglesia-divina-misericordia/>

26. Desecration and theft in San Antonio Chapel

Diócesis Media - Radio Stereo Santa Lucía
jul. 14, 2018 · 🌐

🔴 ULTIMA HORA CAPILLA SAN ANTONIO ES PROFANADA 🔴

Es muy doloroso saber que la madrugada de hoy 14 de Julio entre las 12:00am y 3:00 de la madrugada, los enemigos de Cristo y de la Iglesia entraron a la capilla de "san Antonio" de nuestra parroquia santa Lucia-Dario. Sin temor alguno despegaron la verja de la capilla para robarse el " SANTÍSIMO" para luego dejarlo tirado en el camino cercano a la capilla. Nuestros hermanos de la comunidad dieron aviso al presbítero Vicente Martínez quien enseguida salió oró y lamentó el sacrilegio cometido. Los feligreses llorando pidieron perdón a Dios por este pecado irreparable.



27. Paramilitaries attack vehicle of the Bishop of Estelí, Juan Abelardo Mata



Paramilitaries or Ortega mobs attacked on Sunday afternoon the vehicle in which Monsignor Abelardo Mata, bishop of the diocese of Estelí, was traveling. He is unharmed and sheltered in a house in Nindirí, Masaya, with his driver, but the area remains under siege. The armed attack left Monsignor Mata's vehicle with flat tires and broken glass.²¹

28. Paramilitaries beat priest Jairo Velásquez

Jairo Velásquez, priest of Catarina, suffered an assault by parapolice in the Santa Catalina Church... Armed men entered the parish priest's house, which is under the administration of Father Jairo Velásquez, in Catarina, by surprise and violently and beat him.²²

²¹ "Ortega mobs attack vehicle of the Bishop of Estelí, Juan Abelardo Mata", Radio Corporación, July 15, 2018, in: <https://radio-corporacion.com/blog/archivos/28034/abelardo-mata/>

²² Priest of Catarina suffers aggression, Ramos, Leslie, July 15, 2018, El Nuevo Diario, in: <https://www.elnuevodiario.com.ni/nacionales/469687-sacerdote-catarina-sufre-agresion/>

29. Robbery in the priest's house of Parish Santa Catalina

"... the armed subjects, in addition to attacking the religious, destroyed the internal part of the priest's house and stole the priest's belongings... they took his tablet and a server from his computer."²³

30. Dictatorship points to the priest Harving Padilla as an accomplice in the murder of A Non-Commissioned Officer

"The priest Harvin Padilla, of the San Juan Bautista Parish in Masaya was the one who directed the terrorists who vilely murdered the Sub Officer Gabriel de Jesús Vado Ruíz. His complicity was evident in the communication he maintained with the criminals."²⁴

31. Hooded men burn Caritas facilities in Sébaco

The facilities of Caritas de Sébaco, in Matagalpa were burned last night, Sunday, July 15, allegedly by hooded men who were traveling on a motorcycle. According to residents of the La Hieliera neighborhood, the fire started at about 11:00 pm, and they blame two motorists for the fact, who allegedly fired a burst of



gunfire and later the incident began. The building was completely burned. Caritas is a humanitarian organization that belongs to the Catholic Church, and is dedicated to helping the poor, providing food, basic health services and spiritual education.²⁵

32. Desecration of the Chapel of Our Lady of Mercy

Diocese of Matagalpa denounces theft and desecration in Our Lady of Mercy Chapel.

²³ SCatarina's priest suffers aggression, Ramos, Leslie, July 15, 2018, El Nuevo Diario, in: <https://www.elnuevodiario.com.ni/nacionales/469687-sacerdote-catarina-sufre-agresion/>

²⁴ Cura is an accomplice of terrorists who murdered NCO , July 16, 2018, El 19 Digital, in: <https://www.el19digital.com/articulos/ver/titulo:79096-cura-es-complice-de-terroristas-que-asesinaron-a-sub-oficial>

²⁵ Hooded men burn Caritas facilities in Sébaco, July 16, 2018, 100%News, in: <https://100noticias.com.ni/nacionales/91601-encapuchados-queman-instalaciones-de-caritas-en-se/?mobile>



Diócesis de Matagalpa.

jul. 17, 2018 · 🌐

Robo en capilla Nuestra Señora de la Merced, ubicada en "La Garita", de la parroquia San Ramón:

La tarde del martes 17 de julio, sujetos con armas de fuego llegaron a la capilla ubicada a aproximadamente 5 kilómetros del municipio de San Ramón, donde intimidaron a quienes cuidaban y seguidamente ingresaron forzando puertas y rompiendo las alcancías. A continuación se dirigieron al sagrario que también fue forzado con la intención de robar y profanar el Santísimo Sacramento que no estaba depositado en el lugar.

Nuestra solidaridad con monseñor Isidoro Mora, párroco de San Ramón y con los fieles de la comunidad. A la vez repudiamos este acto e Instamos a los responsables de este y otros hechos de profanación, robos, asesinatos y violencia a ser conscientes de sus acciones y recordar que la paz no se construye únicamente con buenos discursos sino con actos concretos.



33. President Daniel Ortega accuses the Catholic Church of "coup plotter"

The president urges the bishops to "rectify and not be raising these satanic, coup and murderous sects." These "forces," he said, have the "complicity" of the Nicaraguan bishops, who function as mediators and witnesses of a national dialogue. According to Ortega, the bishops exposed their "coup" intentions when they presented him with a proposal to overcome the crisis, which included bringing forward the general elections to March 2019, and restructuring the state.²⁶

34. Desecration of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Chapel

"... On Saturday, the diocese denounced that a group of strangers desecrated on July 20 "the chapel of Our Lady of Mount Carmel belonging to the sangre de Cristo parish." "They desecrated the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar that was sheltered in the chapel," he said on his Facebook account.²⁷

35. Sacred Heart Chapel Desecrated

²⁶ Ortega accuses the Catholic Church of "coup plotter" and calls for "self-defense", July 20, 2018, La Vanguardia in: <https://www.lavanguardia.com/internacional/20180720/45973509868/ortega-acusa-iglesia-catolica-golpista-autodefensa.html>

²⁷ Unknown persons desecrate chapel in Nicaragua and steal consecrated hosts, July 24, 2018, ACI Prensa, in: <https://www.aciprensa.com/noticias/desconocidos-profanan-capilla-en-nicaragua-y-se-roban-hostias-consagradas-52660>

"I am being informed that for the second time in our Diocese of Jinotega subjects desecrated the Sacred Heart chapel of the parish of San Marcos Evangelista. On this occasion they only took the Tabernacle, and in its Jesus in the Sacrament. May God take pity on their souls," the Prelate denounced on July 23 on his Twitter account.²⁸

36. Graffiti and threats against El Calvario Parish.



"... On Monday, graffiti appeared on the perimeter wall of the parish of La Cruz del Calvario in the city of Estelí, where it says: "out with coup plotters, lead." ²⁹

37. Paintings on the wall of San Francisco de Asís Estelí Parish

"Out with the Coup Plotter" reads one of the many phrases that were painted early Friday morning on the walls of the parish of San Francisco de Asís, located in the third district of the city of Estelí, also known as Ermita El Rosario. The letters spray-painted white allude to the socio-political crisis that the country is going through and the attack of which the Catholic Church has been victimized by Sandinista sympathizers and ruling authorities.³⁰



²⁸ Strangers desecrate chapel in Nicaragua and steal consecrated hosts , July 24, 2018, ACI Prensa, in: <https://www.aciprensa.com/noticias/desconocidos-profanan-capilla-en-nicaragua-y-se-roban-hostias-consagradas-52660>

²⁹ "Attacks on the Catholic Church do not stop", Mora, Roberto, July 31, 2018, Radio ABC StereoIn:

http://www.radioabcstereo.com/nota/14480_ataques-contra-la-iglesia-catolica-no-paran

³⁰ "Siege against Catholic temple of Estelí", Rye, Yessenia, July 30, 2018, In:

http://www.radioabcstereo.com/nota/14475_asedio-contra-templo-catolico-de-esteli

38. Apompua Chapel Desecration



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PROFANAN IGLESIA APOMPUA EN CIUDAD DARÍO

La madrugada de este jueves 2 de agosto la iglesia Apompua ubicada en esa comunidad que lleva su mismo nombre y perteneciente a la parroquia Santa Lucía ciudad Darío, esta fue profanada por sujetos aún desconocidos.

Según la denuncia de algunos habitantes los hechores dañaron puertas y cerraduras, el Sagrario donde soportaban a Jesús Sacramentado y el robo de un amplificador valorado en más de C\$ 15000 .

Esta iglesia de suma a la lista de templos profanados y robados en los últimos meses.



39. Priest Cesar Augusto Gutiérrez goes into exile

Father Cesar Augusto Gutiérrez de Monimbó is exiled due to death threats and imprisonment. The father was responsible for the Church of San Sebastián in Monimbó.³¹

³¹ Father Cesar Augusto goes into exile due to death threats and imprisonment, Torrez, Cinthya, August 23, 2018, La Prensa, in: <https://www.laprensani.com/2018/08/23/nacionales/2462941-se-exilia-padre-cesar-augusto-gutierrez-de-monimbo-por-amenazas-de-muerte-y-carcel>

40. Eden Pastora "Bullets also pierce cassocks"

Commander Eden Pastora Gomez (Qepd).



41. Orteguistas verbally attack Bishop Rolando José Álvarez



42. Paintings on the walls of the cathedral of Managua



"In other rapist countries, here coup plotters", "murderous priests", "not even the UN believes them", you can read on the walls, an act carried out by Ortega sympathizers, because they sign the graffiti with "FSLN" or "JS19". The messages are written during the marches that the Government maintains and that covers from the Metrocentro Roundabout to the Loma de Tiscapa. "There are always people who have that bad education of writing on the walls, but well we are not going to fight for that, we are not going to fight with anyone simply sent to paint," the rector of the Cathedral, priest Luis Herrera, told an independent media.³²

43. Group sympathetic to the government burst into the temple shouting at the time of mass



Jorge Solórzano Pérez
@jorgesolorzanop

Quiero expresar mi cercanía y oraciones con Mons. Moreira, párroco de la Merced y sus fieles, que esta tarde a la hora de la Santa Misa, grupo de simpatizantes del gobierno irrumpieron en el templo gritando. Pido se respete nuestros templos y nuestras celebraciones litúrgicas.

9:10 PM · 08 sep. 18

Bishop Jorge Solorzano stands in solidarity through social networks with the priest Juan Moreira for desecration of the temple.

³² "Orteguistas fill the walls of the Cathedral of Managua with messages of hatred", 100% News, 8 September 2018, <https://100noticias.com.ni/nacionales/92880-orteguistas-mensajes-odio-catedral-managua/>

44. Police Commissioner Ramón Avellán beats priest Edwin Román.

"While a mass was being held in the church, the priest Edwin Román of the San Miguel de Masaya church, was verbally and physically assaulted by the deputy director of the National Police, Ramón Avellán, who along with other police and Sandinista sympathizers stood in front of the church with a loudspeaker at the time of a mass. The priest related that he personally went out to tell the director of the National Police in that department, please turn down the volume to the loudspeaker that played music in favor of the ruling party, because they interrupted the religious service.



From 2 p.m., in front of the Church of San Miguel de Masaya, a group of riot police led by Commissioner Avellán, took over the park that is in front of the temple. "I approached to have the volume lowered, and then right there I was attacked by Mr. Avellán, who pushed me and immediately, a pack began to insult me with words that I can not publish ... I want to make this complaint to the Nicaraguan

people and to the international community, but not because I am afraid," he told reporters.³³

45. Armed groups shoot at priest Stedman Muller's van

Priest's van shot in Jalapa: The priest Stedman Muller, parish priest of the Immaculate Conception Temple in the municipality of Jalapa, department of Nueva Segovia, suffered the attack of armed groups that signaled him to stop and because he ignored it, they fired shots at the truck he was driving on September 9.³⁴

³³ "Parish priest assaulted in Nicaragua while Mass is celebrated", Archdiocese of Monterrey, 2018, in:

<https://www.arquidiocesismtj.org/arquimty/agreden-a-parroco-en-nicaragua-mientras-se-celebra-misa/>

³⁴ Nicaragua: more harassment against priests, September 24, 2018, CELAM, in: <https://www.celam.org/nicaragua-mas-hostigamientos-contra-sacerdotes-2636.html>

46. New Pints on walls of the cathedral of Managua



"Again the Sandinista sympathizers scratched the walls of the Cathedral of Managua, after the political commentator, Jaime Arellano came to erase them a week ago. The messages rose in tone this time, the Sandinistas wrote phrases such as: "The only church that shines is the one that burns", "rapists", "murderous cassocks", "they are winning their ticket to the Chipote", among others".³⁵

47. Campaign of intimidation, repression, discredit and harassment against Bishop Silvio José Báez.



Silvio José Báez ✓

25 de octubre de 2018 a las 15:04 · ⚙

Deseo denunciar a la opinión pública que estoy siendo víctima de una campaña de intimidación, represión, desprestigio y acoso que consta no solo de audios manipulados, sino también de cientos de llamadas, mensajes a mi teléfono y a mi WhatsApp con insultos y amenazas de cárcel y de muerte, además de motorizados que han rodeado mi vivienda. En su momento presentaré pruebas del acoso mediático.

Monsignor Silvio José Báez, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Managua denounced through his social networks a campaign of intimidation, repression, discredit and harassment against him.

³⁵"Sandinistas return to scratch walls of the Cathedral of Managua", 100% News, September 21, 2018, in: <https://100noticias.com.ni/nacionales/93178-sandinistas-pintas-catedral-managua/>

48. Priest Mario Guevara burned with sulfuric acid in Managua Cathedral



A Russian woman named Ellis Leonidovna Gonn, 24, burned 59-year-old priest Mario Guevara with sulfuric acid while he was confessing.

The Russian was sentenced to 8 years in prison but months later she was released. "There I started screaming, because that was something terrifying, it impacted me so much. When I look back to see who had done that, look it was the woman I had confessed to, I just thought at the time that because now that was happening. I saw that she was static, with a plastic bottle in her hands, and she was left without saying anything; I fell at that moment, and they grabbed me between two people, some women surrounded me and took me to the sacristy to take off my clothes and pour ice water on me."³⁶



Ellis Leonidovna Gonn

³⁶ "I felt something fall on my back, like boiling water... I looked I was the woman", Arcia, Lester, June 29, 2019, El Nuevo Diario, in: <https://www.elnuevodiario.com.ni/nacionales/495266-rusa-acido-catedral-mario-guevara-managua/>

49. Desecration of St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish



"Ortega mobs desecrate and take over the temple of Catarina after the Church's decision to celebrate in solemnity the festivities of Santa Catalina and San Silvestre. They denounce that Ortega's supporters wanted to forcibly remove the saints from the parish."³⁷

50. For the third time priest expels Sandinista merchants who besiege the temple and the parishioners



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Comerciantes de mampara llegaron a ubicarse frente a la iglesia con musica oficialista del fsln y a gritarles golpistas a la feligresia catolica, esta es la tercera vez que el padre Jaime Montesinos de esquipulas, expulsa a los comerciantes progobierno.

#AsiComoSuenas #SeñalAzulyBlanco



³⁷ December 26, 2018, Article 66, video on digital platform at: <https://fb.watch/bJ24Bo6YDG/>

51. He disguises himself as a journalist for Radio Corporación to besiege parishioners



52. Several priests have "loosened" the screws of their vehicles

Priest José Luis Montoya told Canal 10 that several priests have had their vehicle tires loosened.³⁸

53. Police discuss and assault Father Edwin Román

Agents of the National Police assaulted and offended Father Edwin Román, as reported by the Archdiocese of Managua:

³⁸ See an interview on Channel 10 television, January 23, 2019, in: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fbs9Q3CmX14>



NOTA DE PRENSA
Incidente Padre Edwin Román Calderón

La Arquidiócesis de Managua lamenta el incidente que sufrió el Padre Edwin Román Calderón el día hoy 13 de febrero por la noche; al ser retenido él y su vehículo por agentes de la Policía Nacional generándose una grave discusión con agresión física. Superado el incidente el Padre Edwin Román Calderón continuó su camino y llegó a la casa cural de la Parroquia donde ejerce su ministerio pastoral en Masaya.

Esta situación pone en evidencia la falta de un ambiente de paz y se suma a otros actos que no contribuyen a un camino de concordia social. Ante esta y otras expresiones de intolerancia urge retomar el respeto a los derechos de la persona humana en nuestra patria.

Pedimos a todos los fieles continuar orando por nuestros sacerdotes y por la paz en nuestro país.

Dado en Managua a los 13 días del mes de febrero 2019.

Oficina de Prensa
Arquidiócesis de Managua

54. Priest Edwin Román denounces that he is spied on and harassed

"I have nothing to hide, keep watching me because I have nothing to hide."³⁹

55. National Police officers vulgarly offend Father Edwin Román and threaten him with death.

³⁹ "They spy and harass the priest of Masaya, Edwin Román" Tórrez Cinthya, La Prensa, February 15, 2019, in: <https://www.laprensani.com/2019/02/15/nacionales/2524401-espian-y-acosan-al-sacerdote-de-masaya-edwin-roman>



Edwin Román
@EdwinRomn14



En este instante saliendo de Masaya he sido ofendido vulgarmente y amenazado de muerte por estos oficiales. Me bajé del automóvil y les tome esta forografía. Cuándo dejaran de reprimir?

2:40 p. m. · 3/7/19 · [Twitter for Android](#)

Father Edwin Román denounced on his social networks the death threats he received from officers of the National Police.

56. Priest Juan Domingo Gutierrez is taken to prison.



Nicaraguan police and riot police captured 164 people who were participating in a march planned for two o'clock Saturday afternoon in Managua. Among those arrested were journalist Sofía Montenegro and Father Juan Domingo Gutiérrez Álvarez, cousin of the Bishop of Matagalpa, Msgr. Rolando Álvarez. The priest is Parochial Vicar of the Parish of San Agustín, in the central pastoral area of Managua, the Blue and White National Unity reported that, among those detained, were also the former Nicaraguan Minister of Education Humberto Belli and

the journalist Marlen Chow.

Among the demonstrators, there were elderly people, young people, and minors, all wanted to express their dissatisfaction with the situation in the country. After eight hours in detention, and thanks to the action of the Apostolic Nuncio, Bishop Waldemar

Sommertag, they were released one by one. Father Gutierrez, upon his release, was transferred to the priest's house by the Apostolic Nuncio Msgr. Waldemar Sommertag.⁴⁰

57. Bishop Silvio Baez denounces that there was a plan to assassinate him

Monsignor Silvio Baez, number two of the Catholic Church in Nicaragua and one of the bishops most loved by believers and non-believers, reported Wednesday that Pope Francis ordered him to be transferred to Rome "for an indeterminate time," and immediately denounced that there was "a plan to assassinate him," since he was indicated as "part of the anti-government movement." The announcement of the auxiliary bishop of Managua caused shock at the religious and political level since he was the first Catholic hierarch to raise his voice to denounce the police and paramilitary repression exercised by the government of Daniel Ortega.

"I have not asked to leave; I have been called by the Holy Father. This decision for me to leave Nicaragua is a responsibility of the Holy Father," Baez said at a press conference called unexpectedly by the Archdiocese of Managua. The Catholic hierarch then confirmed that "there was a plan to assassinate me," something that had already been revealed by the former US ambassador in Managua, Laura Dogu. "The U.S. Embassy communicated this to me at a level of high certainty of American security. I communicated it to Cardinal Leopoldo Brenes and the Episcopal Conference," the bishop said. The diplomat gave an interview to the American newspaper Indiana Gazette to talk about her experience in Managua and revealed that she and Bishop Baez were "the object of an assassination plan."⁴¹

58. They make graffiti in Chapel San Alfonso María de Ligorio

"The Parish of San Alfonso María de Ligorio and several houses in the La Primavera neighborhood, in Managua, woke up this Sunday with red and black graffiti. It is unknown

⁴⁰"Church of Nicaragua condemns and deplors violence against demonstrations", Ynestroza, Patricia Vatican News, March 19, 2019, in: <https://www.vaticannews.va/es/iglesia/news/2019-03/nicaragua-iglesia-condena-represion-contra-manifestacion.html>

⁴¹"There was a plan to assassinate me," denounces Nicaraguan Bishop Silvio Báez when he was forced to leave the country, Miranda Aburto, Wilfredo, Univision, April 10, 2019, in: <https://www.univision.com/noticias/america-latina/habia-un-plan-para-asesinar-me-denuncia-el-obispo-nicaraguense-silvio-baez-al-verse-obligado-a-salir-del-pais>

who would be responsible, but the owners of the affected properties are suspicious of supporters of the ruling party."⁴²

59. Bishop Silvio José Báez goes into exile

On April 23, 2019, the auxiliary bishop of Managua, Monsignor Silvio Báez, was forced to leave Nicaragua. The religious was that uncomfortable voice within the church towards the regime of Daniel Ortega. Inspired by the Gospel and the Social Doctrine of the Church, the bishop did not tremble his voice denouncing the violations of human rights committed by Ortega.⁴³

60. Police Siege Cathedral of Managua

The Archbishop of Managua, Cardinal Leopoldo Brenes questioned the police siege around Managua Cathedral this weekend. "Sadly we give a bad image. Yesterday I received several emails from outside that told me: how sad that the cathedral is practically surrounded," said Brenes.⁴⁴

61. Aggression and repression against parishioners of Parish Molaguina

"... the police beat several citizens at the entrance of the Molagüina church, as they prayed kneeling carrying a banner demanding justice for the murder of political prisoner Eddy Montes Praslin."⁴⁵

⁴² "They put threatening graffiti in Parish and houses in La Primavera", Tijerino, Juan, April 15, 2019, El Nuevo Diario, in: <https://www.elnuevodiario.com.ni/nacionales/490085-managua-amenazas-crisis-nicaragua-iglesia/>

⁴³ Monsignor Silvio Báez celebrates one year of forced exile, April 23, 2020, Radio Corporación, in: <https://radio-corporacion.com/blog/archivos/56974/monsenor-baez-3/>

⁴⁴ Cardinal Brenes pronounces on police siege in Managua Cathedral, May 13, 2019, Radio Corporación, in: <https://radio-corporacion.com/blog/archivos/40999/cardenal-brenes-se-pronuncia-asedio-policia-catedral-managua/>

⁴⁵ Attack on the Catholic Church in Nicaragua, CENIDH, 2020, page 7, in: https://www.cenidh.org/media/documents/docfile/INFORME_ATENTADOS_CONTRA_LA_IGLESIA_CAT%C3%93LICA_EN_NICARAGUA.pdf



62. Agents of the National Police prevent the entrance to the Cathedral of Managua throughout the day

"As publicly denounced by the priest José Luis Herrera, rector of the Cathedral of Managua, who told the Police to prevent the entrance to the temple throughout the day, by obstructing all accesses to communicate to the parishioners that all masses were suspended."⁴⁶

63. Police attack the premises of Managua Cathedral

"The police attacked the premises of the Cathedral of Managua with stun bombs and stones, to a protest of citizens who attended a Mass of thanksgiving for the release of political prisoners. Prior to the activity, the area was surrounded by hundreds of police and FSLN shock forces who beat a citizen."⁴⁷

⁴⁶ Attack on the Catholic Church in Nicaragua, CENIDH, 2020, page 8in:

https://www.cenidh.org/media/documents/docfile/INFORME_ATENTADOS_CONTRA_LA_IGLESIA_CAT%C3%93LICA_EN_NICARAGUA.pdf

⁴⁷ Attack on the Catholic Church in Nicaragua, CENIDH, 2020, page 9in:

https://www.cenidh.org/media/documents/docfile/INFORME_ATENTADOS_CONTRA_LA_IGLESIA_CAT%C3%93LICA_EN_NICARAGUA.pdf

64. Pints in Parish Los Ángeles



The bishop of the Diocese of Jinotega, Monsignor Carlos Enrique Herrera, assured that they are provocations of people who "do not agree with the church, those people who are not believers."⁴⁸

65. Bishop Abelardo Mata denounces death threats against priests.

Death threats against Catholic priests have increased, as well as the presence of paramilitaries inside the temples in Las Segovias, warned the bishop of the Diocese of Estelí, Monsignor Juan Abelardo Mata Guevara.⁴⁹

66. Police besiege Matagalpa Cathedral

"The police kept a tight watch around the Matagalpine cathedral from where a procession would come out."⁵⁰

67. Father Edwin Román denounces that Farle Roa Traña, commissioner of the National Police, infiltrates in confession to tell him that "he had weapons"

⁴⁸ Orteguistas make pints in the church Los Angeles, in Jinotega, Martínez, Luis, June 21, 2019, La Prensa, in: <https://www.laprensani.com/2019/06/21/departamentales/2562404-orteguistas-realizan-pintas-en-la-iglesia-los-angeles-en-jinotega>

⁴⁹ Bishop denounces death threats, Miranda, Marvin, June 25, 2019, Punto Noticioso, in: <https://puntonoticioso.com/obispo-denuncia-amenazas-de-muerte/>

⁵⁰ Attack on the Catholic Church in Nicaragua, CENIDH, 2020, page 9, in: https://www.cenidh.org/media/documents/docfile/INFORME_ATENTADOS_CONTRA_LA_IGLESIA_CAT%C3%93LICA_EN_NICARAGUA.pdf

"At the end of June 2018, while I was outside the church, a yaris car, gray, with a lion's



license plate, arrived at six in the morning, the person who was driving, lowered the window and told me that he needed to confess, I told him that the church was closed, but that I could confess it inside the car (...), in the alleged confession, the subject told me crying, that he was moving weapons to the universities of Managua, he asked me what I said"; "When I was getting out of the vehicle, I looked at a red flag and Black, the only thing I told him was, to do what

his conscience told him, apparently, he wanted to get involved or look for how to accuse me" ⁵¹ Father Edwin Roman said.

"After two days, I went to "El Chipote" with Don Álvaro Leiva (human rights defender) to arrange for the release of some prisoners, I saw the man who two days ago had come to confession, he was police officer, he was in his uniform, he became nervous when I saw him. So much was the nerve that it even bit his cell phone, I greeted him and said: you were the one who came to confession, I wait for you another day in church."⁵²



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68. Priest Edwin Román: "A woman came to confession and asked me where I could get bombs."

⁵¹ "Father Edwin Roman points to the commissioner Ask Roa Traña of infiltrator to confess to him "that had weapons.", Miranda, Noel, Article 66, June 29, 2019, in: <https://www.articulo66.com/2019/06/29/padre-edwin-roman-senala-al-comisionado-farle-roa-trana-infiltrarse-confesarle-tenia-armas/>

⁵² Ditto

Another of the priests who is heavily besieged, threatened with death and defamed in different ways is Father Edwin Román, of the church of San Miguel Arcángel, in Masaya, who affirms that the siege against them, the priests and society does not go down. The most recent thing he experienced was last Thursday: "A woman came to confess and asked me where I could get bombs. ' Because he tells me this,' I tell him. No, he tells me, I have Gerber glasses. I am not in it or know who does them or I'm promoting them or throwing them away," he says. He had to remove the woman from the church, however, ten minutes later two patrol cars were in front of the church.⁵³

69. Paramilitaries invade cathedral with flags and shouting partisan and anti-church slogans.

"Supporters of the government, with party flags, stood in the atrium and entered to the last pews of the temple shouting slogans for the Government and against the (Catholic) Church," said that diocese presided over by Bishop Rolando Álvarez.⁵⁴

70. Orteguismo accuses Bishop Juan Abelardo Mata of "insults and slander"

A government employee filed a complaint against the bishop of Estelí, Monsignor Abelardo Mata. The alleged victim's argument is that the religious allegedly accused him of being a paramilitary who killed his own son.

The complaint for alleged libel and slander was filed by Reinaldo Obregón Rodríguez, who is a security guard for the National Aqueduct and Sewerage Company (Enacal), according to El Nuevo Diario. In one of his homilies the bishop referred to the violence of fanatical supporters against youth protests. "From a nearby point in this park, a sniper shoots at a young man, only to discover in horror that it was his son. Look how far fanaticism leads, not using the head", was the reflection of Monsignor Mata.⁵⁵

71. Police siege in Jesus of Divine Mercy Parish

⁵³ Parish priest of Masaya removes woman who asks for bombs and after a while Sandinista police are located in front of Church, July 1, 2019, El Heraldo Net, in: <https://heraldonet.com/nicaragua/parroco-de-masaya-retira-a-mujer-que-le-pide-bombas-y-al-rato-policias-sandinistas-se-ubican-frente-a-iglesia/#.YqJidcVKi1s>

⁵⁴ Diocese of Matagalpa denounces disrespect of Sandinistas to Cathedral, July 5, 2019, Confidencial, in: <https://www.confidencial.com.ni/reporte-ciudadano/diocesis-de-matagalpa-denuncia-irrespeto-de-sandinistas-a-catedral/>

⁵⁵ Orteguismo accuses Bishop Juan Abelardo Mata of "insults and slander", July 12, 2019, Radio Corporación, in: <https://radio-corporacion.com/blog/archivos/43780/orteguismo-acusa-obispo-mata/>



72. Sandinista mobs offend religious and seminarians

After the celebration of Holy Mass, Ortega mobs appeared outside the cathedral of Managua and tried to attack religious and seminarians.



73. Attack on parishioners who attended Mass at the Cathedral of León

"... Government shock forces and parapolice in the Cathedral of León attacked those attending a religious service for the anniversary of the altar boy Sandor Dolmus, killed in

June 2018. The fanatics of the regime with open provocation placed a platform in front of the atrium of the temple and played party music while the mass was being held."⁵⁶

74. Armed groups besiege Bishop Rolando Álvarez

For his part, Bishop Rolando Álvarez described the siege as an "enormous and very serious irresponsibility" on the part of the regime. It was thanks to the peasants that the religious was able to leave the area where he was, the parishioners armed themselves with stones and sticks to prevent the armed groups from doing anything against the bishop of Matagalpa.⁵⁷

75. Agents of the National Police block entrance of San Miguel Arcángel Parish and paramilitaries throw stones against parishioners



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Mientras se oficiaba Misa 3pm, antimotines y policias bloquean puertas de la Parroquia Sn Miguel-Masaya, al salir algunos fieles, turbas lanzaron piedras. A esta hora , más de cien personas todavia no logran salir del templo.

16:45 · 25/7/19 · Twitter for Android

Father Edwin Román denounces in his social networks the siege of the National Police and paramilitaries.

⁵⁶ Attack on the Catholic Church in Nicaragua, CENIDH, 2020, page 8in:

https://www.cenidh.org/media/documents/docfile/INFORME_ATENTADOS_CONTRA_LA_IGLESIA_CAT%C3%93LICA_EN_NICARAGUA.pdf

⁵⁷ IACHR Denounces the Siege of Armed Groups Against Bishop Rolando Álvarez, July 19, 2019, Article 66, in:

<https://www.articulo66.com/2019/07/19/cidh-denuncia-el-asedio-de-grupos-armados-en-contradel-obispo-rolando-alvarez/>

76. Police Siege of San Miguel Arcángel Parish

Priest Edwin Román denounces police siege through his social networks.



77. Shock forces besiege and attack San Miguel Archangel parish



"Forces of the FSLN clash in complicity with the police surrounded, harassed and attacked the church of San Miguel Arcángel, in Masaya and the attendees of a religious service by the political prisoners. Father Edwin Roman received death threats from police officers."⁵⁸

⁵⁸ Attack on the Catholic Church in Nicaragua, CENIDH, 2020, page 10in:

https://www.cenidh.org/media/documents/docfile/INFORME_ATENTADOS_CONTRA_LA_IGLESIA_CAT%C3%93LICA_EN_NICARAGUA.pdf

78. Police besiege St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish

St. Catherine of Alexandria Church in Catarina besieged by riot police, where a Mass will be held for the release of political prisoners. Local residents report that the entrance to Catarina is closed.⁵⁹



79. Government blocks Caritas containers⁶⁰

"This way of proceeding is an exercise in irrational authoritarianism: 'We are the ones who have the upper hand and if something has to work, we will do it our way, as we want.' Is this the message the regime sends us? Well, in this way, we cannot remain in total silence, we cannot remain silent in the face of this", said Bishop Abelardo Mata, spokesperson for the Episcopal Conference of Nicaragua, according to Agenzia Fides. In addition, Bishop Mata has labeled this blockade as a "lack of humanism" on the part of the regime, which does not see "the needs of those who suffer."

Msgr. Mata also informs that each request of Caritas Nicaragua is exaggeratedly controlled, example of them are the documents and letters of donations, as well as the documentation of the countries from which the aid comes, the United States, Germany, and Canada. The EC spokesperson finally explained that all the programs of Caritas in Nicaragua and the

⁵⁹ Fountain: Nicavisión Channel 12, September 1, 2019

⁶⁰ Caritas of Nicaragua, is the social arm of the Episcopal Conference of Nicaragua, with 64 years of service to Nicaraguan society.

dioceses "are social programs to help the poorest" and in which there is no "commercial" intention.⁶¹

80. They try to run over the priest Uriel Vallejos

"Yes, for months, when I was in charge of the San Francisco de Asís senior center, they tried to run me over with a truck, thank God they didn't succeed."⁶²

81. Police and paramilitaries besiege mass and procession in Estelí

Paramilitary groups and officers of the National Police besieged on Monday the mass and the procession in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary, in the city of Estelí. The armed surrounded the temple and the parishioners who participated in the religious activity, who took advantage of the moment to protest against the dictatorship of Daniel Ortega and Rosario Murillo.

"During the homily we were able to observe supporters of the Sandinista Front taking photos. Then we went out in the procession, with flags, blue and white chimbombas, and the police siege increased. The paramilitaries were walking around. One of them wanted to beat a boy, but in the end, people stopped him. When we arrived at the cathedral, there were already very armed, they were everywhere, and we had to leave some from other sides," said a resident of the city who participated in the religious activity.⁶³

82. Paramilitaries threaten seminarians in Estelí with firearms

⁶¹ Nicaragua: Government has blocked Caritas containers for a year, 9 of September of 2019, Vatican News, in: <https://www.vaticannews.va/es/mundo/news/2019-09/nicaragua-gobierno-bloqueo-contenedores-caritas-conferencia-epis.html>

⁶² The outrage was carried out in 2019, however the news was clarified some time later in: Uriel Vallejos, parish priest victim of Ito daniel ortega's repression: "Nicaragua lives a tragedy», 3 February 2022, Religion in Freedom, in: https://www.religionenlibertad.com/america_latina/388137880/uriel-vallejos-parroco-victima-represion-daniel-ortega-nicaragua-tragedia.html

⁶³ Police and paramilitaries asedian mass and procession in Estelí, Salazar, Maynor, October 8, 2019, Confidencial, in: <https://www.confidencial.com.ni/nacion/policia-y-paramilitares-asedian-misa-y-procesion-en-esteli/#:~:text=Iglesia%20en%20Estel%C3%AD,-,La%20procesi%C3%B3n%20en%20honor%20a%20Nuestra%20Se%C3%B1ora%20del%20Rosario%2C%20fue,Foto%3A%20Cortes%3ADa%20ABC%20Stereo.&text=Grupos%20paramilitares%20y%20oficiales%20de,en%20la%20ciudad%20de%20Estel%C3%AD.>

Paramilitary entered with a weapon in the sacristy of the Cathedral, struggled with seminarians and demonstrators had to take refuge in the church, as Bishop Abelardo Mata denounced in a statement:



PROVINCIA ECLESIASTICA DE NICARAGUA
DIÓCESIS DE ESTELÍ

Salud, paz y bendición en Jesucristo, Nuestro Señor.

Narrativa de los hechos acontecidos después de la Procesión de
Nuestra Señora del Rosario

Como es nuestra tradición año con año celebrar la solemnidad de la Patrona de la Diócesis de Estelí, Nuestra Señora del Rosario y dada la importancia de esta fiesta para nuestro pueblo católico, tomé la decisión de llevar la imagen de nuestra querida Madre en procesión por las principales calles de la Ciudad de Estelí, haciendo el recorrido tradicional.

Hoy celebré con los sacerdotes, religiosos y fieles laicos la Sagrada Eucaristía. Todo transcurrió en orden, aún con la incómoda presencia policial. Al terminar salió la procesión para hacer el recorrido acostumbrado. En esta procesión había ciudadanos que vestían camisetas azul y blanco, portaban globos, igualmente azul y blanco, y cargaban banderas de Nicaragua. Gritaban consignas en memoria de los que fueron asesinados a manos de policías y paramilitares.

Aprovechando el espacio para protestar siguieron el recorrido de la procesión, que no llegó hasta la meta a la que estaba prevista, justamente para evitar un incidente que finalizara en una tragedia. Los ciudadanos que protestaron, se acercan a la Iglesia porque aquí encuentran el valor de hacerlo amparados en la fe y la religiosidad que anida en sus corazones.

Cuando la procesión estaba finalizando, la presencia de la policía y paramilitares con armas de fuego, provocó el temor de la feligresía que acompañaba a la Virgen. Todos corrieron hacia el interior del templo y se formó un desorden. Ante el temor del ingreso de paramilitares y policías algunos feligreses cerraron las puertas de la Iglesia, quedando algunos de los que protestaban dentro.

En esta confusión los paramilitares se hicieron presente cerca de la sacristía. Uno de ellos, a quien le falta un brazo, cargaba un arma de fuego con la que apuntó a los seminaristas. Un seminarista forcejeó con él para evitar que disparara.

Ante el asedio de paramilitares y policías, con la ayuda de los seminaristas salieron los feligreses que se encontraban dentro del Templo. Gracias a Dios nuestra fiesta no terminó en una desgracia, como la que hemos sufrido en situaciones parecidas en otros lugares del territorio nacional.

Por todos estos hechos, condeno y rechazo el asedio de policías y paramilitares a nuestra Catedral dado que su presencia amenazadora viola el derecho al ejercicio de la libertad religiosa. Es nuestro derecho como cristianos católicos vivir nuestras celebraciones religiosas sin asedio. Llamo al gobierno a permitir que los ciudadanos se expresen libremente en las calles para que no tengan que recurrir a una actividad eminentemente religiosa para manifestarse. Es su derecho protestar, es su derecho recordar a sus seres queridos muertos a manos de criminales.

En mi homilía por la mañana durante la misa hice un llamado al perdón, llamado constante de la Conferencia Episcopal, les recordé a mis feligreses, sacerdotes y religiosos que es posible una nueva Nicaragua si deponemos el odio. Este seguirá siendo nuestro llamado.

En Estelí, a 07 de octubre de 2019, Solemnidad de Nuestra Señora del Rosario, Patrona de la Diócesis.

+ *Abelardo Mata*
+ Monseñor Juan Abelardo Mata Guevara, SDB
Obispo de la Diócesis de Estelí

83. Police officers besiege Divina Misericordia parish

The priest of the Divina Misericordia de Sébaco parish, Uriel Vallejos, asked a police chief of that city to cease the siege against the church and the San Luis Gonzaga school, located next to the temple, where this Friday dozens of citizens gathered to collect food to help the prisoners and political prisoners of the regime of Daniel Ortega. From the early hours of Friday, several patrols with police surrounded the area preventing the passage of the population, including students and teachers at the school, to prevent the collection of aid. The officers took pictures of the villagers who came to collaborate.⁶⁴

⁶⁴ Priest of Sébaco confronts police and asks to cease the siege of the town Moon Yader, Confidencial, October 19, 2019, in: <https://www.confidencial.com.ni/reporte-ciudadano/sacerdote-de-sebaco-encara-a-policias-y-pide-cese-el-asedio-al-pueblo/#:~:text=%E2%80%9CDejen%20de%20hacer%20el%20rid%C3%ADculo,%E2%80%9D%2C%20le%20respondi%C3%B3%20el%20sacerdote.>

84. Authorities in Nicaragua ban Catholic Masses in school promotions

The bishop of the Diocese of Matagalpa, Monsignor Rolando José Álvarez Lagos, denounced that educational authorities prohibit the realization of Masses of thanksgiving and other religious acts for the promotions of primary and secondary cycles in many places in Nicaragua, so he called on the Ministry of Education to "reconsider this measure." "It is literally forbidding many students in the last years of primary and secondary school to perform the Eucharist in parish churches, to thank the Lord for his studies," denounced the priest, who is known for his closeness to parishioners in the most vulnerable communities in the country.

"I didn't want to believe this. I was reluctant to believe it, but more people, priests, are telling us. They should not be banned because this is against freedom of expression, freedom of religion can even threaten freedom of worship," added the bishop evidently surprised by the measure. For the church, this situation is irregular and has never been reported before.⁶⁵

85. General Directorate of Customs retains containers with consecrating wine used in masses

The archbishop of Managua, Cardinal Leopoldo Brenes Solórzano, denounced that the General Directorate of Customs (DGA), controlled by Ortega, has been holding containers from Caritas of Nicaragua for a year, among which is the consecrating wine used in liturgical celebrations.⁶⁶

86. Priest denounces illegal suspension of electric service to nursing home

Father Uriel Vallejos denounced that the energy distribution company cut the service to the San Francisco de Asís nursing home of the Divine Mercy Parish of the municipality of Sébaco

⁶⁵ Priests denounce that authorities in Nicaragua prohibit Catholic Masses in school promotions, October 20, 2019, Voice of America, in: <https://www.vozdeamerica.com/a/sacerdotes-denuncian-que-autoridades-en-nicaragua-prohiben-misas-catolicas-en-promociones-escolares-/5131775.html>

⁶⁶ Church denounces that Ortega DGA retains containers with consecrating wine used in masses, González, Israel, October 30, 2021, Article 66, in: <https://www.articulo66.com/2019/10/30/iglesia-denuncia-que-orteguista-dga-retiene-contenedores-con-vino-de-consagrar-utilizado-en-misas/>

in Matagalpa. The measure puts at risk the lives of several elderly people who are on oxygen. "Why do they do this with the helpless? Why because of the fault of a few there is misery in the country. No more persecution of the Social Institutions administered by the Church. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!" the religious wrote on Twitter.⁶⁷

87. Siege of Mass held in San Francisco parish



88. Siege for 9 days to Parish San Miguel Archangel

Nine mothers began hunger strike at St. Michael the Archangel Church in Masaya, DOEP members surrounded the temple for 9 days, and prevented other people from entering to offer humanitarian aid.⁶⁸

⁶⁷ Priest denounces illegal suspension of electric service to nursing home, November 1, 2019, Radio Corporación, in: <https://radio-corporacion.com/blog/archivos/48330/sacerdote-suspension-energia/>

⁶⁸ Attack on the Catholic Church in Nicaragua, CENIDH, 2020, page 10, in: https://www.cenidh.org/media/documents/docfile/INFORME_ATENTADOS_CONTRA_LA_IGLESIA_CAT%C3%93LICA_EN_NICARAGUA.pdf

89. National Police hold priests



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Un grupo de sacerdotes de la Arquidiócesis de Managua siguiendo orientaciones del Arzobispo se hicieron presentes a la Parroquia San Miguel Arcángel de Masaya para solidarizarse con el Padre Edwin Roman, sin embargo, se les impidió el acceso.

Más de 1 hora fueron retenidos a escasa cuadra del templo parroquial, y pese al llamado del Padre Bismarck Conde, Vicario Foráneo de Masaya, se les impidió la libre circulación por esta calle de la ciudad.

Los sacerdotes platicaron con los agentes de la policía y les explicaron su interés de ver al padre Román y hacerse cercanos a él en este momento, sin embargo fue imposible obtener el acceso para llegar hasta la Casa Cural.

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90. Government blocks Drinking Water and Electric Power service in Parish San Miguel Archangel

Archdiocese of Managua pronounces on the cutting of basic services in Parish San Miguel Archangel.



NOTA DE PRENSA
Sobre asedio e intimidación en la Parroquia
San Miguel Arcángel en Masaya.

Su Eminencia Cardenal Leopoldo José Brenes, Arzobispo Metropolitano de Managua, desde que tuvo conocimiento la tarde de ayer del impedimento a los fieles de ingresar al templo, del bloqueo a los servicios básicos (agua y energía eléctrica), ha mantenido comunicación permanente con el Padre Edwin Román, Párroco de San Miguel Arcángel en Masaya, a quien le ha manifestado su cercanía, oración y apoyo tanto a él como a sus feligreses.

El Arzobispo y el clero arquidiocesano, condenan y lamentan el asedio e intimidación que sufre el Padre Edwin y fieles, por la Policía Nacional, a quien le hace un llamado a respetar la libre movilización según el artículo 54 de la Constitución Política de Nicaragua y el ejercicio de la libertad religiosa que: "es fundamento y garantía de todas las demás libertades de las personas y de los pueblos".

El Señor Arzobispo manifiesta su total respaldo a la labor humanitaria, propia de la Iglesia y que han venido realizando el Padre Edwin Román y demás sacerdotes desde que se generó la crisis social y política en abril del 2018.

Así mismo, exhorta a los fieles católicos y a todos los hombres y mujeres de buena voluntad, a estar atentos y seguir orando por Nicaragua, para que todos podamos ser verdaderos constructores de paz, sin distinción de creencias religiosas y filiación política.

Dado en Managua a los 15 días del mes de noviembre del 2019.

Arquidiócesis de Managua

91. Aggression against the priest Pedro Méndez

Workers of the delegations of the state and the mayor's office of Masaya together with Ortega mobs joined the siege and repression maintained by the Sandinista police and did not allow the priest Pedro Méndez, pastor of the Magdalena de Monimbó church in Masaya with a group of parishioners to leave water to the people who are inside the church of San Miguel Arcángel. The parishioners said that the Ortega sympathizers assaulted them in the noses of the police. "As Christians we sympathized and went to leave water to Father Edwin, but they allowed us rather to send the mobs to attack us and attacked Father Pedro," explained one of the parishioners. "We have the right to demonstrate as citizens and as Catholic Christians we are citizens," said another parishioner.⁶⁹

⁶⁹"Ortega mobs attack parishioners and parish priests Monimbó when they try to bring water and food to St. Michael's Church", 100%News, November 17, 2019, in: <https://100noticias.com.ni/nacionales/96712-nicaragua-masaya-dictadura-daniel-ortega-represion/?mobile>

92. Aggression against parishioners at Parish of San Felipe Apóstol Molaguina

"... mobs and paramilitaries insulted, threw stones and marbles at the parishioners of the San Felipe de Molagüina church, who held mass in memory of Eddy Montes."⁷⁰

93. Aggression against Presbyter Rodolfo López and desecration of Managua Cathedral



"Paramilitaries and forces of the clash of the dictatorship of Daniel Ortega desecrated this Monday night and seized the Metropolitan Cathedral of Managua and beat two religious, a priest and a nun, denounced the Archdiocese of Managua, led by Cardinal Leopoldo Brenes, in a statement."⁷¹

94. Physical aggression against sister Arelys Guzmán



Condeno la profanación de la Catedral de Managua y la agresión contra el P. Rodolfo López y Sor Arelys Guzmán, de parte de grupos violentos partidarios del régimen de Nicaragua. Estoy cercano con mi oración a los sacerdotes y a toda la Iglesia del país que sufre persecución.

95.

Harassment of St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish

⁷⁰ Attack on the Catholic Church in Nicaragua, CENIDH, 2020, page 11in:

https://www.cenidh.org/media/documents/docfile/INFORME_ATENTADOS_CONTRA_LA_IGLESIA_CAT%C3%93LICA_EN_NICARAGUA.pdf

⁷¹ "Ortega mobs desecrate Managua Cathedral and beat priest", López, Ismael, November 19, 2019, Confidencial, in: <https://www.confidencial.com.ni/nacion/turbas-orteguistas-profanan-catedral-de-managua-y-golpean-a-sacerdote/>

"... Daniel Ortega's regime sent mobs, police and paramilitaries to harass the faithful of St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, who were celebrating the anniversary of the Charismatic Renewal."⁷²

96. Rosario Murillo calls religious manipulators

A day after the Cathedral of Managua was desecrated by Ortega mobs, Vice President Rosario Murillo took it against the Catholic Church in Nicaragua. "In the name of God we declare, we ratify, that these manipulators could not and will not," he threatened. "We urge these manipulated religious sectors to fulfill their pastoral role, according to the mandate of the Holy Father, Pope Francis. We urge them to abandon paths that sow hatred, separation and division, and we urge them to accompany with conviction, as appropriate, paths of hope, reconciliation and unity of all," said the number two of the Ortega-Murillo dictatorship in her usual daily intervention in the official media.⁷³

97. Ortega fanatics under the support of the National Police attacked parishioners of the San Juan Bautista church

"... a group of Ortega fanatics under the support of the National Police attacked parishioners of the San Juan Bautista church in Masaya, where a mass was being celebrated in support of Father Edwin Román, who had been locked up in the San Miguel Arcángel church for more than five days, accompanying the mothers on hunger strike in Masaya. While the priest Harving Padilla officiated the Mass, the mobs began to harass those present to the extent of wanting to enter the temple. During the attempt, the parishioners closed the doors and resisted the pushing."⁷⁴

⁷² Attack on the Catholic Church in Nicaragua, CENIDH, 2020, page 13 in:

https://www.cenidh.org/media/documents/docfile/INFORME_ATENTADOS_CONTRA_LA_IGLESIA_CAT%C3%93LICA_EN_NICARAGUA.pdf

⁷³ "Rosario Murillo calls religious manipulators and continues the siege in churches", López, Ismael, Confidencial, November 20, 2019, in: <https://www.confidencial.com.ni/nacion/rosario-murillo-llama-manipuladores-a-religiosos-y-sigue-el-asedio-en-iglesias/>

⁷⁴ Attack on the Catholic Church in Nicaragua, CENIDH, 2020, page 13, in:

https://www.cenidh.org/media/documents/docfile/INFORME_ATENTADOS_CONTRA_LA_IGLESIA_CAT%C3%93LICA_EN_NICARAGUA.pdf

98. Pints in Cathedral of Our Lady of the Rosary of Estelí



"... A red and black sign also dawned on the walls of the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Rosary of Estelí that says "God Bless this business" and in a recognized evangelical temple marked the initials of the FSLN.⁷⁵

99. Police kidnap priest from El Jícaro; Alcides Peña

The priest Alcides Peña was arrested by the National Police on the seventh of December. He was charged with disturbing public order 31 times. The religious was transferred to the preventive cells and later released on December 8, according to the complaint made on Sunday by the secretary of the Episcopal Conference of Nicaragua, Juan Abelardo Mata.

Mata, a strong critic of Daniel Ortega's dictatorship, said the priest, who belongs to the Congregation of Josephine Brothers, was arrested Saturday in the municipality of Ocotal, nueva Segovia department, which borders Honduras.⁷⁶

100. Pintas in Parish Cuatro Esquinas Rio Blanco

According to residents on several occasions they have painted the temple, so this time they make the complaint public.⁷⁷

⁷⁵ "Graffiti appears in the homes of opponents and the Cathedral of Estelí", Dávila, Juan Francisco, November 29, 2019, ABC Radio Stereo in: http://www.radioabcstereo.com/nota/16884_aparecen-pintas-en-viviendas-de-opositores-y-catedral-de-esteli

⁷⁶ "Police kidnap priest of El Jícaro", Confidencial, December 9, 2019, in: <https://www.confidencial.com.ni/nacion/policia-secuestra-a-sacerdote-de-el-jicaro/>

⁷⁷ Pintas orteguistas in the parish of Río Blanco ,December 22, 2019, Radio Corporación, in: <https://radio-corporacion.com/blog/archivos/50768/pintas-rio-blanco/>



101. Paint in Chapel of Perpetual Help

Government operators through their bases in rural communities have also undertaken it against the Catholic Church, proof of this is the publication made this December 24 by the diocese of Matagalpa, through its Facebook social network, where they denounce that the Perpetual Help chapel of the parish of San José, in Matiguás dawned with graffiti on its walls. Ortega sympathizers wrote on the walls "last warning, coup plotters" "murderers" but also threatened them with death, writing "they are going to die". In this denunciation the diocese of Matagalpa that pastors Monsignor Rolando Álvarez states "It is regrettable that while we prepare for Christmas Eve, there are groups that, instigated to violence, intend and want to intimidate our communities"⁷⁸



⁷⁸“More graffiti and threats this time in chapel Perpetual help in Matiguás”, December 24, 2019, 100%News, in: <https://100noticias.com.ni/nacionales/97365-nicaragua-simpatizantes-orteguistas-pintas-iglesia/>

102. Theft and destruction of images of Parish Nuestro Señor de Esquipulas



"... Supporters of the Ortega Murillo regime stole and destroyed the religious images of the Nuestra señora de Esquipulas church in Tipitapa (confirmed by a church source to La Prensa). The chapel had already been desecrated three months earlier, when the chairs were stolen."⁷⁹

103. Police besiege pilgrim image procession of Fatima

Priest Uriel Vallejos denounces in his social networks that Sandinista Police besieges a procession of pilgrim image of the Virgin of Fatima.

104. Sandinista police block access to the temple for collecting school supplies

105.

Father Harvin Padilla denounced that at the end of the 7 am mass in the San Juan church in Masaya the Orteguista police stationed themselves on the outskirts of the parish preventing the activity called for today from taking place, at the same time he assured that the regime officials have taken photographs and videos. The parish priest of the San Juan Church mentioned that no official of the regime has explained to him the



Pbro Uriel Vallejos @pbroure... · 1/25/20 ...
Ok.

La policía orteguista que anda metida en las actividades de la imagen peregrina de la Virgen de Fátima tratando de limpiar su imagen. Condenamos este hecho y exigimos el total respeto a nuestros derechos constitucionales a la libre expresión. (sucedió en las Calabazas)



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⁷⁹ Attack on the Catholic Church in Nicaragua, CENIDH, 2020, page 13, in: https://www.cenidh.org/media/documents/docfile/INFORME_ATENTADOS_CONTRA_LA_IGLESIA_CAT%C3%93LICA_EN_NICARAGUA.pdf

objective of his presence in the contours of the temple where they do not let in the people who arrive with their donations.⁸⁰

106. Vice President Rosario Murillo and her hate speech against priests and bishops.

In her hateful preaching, she also accused priests and bishops of the Catholic Church of blessing what she called "criminal terrorism" and of "manipulating the faith." She said that "the sound of bells on the fly will never be erased, curiously, calling to kill us," referring to the sounds of alerts of attacks by police and paramilitaries that were made from several religious temples during the protests.⁸¹

107. Attack against workers of the Molaguina Matagalpa Church

"Maybe they brought the mission of passing the bill to me," said Monsignor García, also assuring that "if they want to pass me the bill (kill) that they pass it to me, anyway there are many Nicaraguans who have died, there are many Nicaraguans true saints, true martyrs, then it would not be strange that these everything that hinders them clean it, but they will not persevere, they will not persevere one day they have to leave and they will be the shame of their descendants, of their families, because history will talk about you, one day Nicaraguan history will be purified and what is hidden in darkness will come to light." Monsignor Garcia's statements came after pro-government mobs assaulted the secretary, named Rosario, and sacristan Michael Rodriguez, prior to the 4:30 p.m. Mass on Tuesday, February 25, in which the religious would perform the Catholic rite of the "burial of the Hallelujah."⁸²

⁸⁰ Masaya priest denounces that Sandinista police block access to the temple by collecting school supplies, January 23, 2020, 100% News, in: <https://100noticias.com.ni/nacionales/98125-sacerdote-de-masaya-denuncia-que-policia-sandinist/>

⁸¹ Rosario Murillo calls opponents "hate criminals" and "devils" Moon Yader, February 25, 2020, Confidential, in: <https://www.confidencial.com.ni/nacion/criminales-de-odio-diablos-rosario-murillo-arremete-contra-opositores/>

⁸² Monsignor García: "Maybe they brought the mission to pass me the bill", 26 February 2020, Mosaic, in: <https://mosaiccsi.com/monsenor-garcia-tal-vez-traian-la-mision-de-pasarme-la-cuenta/>

108. Pints in Archbishop's Curia

Cardinal Leopoldo Brenes said that "it is very sad those things that were done under the darkness of the night, that means that that person as Pope Francis has said to a certain extent there are terrorist actions, because the terrorist throws the bomb and hides." Monsignor Álvarez, bishop of the Diocese of Matagalpa, repudiated this action and affirmed that "it is regrettable that the walls of houses, chapels and sacred places are stained ... but we do not take ourselves for granted because the Church as such exercises freedom and from this liberation we continue to evangelize, nothing stops us".⁸³



109. Graffiti in the Parish of Santo Domingo Las Sierritas.



Father Ricardo Zambrana in the homily said: "The churches are to respect them. This temple has been shot, invaded and stained with partisan propaganda that I do not believe, because in 2019 there was no attack in Nicaragua and the economy was worse, I do not believe that propaganda" the hierarch also said that: "God free us from these adverse situations ... sometimes one only wants to talk about the Gospel but it is difficult, because we cannot remain silent when they disrespect the church" he also condemned

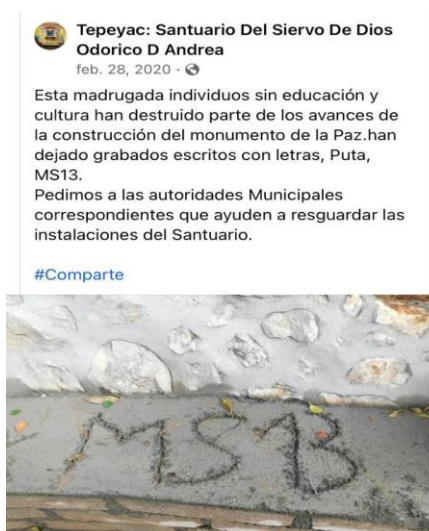
the offensive action against the Catholic Church and pointed out that "we forgive from the heart and ask that those people who did it in front of an authority that is always there day and night - in allusion to God - and that saw who it was"⁸⁴

⁸³"Bishops classify the Ortega graffiti as "terrorist actions" and ensure that these acts do not intimidate or stop the work of the church," Díaz López, Karen, February 28, 2020, Article 66, in: <https://www.articulo66.com/2020/02/28/obispos-catalogan-las-pintas-orteguistas-como-acciones-terroristas-y-aseguran-que-esos-actos-no-intimidan-ni-detienen-la-labor-de-la-iglesia/>

⁸⁴ "Orteguistas make pints in the parish of Las Sierritas putting the FSLN as "the savior" of Nicaragua", Díaz López, Karen, February 28, 2020, Article 66, in: <https://www.articulo66.com/2020/02/28/orteguistas-realizan-pintas-en-la-parroquia-de-las-sierritas-poniendo-al-fsln-como-el-salvador-de-nicaragua/>

110. Destruction of construction progress of La Paz Monument

On February 28, 2020, the authorities of the Sanctuary of the Servant of God Odorico D Andrea announced through their Facebook page that uneducated people destroyed the monument of La Paz and left engravings written with letters: "Puta" and "MS13".



111. Desecration of Managua Cathedral

"... Ortega mobs arrived at the Cathedral of Managua with red-and-black scarves and banners that read: "We want peace" and "They could not and will not", at the mass of the present body of father and poet Ernesto Cardenal, in the middle of Mass the fans of the regime shouted, "it is culture, but traitor".⁸⁵

112. Threats to Priest Antonio Saballos

⁸⁵ Attack on the Catholic Church in Nicaragua, CENIDH, 2020, page 14in:

https://www.cenidh.org/media/documents/docfile/INFORME_ATENTADOS_CONTRA_LA_IGLESIA_CAT%C3%93LICA_EN_NICARAGUA.pdf

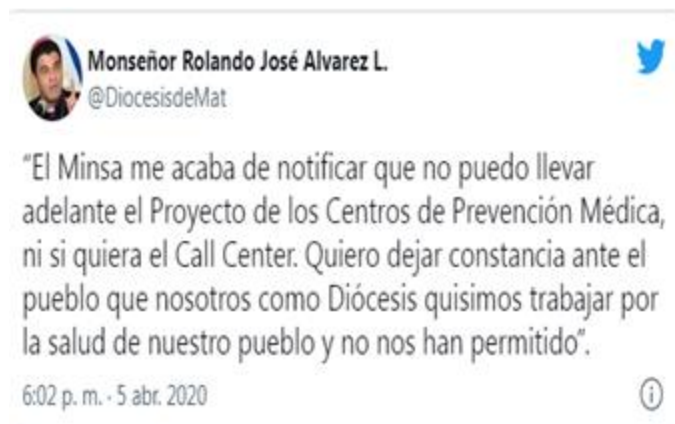
Antonio Saballos, priest of the Corpus Christi Church of Villa Libertad, was verbally assaulted by members of the FSLN when he walked by giving his blessing with the use of the Most Blessed in the face of the Coronavirus pandemic.



113. **MINSA bans solidarity of Monsignor Alvarez to prevent Coronavirus**

Through social media platforms, the bishop of Matagalpa, Monsignor, Rolando Álvarez complains that Minsa banned him from showing his solidarity with Covid-19 patients.

“Minsa just notified me that I can’t carry on with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Project, nor the Call Center. I want to put that on the record that as diocese we wanted to work for the health of our community, and we weren’t allowed to”.



114. Desecration of the Chapel La Concepción

The Archdiocese of Managua through a press release informed the desecration of the Chapel of The Conception at Mateare.



NOTA DE PRENSA
Profanación Capilla La Concepción comunidad Los Brasiles.

Su Eminencia Cardenal Leopoldo José Brenes, Arzobispo Metropolitano de Managua después de recibir la información del Pbro. Carlos Aguirre, Párroco de Parroquia Nuestra Señora de la Merced en Mateare, sobre la profanación de la Capilla La Concepción en la comunidad de los Brasiles. El Señor Arzobispo Condena este acto de profanación y sacrilegio, al mismo tiempo que ofrece sus oraciones y pide a los fieles unirse en oración como acto de desagravio ante esta situación. Cabe señalar que las hostias que se encontraron en el suelo NO estaban consagradas según lo indicó el Pbro. Carlos Aguirre.

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115. Vice President Rosario Murillo and her hate speech

"Making calls from bell towers of hatred and being part of hate pandemics. That cannot be hidden, the hatred, the intrigue and the political ambitions that lead to using any falsehood to sow tares."⁸⁶

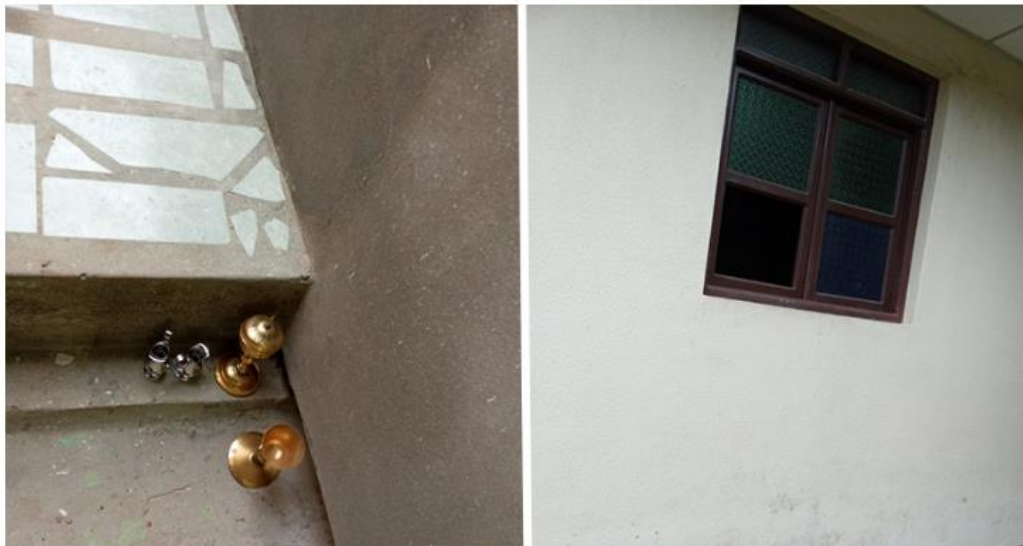
⁸⁶ Rosario Murillo lashes out at Catholic bishops whom she accuses of undertaking calls from bell towers of hatred, Balmaceda, Marling, 14 May 2020, Article 66, in:
<https://www.articulo66.com/2020/05/14/rosario-murillo-nicaragua-ataques-oposicion-nicaragua-iglesia-obispos/>

116. Desecration of Our Lady of Fatima Parish

The Catholic temple of Our Lady of Fatima, located in the county of Wiwili in Nueva Segovia, was desecrated. The parish priest Jose Ivan Centeno assured that such desecration “is a specific threat against this servant of God, to maintain a prophetic speech” to expose selective murders in the area⁸⁷.

117. Desecration of the Catholic Temple of San José de Cusmapa

Eating of the Sacred hosts, drinking of the holy wine and damage some images is what those unknown people did so far without respect for private property in the Catholic temple of the municipality of Jose de Cusmapa in the department of Madriz. “The image of a baby Jesus was taken out, its little fingers were broken, and a window was destroyed”, the teacher spoke on the grievances committed by the fellows⁸⁸.



Los ladrones dañaron imágenes y signos católicos muy importantes. Foto: Cortesía

⁸⁷ Priest denounces desecration of a Catholic temple in Wiwili, Nueva Segovia, Aragón William, La Prensa, June 30, 2020, in: <https://www.laprensani.com/2020/06/30/departamentales/2691350-sacerdote-denuncia-profanacion-de-un-templo-catolico-en-wiwili-nueva-segovia>

⁸⁸ Catholic temple desecrated in San José de Cusmapa, García, Denis, July 13, 2020, Radio ABC Stereo in: http://www.radioabcstereo.com/nota/17880_profanan-templo-catolico-en-san-jose-de-cusmapa

118. A silver angel was stolen at the San Juan Bautista of Jinotega



“A man, whose age fluctuates between 25-28, stole the image of an angel from the Holy Sacrament at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist of Jinotega. The robbery was reported last night by the diocese of Jinotega, after the end of the worship of the Holy Rosary. We ask to the congregation that if you are offered (an angel), don’t buy it because it is stolen and belongs to the Cathedral”, says the announcement published by the diocese of Jinotega in their official Facebook account⁸⁹.

119. Siege at the Matagalpa Cathedral

“... At the San Pedro Cathedral in Matagalpa, that same day, motorized subjects roaded up the church atrium and made the engines roar and were spinning around their motorcycles, honking their horns while the service was taking place.”⁹⁰

120. Desecration of the chapel of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Through a press released published on July 29th of 2022 on the official facebook account of the parish Santa Ana of Nindirí, it was announced the desecration of the chapel of our lady of the Perpetual Help. “The parish Jesús Silva and the congregation of the community of the Brenes, of Nindirí, report and condemned the acts on which the Chapel of our Lady of the Perpetual Help was profaned in this community. Such act was committed with cruelty and hate, because not only the custodianship and the grail, but also the images were broken, they outraged the tabernacle, the sacramental bread was trampled, benches were broken and caused damages to furniture, doors, plumbing and not content enough with

⁸⁹ A silver angel is stolen from San Juan Bautista Cathedral in Jinotega, García, Ernesto, July 13, 2020, Información Puntual, in: <https://ipnicaragua.com/roban-un-angel-de-plata-en-catedral-san-juan-bautista-de-jinotega/>

⁹⁰ Ditto

such outrages, they left fecal matter on everything they could. In the light of the foregoing the members of the chapel and the congregation will fix the damage tomorrow, Thursday, 30th at three in the afternoon. We ask for your prayers.”

121. Managua’s Cathedral; destruction of gates

On July 20th of 2020, authorities of the Managua Cathedral published a press release where they reported a man that entered the cathedral in a fearless way destroying the gates. The incident was reported to the National Police authorities.

Press release translation:

During the Early morning of this July 20th a man under the effects of alcohol drove a truck with two kids on board, broke into the north side of the cathedral (DGI sector) destroying the gate, then he drove straight into the inside gate of the cathedral which ended up completely destroyed, steered around the cathedral up the internal road, went up through the rows Infront the temple, walked to the gate facing Metrocentro which he destroyed as well, leaving the truck in that area.



COMUNICADO

La madrugada de este 20 de julio un hombre en estado de ebriedad abordo de una camioneta con dos niños, irrumpió por el costado norte de la catedral (sector DGI) destruyendo el portón, luego siguió hacia el portón interno de la Catedral el cual quedó destruido, bordeó la Catedral por la calle interna, subió por las gradas frente al templo, se dirigió al portón frente a Metrocentro que también destruyó y abandonó la camioneta en ese sector.

Se llamó a la Policía Nacional para avisar sobre este acto violento, llegaron hacer las investigaciones y nos informaron que detuvieron al conductor de la camioneta y esperamos que asuma los daños causados.

El Señor Cardenal, los sacerdotes vicarios y las religiosas condenan este acto violento e invitan a los fieles a unirse en oración.

Dado en Managua a los 20 días del mes de Julio 2020

Catedral Metropolitana de Managua.

The National Police was called to be notified about this violent act, they arrived to undergo the police investigation and they informed us that they arrested the truck driver, and we will await for the acceptance of his liability for the caused damages. The Cardinal, the priests, and the nuns condemn this violent act and ask for people to join them in prayer.

122. Desecration and robbery in the chapel of Our Lord of Veracruz

“... criminals entered the church of Our Lord of Veracruz and desecrated the tabernacle, besides they stole a variety of objects and dirtying the walls. ”⁹¹

123. Desecration of the chapel of our lady of Carmen

The Archdiocese of Managua comments on the desecration of the chapel of our Lady of El Carmen.

Press release translation: The cardinal Leopoldo José Bernes, Metropolitan Archbishop of Managua, after being informed this last weekend the new from the Presbyter Pablo Villafranca, parish of our Lord of Veracruz, on the desecration of the chapel of Our Lady of El Carmen, where the tabernacle of Jesus in the Blessed sacrament was dragged onto the floor. The Archbishop condemns this act that insults our faith, for what he offers his prayers and asks to the congregation to stay in watch and alert for their chapels care and join in prayer to fix the damages in the face of this situation.



NOTA DE PRENSA

Profanación Capilla Nuestra Señora del Carmen de la Parroquia Nuestro Señor de Veracruz, Zona Pastoral de Masaya.

Su Eminencia Cardenal Leopoldo José Brenes, Arzobispo Metropolitano de Managua, después de recibir este fin de semana, la información del Pbro. Pablo Villafranca, Párroco de Nuestro Señor de Veracruz, sobre la profanación y sacrilegio en la Capilla Nuestra Señora del Carmen, en donde el Sagrario de Jesús Sacramentado fue arrastrado en el piso. El Señor Arzobispo condena este acto que ofende nuestra fe por lo que ofrece sus oraciones y pide a los fieles estar atentos y vigilantes en el cuidado de sus capillas y unirse en oración de reparación y desagravio ante esta situación.

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⁹¹ Attack on the Catholic Church in Nicaragua, CENIDH, 2020, page 16, in:

https://www.cenidh.org/media/documents/docfile/INFORME_ATENTADOS_CONTRA_LA_IGLESIA_CAT%C3%93LICA_EN_NICARAGUA.pdf

124. Theft of three relief paintings in the Sanctuary diocese of St. Francis of Assisi

“... three high relief paintings were stolen, they depicted the suffering of Christ; at the Sanctuary diocese of St. Francis of Assisi ”⁹²

125. Cathedral of Managua: Theft of the Temple’s fence

“In recent events one of the Temple’s fences was stolen, and at noon, this place was used by the person who threw the explosive object to flee the scene. He planned everything, where to enter, how to do it, and then where to run away. This was truly arranged, I want to set this clear, because speculations may happen on whether a candle or fire could’ve been the origin, said Brenes⁹³

126. Cathedral of Managua: Explosive against the Image of the Blood of Christ

⁹² Attack on the Catholic Church in Nicaragua, CENIDH, 2020, page 17in:

https://www.cenidh.org/media/documents/docfile/INFORME_ATENTADOS_CONTRA_LA_IGLESIA_CAT%C3%93LICA_EN_NICARAGUA.pdf

⁹³ "Cardinal Brenes: Neither candles nor curtains, "it is a terrorist act," Munguia Ivette, Confidential, July 31, 2020, in:

<https://www.confidencial.com.ni/nacion/atentado-con-bomba-molotov-en-la-catedral-de-managua/>



NOTA DE PRENSA

Sujeto desconocido arrojó una bomba en la Capilla de la Sangre de Cristo en Catedral Metropolitana de Managua

Hoy viernes 31 de julio a las 11:00am una persona no identificada ingresó a la Capilla de la Sangre de Cristo en la Catedral Metropolitana de Managua y arrojó una bomba produciendo un incendio dentro de la Capilla en donde permanece la consagrada y venerada imagen de la Sangre de Cristo y expuesto el Santísimo en su sagrario. El Señor Arzobispo junto a su Vicario General y los sacerdotes de Catedral darán a conocer un comunicado en las próximas horas luego que se realicen las evaluaciones de los daños.

Un acto de sacrilegio y profanación totalmente condenable, por lo que debemos permanecer en constante oración para derrotar las fuerzas malignas.

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“An unidentified subject threw a Molotov bomb to the chapel of the Blood of Christ at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Managua, causing quantity damages, to the main temple of the Catholic Church of Nicaragua, including the destruction of a 382 year old image. The terrorist attack was confirmed by the sister Arely Guzmán, manager of the temple who was at the cathedral’s property when the acts occurred.

Cardenal Leopoldo Brenes regreted the loss of the image of

the Blood of Christ and described the events as terrorist attacks against the Catholic Church. The head of the catholic church explained that the fire was arranged and disregarded the explanation of the Vicepresident Rosario Murillo that the source of the fire was a candlelight.

Nuncio Stanislaw Sommertag requested a “serious accurate and clear investigation” to the National Police. During the Angelus service, The Pope expressed that: he prays for the Nicaraguan people after the attack. I think about the Nicaraguan people that suffers after the attack to the Managua cathedral, which has been damaged, almost destroyed, the worshiped image of the Blood of Jesus Christ, which has been a company and has held through centuries the life of this faithful community.”



127. Desecration of the chapel of The Calvary



Templo Nuestra Señora de los Desamparados "El Calvario" - El Viejo.
jul. 31, 2020 · 🌐

Nota.

Estimados feligreses, les compartimos. Y denunciamos este acto de vandalismo. Ya que el día de ayer nuestro templo ha sufrido un robo por personas mal intencionadas que ha su paso se han llevado lo que es equipo de sonido, planta de luz y sillas plásticas. Damos gracias a Dios que El Santísimo Sacramento, no fue ultrajado ni Profanado. Hacemos un llamado a toda nuestra comunidad a estar al pendiente del cuidado de nuestro templo. No queremos que estos pase a más. Y también si alguien vió parte de lo sucedido en el momento del robo o ven personas con estos objetos, nos hagan saber o comunicar directamente con el cuerpo policial.

The chapel of The Calvary informed on the desecration of the chapel son social media:

Translation:

Dear congregation, we shared and report this act of vandalism. Yesterday our temple has suffered theft by malicious people that have taken our audio equipment, power plant, and chairs.

We thank God that the Sacred Sacrament was not damaged or desecrated.

We make a call to our entire community to stay alert, watching for the care of our temple. We don't want this to happen again. And if anyone saw what happened at the time of the robbery or see any of these people with the stolen objects, let us know directly along with the police forces.

128. Police and paramilitary groups harass priest Harving Padilla

Priest Harving Padilla, parish of the St. John Baptist church condemned the latest acts of desecration and harassment towards religious temples, which were committed amid the last week of July and the first days of August. Being the most well known the attack to the chapel of the Blood of Christ at the cathedral of Managua, incident qualified by the catholic church as a terrorist act.

He also mentioned to be informed about the siege of Sunday night August the second to the church of St. John Baptist, which he considers a cowardly act, the proceed of the police and the orteguista mobs. There were more than twenty policemen, paramilitary and the anti-riot police. I wonder about the cause of their presence at the church.

According to the priest, on the last days the presence of clash groups has been particularly strong at the church he leads and argues that the harassment has reached a point where subjects arrive to the main gate of the temple and take pictures of myself and the church. The truth is we are in constant praying due to the never-ending threats and attacks.



Noticias en segundos

ago. 3, 2020 · 🌐

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PÁRROCO DE LA IGLESIA SAN JUAN DE MASAYA:
"NICARAGUA ES VÍCTIMA DE UNA DICTADURA
DEMONÍACA"

El Padre Harving Padilla, párroco de la iglesia San Juan Bautista de Masaya, condenó los recientes actos de profanación y asedio a templos religiosos, que fueron cometidos entre la última semana de julio y los primeros días de agosto, siendo el más notorio el atentado a la capilla Sangre de Cristo en Catedral de Managua, hecho que la misma iglesia católica ha calificado como "un acto terrorista".

También dijo estar informado del asedio la noche del domingo, dos de agosto a la iglesia San Juan Bautista y considera como un "acto cobarde" el actuar de la Policía y turbas orteguistas. "Fueron más de 20 policías, paramilitares y antimotines. Me pregunto cuál sería la causa de su presencia en la iglesia".

Según el cura, en estos últimos días ha sido más fuerte la presencia de fuerzas de choques en la iglesia que él dirige y aduce que el asedio ha llegado al punto que sujetos llegan a la puerta principal del templo y "toman fotos a mi persona y a la iglesia. La verdad siempre seguimos en oración, porque las amenazas y asedios no han terminado".

129. Desecration of the St. Lucia chapel

"... Saturday, August 1st, criminals entered the chapel of St. Lucia located in the neighborhood of Paraisito, Managua. They forced the gated and stole religious objects"⁹⁴

130. Siege against Corpus Christi Parish

Priest of the parish church of Corpus Christi reports through social media the siege against it:


Brothers and sisters, families, congregation, and followers of the page of this beloved parish church of Corpus Christi.

⁹⁴ Two other Catholic churches desecrate within 48 hours of the "terrorist attack" on the cathedral of Managua, Miranda, Noel, August 3, 2020, Article 66, in: <https://www.articulo66.com/2020/08/03/profanan-otras-dos-iglesias-catolicas-a-menos-de-48-horas-del-ataque-terrorista-a-la-catedral-de-managua/>

I want to share that a few days ago we have been visited by people on motorcycles and vehicles, alone or accompanied who take pictures, video at the main gate of our parish church. They also stand at the front of the gate pretending to talk on the phone to take the opportunity to take pictures in the church direction.

The goal of addressing this situation to you resides in the times we live of tests and we must take care of each other, as congregation, families, neighborhoods or friends, in every sidewalk, in every street. We pray for those who want to harm us and we ask for God's protection.

The images as follow occurred today in the morning. I ask you to be on the watch of the church.

 **Parroquia Corpus Christi**
ago. 2, 2020 · 🌐

Hermanos y hermanas, familias, feligreses y seguidores de la página de esta amada Parroquia de Corpus Christi.

Quiero compartirles que desde hace unos días hemos estado siendo visitados por personas que en moto y vehículos, solos y acompañados toman fotos y videos a la entrada principal de nuestra parroquia. También se ubican frente al portón simulando hablar por teléfono y aprovechan el momento para fotografiar. Ha sucedido en diversas horas del día.

Esto lo hemos estado observando tanto nosotros que permanecemos en la parroquia, como algunos fieles han alertado de hombres sospechosos que toman foto con su celular en dirección a la parroquia.

Escribirles esto, tiene el propósito que vivimos días de muchas pruebas y nos corresponde cuidarnos entre nosotros, como feligreses, familias, vecinos o amigos, en cada andén, en cada calle. Rezamos por aquellos que nos quieren hacer daño y pedimos a Dios que nos cuide.

Las imágenes a continuación corresponden al día de hoy, en la mañana.
Estar más pendiente de tu parroquia



131. Man irrupts amid religious service and attacks the Church of Santa Rosa del Peñon at Leon

The attacks to the catholic church in Nicaragua get stronger, this week a man threw stones at the parish of Santa Rosa del Peñón of the diocese of León breaking the crystal casket of the Lying Christ. It is a sacrilegious attempt, they broke the glass of the crystal casket of the Lying Christ, therefore lets pray dear brothers so the lord grants us the grace we need” said

the preset at the microphone. There weren't victims, just broken glass of Jesus crystal casket, informed the presbyter Gelvin Vega, who lead the Sunday service that afternoon at the temple⁹⁵.

132. Theft at the parish of Our Lady of Ascension

"... an unknown person entered the church of the Ascencion in Ocotal and stole the Easter candle ".⁹⁶

133. Desecration to the San Diego de Alcalá Church

Desecration to the San Diego of Alcalá in the municipality of Altagracia-Isle of Ometepe-report according to the diocese of Granada through a press release:

Today Monday, August 3rd, at one pm, a woman came into the parish temple of San Diego of Alcalá, municipality of Altagracia-Isle of Ometepe, who came close to the worshiped image (that was exposed during the day close to the short festivities of this town) and with an anger attitude and yelling, took the image of Christ that the depiction holds in its right hand and pinned it on the head of it with the clear intention of damaging it. A follower present at the temple by the time of the attack tried to stop her, but the woman ran away.



NOTA DE PRENSA

Hoy lunes 03 de agosto a la 1pm una mujer ingresó al templo parroquial de San Diego de Alcalá, municipio de Altagracia-Isle de Ometepe, quien se acercó a la venerada imagen (que se encontraba expuesta el día hoy por celebrarse las "fiestas chiquitas" del pueblo) y con actitud de enojo y gritos tomó el Cristo que la imagen porta en su mano derecha y la clavó en la cabeza de la misma con claro afán de dañarla. Una feligrés presente en el templo, al ver lo sucedido trató de detenerla, pero huyó. Inmediatamente el párroco, el P. José Ramón Gómez, se hizo presente a la parroquia e informó de lo sucedido a nuestro Obispo Diocesano.

Condenamos este acto de irrespeto hacia nuestras imágenes y templos, y pedimos a todos nuestros fieles mantenernos en constante oración y vigilancia ante situaciones como éstas.

Granada, 3 de Agosto de 2020

⁹⁵ Man breaks into Mass and attacks church of Santa Rosa del Peñón in León, August 2, 2020, 100% News, in: <https://100noticias.com.ni/nacionales/102259-atacan-iglesia-en-plena-misa-leon-nicaragua/#:~:text=9%3A32%20p.m.-,Hombre%20irrumpe%20en%20misa%20y%20ataca%20iglesia,Rosa%20del%20Pe%C3%B1%C3%B3n%20en%20Le%C3%B3n&text=Los%20ataques%20a%20la%20iglesia,la%20urna%20del%20Cristo%20Yacente>.

⁹⁶ "More than eight churches have been desecrated in recent weeks", Orozco, Dorian, Nicaragua Investiga, August 4, 2020, in: <https://nicaraguainvestiga.com/nacion/23871-mas-de-ocho-iglesias-han-sido-profanadas-en-las-ultimas-semanas/>

The parish, José Ramón Gómez, immediately arrived to the church to inform the situation to the diocesan bishop.

We condemn this act of disrespect towards our images and temples, and we ask to our followers to stay in constant praying and watch in the view of such situations.

134. Sandinista propagandist threatens priests and bishops⁹⁷

 **La Prensa** ✓
ago. 4, 2020 · 🌐

En las últimas dos semanas se han incrementado las amenazas y agresiones a la Iglesia Católica, como lo sucedido en la Catedral de Managua.



laprensa.com.ni
"Gato" orteguista amenaza a los obispos y al embajador de Estados Unidos

Facebook post: La Prensa, Aug. 4, 2020

In the last two weeks, there has been an increase in threats and aggressions against the Catholic Church, such as the incident at the Cathedral of Managua.

[photo of a man with a beard and a red cap]

Link to laprensa.com.ni: Ortega loyalist "Gato" threatens bishops and the United States ambassador.

135. Sandinista thugs harass Father Edwin Roman in Niquinohomo and challenge him to fight

⁹⁷ Ortega "Gato" threatens the bishops and the U.S. ambassador, Álvarez, Leonor, August 4, 2020, La Prensa, in: <https://www.laprensani.com/2020/08/04/politica/2704587-gato-orteguista-amenaza-a-los-obispos-y-al-embajador-de-estados-unidos>



Twitter account⁹⁸

Father Edwin Román reported this past Monday that he is subjected to harassment by fanatical Sandinistas while visiting family in Niquinohomo, Masaya, where he is originally from.

“Every time I go to visit my family in Niquinohomo, these citizens at the ‘Casa de Cultura’ (an old train station) harass me, make phone calls, take pictures of me,” the clergy member wrote on his

136. As yet-unknown subjects set fire to the tree of St. Rita and destroy her image in Teustepe



“ We are dismayed by this desecration of the venerable image of Saint Rita, which was destroyed by enemies of our holy Catholic Church. The tree where her image appeared more than 200 years ago was partially burned. This is very sad because we are seeing greater levels of hatred against the Church,” explained a worried Father Guillermo Blandón, parish priest of Teustepe.

“The parish priest of Teustepe confirmed that he has not filed any type of report regarding the damage to the image and the site of the apparitions, simply because he has no faith in the Sandinista Police or in the justice system of Nicaragua.” “I’m not going to waste my time; we will leave it all to God,” the priest responded when he was asked about the incident⁹⁹.

⁹⁸ “Mobs harass Father Edwin Román in Niquinohomo and challenge him to beatings”, Castillo, Houston, Nicaragua investigates, August 10, 2020, in: <https://nicaraguainvestiga.com/nacion/24387-turbas-acosan-al-padre-edwin-roman-en-niquinohomo-y-lo-retan-a-los-golpes/>

⁹⁹ “Desecration of Nicaraguan temples continues”, Chamorro, Emiliano, August 19, 2020, Café con Vos, in: <https://cafeconvoz.com/2020/08/19/continuan-profanaciones-a-templos-de-nicaragua/>

137. Desecration of the chapel of St. Dominic of Guzmán

The Nicaraguan Center for Human Rights reports on its social media channels:

Tweet: Cenidh, @cenidh
@cenidh #CONDEMNS the desecration of the Chapel of St. Dominic de Guzman, part of Christ the King Parish, Telpaneca, Madriz. Criminals opened the tabernacle of the Most Holy Sacrament on the Altar. They threw hosts on the floor, stole money and various choir instruments.
[Three photos. The first shows an altar with a small tabernacle sitting on top and a mural featuring angels in the background. The second shows some boxes and bags lying on the floor. The third shows what appears to be a desk, with a book or pamphlet with an image of Jesus and a few other sparsely scattered items.]
1:42 PM, Sept. 6, 2020



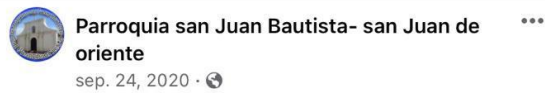
138. Closure of the Agricultural Technical Institute of the Diocese of Estelí

Monsignor Abelardo Mata, Bishop of the Diocese of Estelí, confirmed to Portavoz Ciudadano that the Daniel Ortega regime had closed the diocesan Agricultural Technical Institute, where dozens of young people from the rural parts of Estelí had been studying. “Indeed, we have been forced to close the Technical Institute. We are trying to stay up to date with certain financial obligations, but we do not have any answers. They simply shut us down, leaving dozens of young people who were studying agriculture without instruction,” Monsignor Mata revealed¹⁰⁰.

139. Subject tries to break into St. John the Baptist Church in the middle of the night

¹⁰⁰ “Regime closes Technical Institute of Agriculture of the Diocese of Estelí”, Chamorro, Emiliano, Radio Corporación, September 7, 2020, in: <https://radio-corporacion.com/blog/archivos/62408/regimen-cierra-instituto-tecnico-de-agricultura-de-la-diocesis-de-esteli/>

St. John the Baptist Parish reported on its social media channels that a man with unknown intentions tried to enter the church during nighttime hours.



Por este medio queremos hacer publica la denuncia, el día de ayer a altas horas de la noche sujeto de nombre desconocido intento introducirse al templo (desconocemos con que odjetivos), lo cual fue evitado por feligreses que habitan cerca del templo, Por lo cual invitamos a estar en constante vigilancia de nuestra parroquia.



Facebook post: Parish San Juan Bautista- San Juan de oriente, Sept. 24, 2020

We want to use this platform to make our report public. Yesterday, during the late hours of the night, a subject whose name is unknown tried to break into the church (we do not know his intentions). The break-in was prevented by parishioners who live near the church. Because of this, we invite everyone to be continually watchful over our parish.

[Two photos of a man in a blue shirt sitting in a small chair that is part of a row of wall-mounted chairs. He holds a white bag on his lap.]

140. Desecration and burglary of the chapel of Our Lady of Mercy

Attacks of every kind against the Catholic Church continue in Nicaragua. In the early morning hours of this past Monday, October 12th, unknown subjects stole loudspeakers and destroyed images at Lord of Miracles Parish in Colonia Unidad de Propósito, North Highway, Managua.

The individuals entered through the roof of the church, stole material goods and desecrated the altar where Eucharistic celebrations are held¹⁰¹.



NOTA DE PRENSA

Profanación y robo en la Capilla Nuestra Señora de la merced, Parroquia Nuestro Señor de los Milagros, Zona Pastoral Oriental de Managua.

Su Eminencia Cardenal Leopoldo José Brenes, Arzobispo Metropolitano de Managua, recibió la información del Pbro. Boanerges Ruiz García y de algunos laicos de la comunidad de la Capilla Nuestra Señora de la Merced, sobre la profanación y robo al amanecer del lunes 12 de octubre en donde los delincuentes se llevaron las bocinas de cuatro parlantes, destruyeron algunas imágenes en la bodega y profanaron el altar principal.

El Señor Arzobispo condena este acto delincencial ocurrido en la capilla y lamenta que en los últimos días se evidencia el aumento de estos actos que ponen en alerta a toda la población.

El Pbro. Boanerges informó al Señor Cardenal que las hostias consagradas y el Sagrario fueron retiradas de la capilla para su resguardo en días anteriores.

El señor Arzobispo ofrece sus oraciones y reitera su llamado a los sacerdotes y fieles a estar atentos y vigilantes en el cuidado de sus capillas, pidiendo a todos unirse en oración ante esta situación.

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PRESS RELEASE

Desecration and burglary of the Chapel of Our Lady of Mercy, Lord of Miracles Parish, Eastern Pastoral Zone of Managua

His Eminence Cardinal Leopoldo José Brenes, Metropolitan Archbishop of Managua, was informed by the Reverend Boanerges Ruiz García and some lay members of the congregation of the Chapel of Our Lady of Mercy regarding the desecration and burglary during the early morning hours of Monday, October 12th. The criminals took four loudspeakers, destroyed some images in the sanctuary and desecrated the main altar.

The Archbishop condemns this criminal act that took place in the chapel and laments the evidence of an increase in these types of acts, which have put the whole community on alert, during the past

several days.

The Reverend Boanerges informed the Cardinal that the consecrated hosts and the Tabernacle had been removed from the chapel for safekeeping some days ago.

The Archbishop offers his prayers, and he repeats his call for the priests and faithful to be alert and vigilant in the care of their chapels. He asks that everyone join in prayer during this time.

Issued in Managua on the 13th day of the month of October, 2020

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141. Expulsion of Father Luis Carrillo by order of the General Directorate of Migration and Alien Affairs

¹⁰¹ “ Desecration and robbery in temple located in Colonia Unidad de Propósito, Managua”, Mayorga, Gerald, Radio Corporación, October 12, 2020, in: <https://radio-corporacion.com/blog/archivos/68004/profanacion-robo-templo-unidad-de-proposito/>

Father Rodriguez, parish priest of St. Francis of Assisi Church, in Estelí, confirmed to CONFIDENCIAL the cancellation of Carrillo’s residency status and explained that the Colombian was initially notified to appear before Migration and Alien Affairs, where he was told only that his residency had been “cancelled.” “We have spoken to the priest, and we know that his residency was valid until 2022, so it seems arbitrary to me that when a person already has a valid residency, they would now come and cancel it without any further explanation, when he hasn’t committed a crime,” he stated¹⁰².

142. Robbery in Chapel Virgen de Guadalupe

Through its social media channels, St. Jerome Parish in Masaya reported a burglary at its chapel.

Facebook post: Parroquia San Jerónimo – Masaya, Nov. 8, 2020

BURGLARY AT
VIRGIN OF GUADALUPE CHAPEL

Early this morning, burglars entered the Villa Guadalupe chapel, within the jurisdiction of this Parish. They took off the sheet metal, broke locks and wardrobes, damaged the doors of the Sanctuary. They stole, among other things, the microphones, a lawnmower, a small bell...

The Most Holy Sacrament was not present, our Parish Priest had removed it when the desecrations started at other Churches.

Let us pray for the conversion of sinners.



Parroquia San Jerónimo - Masaya

nov. 8, 2020 · 🌐

ROBO EN LA
CAPILLA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE

Esta madrugada se metieron a robar en la Capilla de Villa Guadalupe, jurisdicción de esta Parroquia.

Levantaron las láminas de zinc, rompieron candados y roperos, dañaron las puertas del Sagrario. Se llevaron, entre otras cosas, los micrófonos, una podadora, campana pequeña...

No había Santísimo Sacramento, lo había retirado nuestro Párroco cuando iniciaron las profanaciones en otras Iglesias.

Oremos por la conversión de los pecadores.

¹⁰² Expulsion of priest and closure of institute are "acts of persecution" against the Church, Cruz, Ana Lucía, Confidencial, September 8, 2020, in: <https://www.confidencial.com.ni/nacion/expulsion-de-sacerdote-y-cierre-de-instituto-son-actos-de-persecucion-contra-iglesia/>

143. Ortega regime terminates ministry at Zacarías Guerra Home

The Daniel Ortega regime ordered the closure of an educational ministry that was started by the Zacarías Guerra Home some years ago for children and adolescents who are living in dangerous situations and facing various forms of violence in the streets and at home.

“All I can say is that the closure of this program that protects children and adolescents is a serious blow for us. At the Zacarías Guerra Home, these children who are at risk on the streets and in their homes receive a holistic, high-quality education with the goal of aiding them in their academic and moral development, to make them into good members of Nicaraguan society,” revealed an anonymous source from this faith-based educational institution. The Zacarías Guerra Home, which has had a presence in Nicaragua for 46 years and was founded by the religious order of the Capuchin friars, was recently notified that the educational program would have to shut down in December¹⁰³.

144. Tabernacle keys stolen; El Calvario-Masaya parish priest assaulted

Calvary Parish of Masaya reported on its official Facebook page that an as-yet unidentified woman entered the church to steal the keys to the Most Holy Tabernacle.

¹⁰³120 children would return to the streets, regime closes project in Hogar Zacarías Guerra where they ate, slept and were educated, Chamorro, Emiliano, November 25, 2020, 100%News, in: <https://100noticias.com.ni/nacionales/103954-regimen-nicaragua-cierra-zacarias-guerra/>

Facebook post: Parish El Calvario - Masaya, 16 hours ago

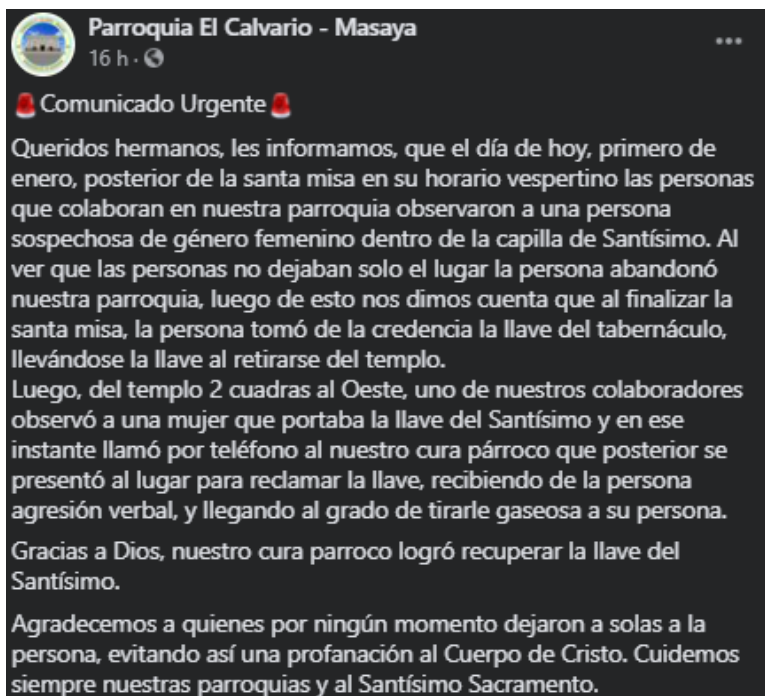
Urgent Message [emergency light emojis]

Dear brothers and sisters, we wish to tell you that today, January 1, after the evening Mass, some members of our church noticed a suspicious person (a female) within the chapel of the Most Holy Tabernacle. Upon seeing that those present would not leave the place unattended, the woman left our parish, after this we realized that at the end of Mass, the woman removed the tabernacle key from the credence table, taking the key with her as she left the church.

Later, 2 blocks West of the church, one of our parish members noticed a woman carrying the key to the Most Holy Tabernacle. This member immediately called our parish priest, who presented himself there to take the key back. He was met with verbal aggression from the woman, who even threw soda at him.

By the grace of God, our parish priest managed to recover the key to the Most Holy Tabernacle.

We are grateful to those who did not leave this woman alone for a moment, preventing by their actions the desecration of the Body of Christ. Let us always protect our parish and the Most Holy Sacrament.



145. Woman attacks priest Alexander Ruiz

When the people that offers their services to the Church they alerted priest Alexander Ruiz, who followed the woman and asked her to give back the keys to the tabernacle, but she responded aggressively, insulted him and threw soda at him.¹⁰⁴

146. General Directorate of Migration and Alien Affairs (DGME), denied entry to Nicaragua to Friar Santos Fabián Mejía

The first priest to be barred from entering was Friar Santos Fabián Mejía, a clergy member of Saint Francis of Assisi Parish, of Juigalpa, in Chontales. With respect to Father Santos Fabián, Friar Lemus Aguilar reports that a Migration agent is known to have told him that

¹⁰⁴ Woman assaults priest and steals the keys of the Blessed Sacrament, in Masaya Seville Letzira, 3 January 2021, Stereo Romance, in: <https://www.stereo-romance.com/revista/religion/13604-mujer-agrede-a-sacerdote-y-roba-las-llaves-del-santisimo-en-masaya.html>

“he had gotten involved in politics, he had violated the agreement regarding foreigners, that they should not get involved in anything”.¹⁰⁵

147. General Directorate of Migration and Alien Affairs (DGME), denied entry to Nicaragua to Friar José Lemus Aguilar

Father José Lemus Aguilar, parish priest of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, of the Diocese of Matagalpa, was advised to formally request entry to Nicaragua, since on the past January 31st, another friar from his congregation was not allowed to enter the country. Lemus assured them that he doubted it would be necessary to go through this process, since his documentation was in order. Nevertheless, he finally decided to do so, and the travel company that he was going to use informed him “that they had been told that my name had some reentry restrictions,” he stated.

On February 8th, the day that he was to travel, the priest again tried to arrange permission for reentry, but the response was the same: he would not be allowed to enter. There was no justification for this immigration restriction, he emphasized. In search of answers, the priest went to the Nicaraguan embassy in San Salvador, but they told him that they did not have any information about the matter and that, furthermore, they were unable to access the Ministry of Governance system. Nevertheless, Lemus claims that the accusations are “things that never really happened,” although he commented that during the popular uprising in 2018, the priests “were close to the people.” The way he sees it, “we weren’t necessarily engaged in politics; rather, we have a moral strength that was needed at that time. That was the reason,” Father Lemus claims.¹⁰⁶

148. Burglary at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

“Unknown subjects stole ‘two microphones, a guitar, a television and a ladder’ from St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Managua. The burglary was reported by Monsignor Miguel

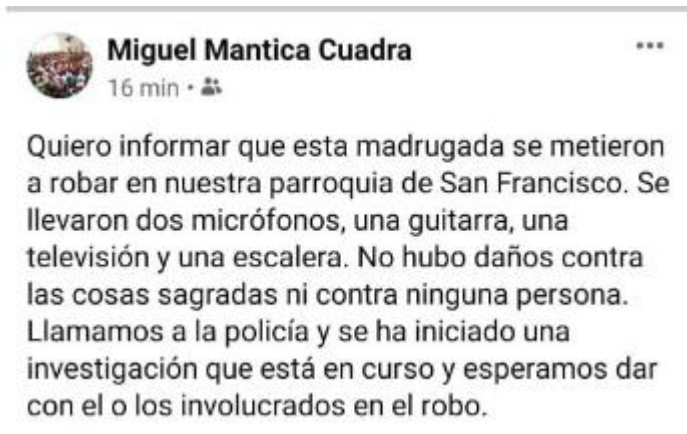
¹⁰⁵ "Two Franciscan friars are barred from entering "for denouncing injustices," Torrez Cinthya, Confidencial, February 17, 2021, in: <https://www.confidencial.com.ni/nacion/prohiben-ingreso-a-dos-frailes-franciscanos-por-denunciar-injusticias/>

¹⁰⁶ "Two Franciscan friars banned from entering "for denouncing injustices", Tórrez Cinthya, Confidencial, February 17, 2021, in: <https://www.confidencial.com.ni/nacion/prohiben-ingreso-a-dos-frailes-franciscanos-por-denunciar-injusticias/>

Mantica Cuadra, who confirmed that there was no damage to the sacred objects in the church and no one was harmed”.¹⁰⁷

Facebook post: Miguel Mantica Cuadra, 16 minutes ago

I wish to report that early this morning, burglars entered our St. Francis Parish. They took two microphones, a guitar, a television and a ladder. The sacred objects were not damaged, and no one was harmed. We called the police, and they have started an investigation, which is ongoing. We hope to find the person or persons involved in this theft.



149. Burglary at Heart of Mary Parish, Las Palmas

 Boletín Ecológico transmitió en vivo.
mar. 17, 2021 · 🌐

🚨 Otro robo sacrílego a templo católico. Se trata de la iglesia Corazón de María Las Palmas #Managua #Nicaragua . Ladrones, Sustrajeron equipo de audio: un parlante, dos micrófonos y sus cables. 👉👉 #ConferenciaEpiscopaldeNicaragua



... Facebook post: Boletín Ecológico was live, March 17, 2021

[emergency light emoji] Another sacrilegious burglary at a Catholic church. We're talking about the Heart of Mary Church in Las Palmas #Managua #Nicaragua. Thieves, Stole audio equipment: a speaker, two microphones and their cables.

[downward-pointing finger emojis]

#ConferenciaEpiscopaldeNicaragua

[Facebook video player. Still image shows a property surrounded by an ornamental brick wall across the street.]

152 reactions, including Angry, Like and Sad. 25 comments. 62 shares.

¹⁰⁷ “Monsignor Miguel Mantica denounces theft in San Francisco de Asís parish”, Mayorga, Gerald, March 10, 2021, Radio Corporación, in: <https://radio-corporacion.com/blog/archivos/85985/monsenor-mantica-denuncia-robo-en-parroquia-san-francisco-de-asis/>

150. Burglary at the Servant of God Odorico D Andrea Sanctuary

“On March 28, 2021, Muratori reported the theft of all the savings that were intended for projects. He said the thieves only left 800 córdobas in cash. He explained that the security guard was tied hand and foot and thrown to the floor. The criminals entered and left through the roof, and the door did not show any sign of forced entry. He confirmed that the National Police were investigating the deed and asked the public to help by cooperating if they had any información.¹⁰⁸



Tepeyac: Santuario Del Siervo De Dios •••
Odorico D Andrea
abr. 4, 2021 · 🌐



Comunicado
Iniciando las investigaciones policíacas del robo perpetrado en el Tepeyac el sábado 27 de marzo, algunas personas investigadas o sus familiares han divulgado la noticia o acusación que el personal del Tepeyac y Fray Damián, habían proporcionado los nombres de personas que debían ser investigadas, como responsables sospechosos del robo.

Nada más falso que esto, porque lo único que han realizado algunos miembros del personal y Fray Damián fue la denuncia del robo, sin mencionar responsables de este hecho.

La Policía Nacional está realizando sus investigaciones en base a sus criterios.

Fray Damián C Muratori
Rector Santuario Tepeyac



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8 comentarios 58 veces compartido

Facebook post: Tepeyac: Sanctuary Of The Servant Of God Odorico D Andrea, April 4, 2021.

Message [caution sign emojis]

As the criminal investigation into the burglary committed in Tepeyac on Saturday, March 7th, begins, some people who are being investigated and their family members are spreading the message or accusation that Tepeyac personnel and Friar Damián have shared the names of people who should be investigated as suspected perpetrators of the theft.

Nothing could be further from the truth. The only thing that some of the personnel and Friar Damián have done is report the burglary, without naming those responsible for the deed.

The National Police are carrying out the investigation according to their own discretion.

Friar Damian C Muratori
Sanctuary Rector, Tepeyac

151. Desecration of Our Lady of Candelaria Parish

The economic losses amount to 80,000 córdobas. “We are mourning the financial loss of a new monstrance, two televisions, sound equipment, a gas tank and cash that was intended for the construction of the church, along with immeasurable damage to our infrastructure and sacred objects”.¹⁰⁹

¹⁰⁸ "Migration withdraws residence to Friar Damian Masons", Torrez, Cinthya, Confidential, May 7, 2021, in: <https://www.confidencial.com.ni/nacion/migracion-retira-residencia-al-fraile-damian-muratori/>

¹⁰⁹ Our Se Church Desecratedñora de Candelaria, in Chinandega, González Xavier, April 12, 2021, Article 66, in: <https://www.articulo66.com/2021/04/12/robo-profanacion-iglesia-catolica-nuestra-senora-de-candelaria-chinandega/>

152. Desecration of St. Mary of Victories Parish



Santa Maria de las Victorias se 😞 siente agobiada.

abr. 18, 2021 · 🌐

EUCARISTÍA EN DESAGRAVIO POR LA PROFANACIÓN Y URTO A NUESTRO TEMPLO PARROQUIAL.



Facebook post: Santa Maria de las Victorias [upset emoji] is feeling overwhelmed, April 18, 2021.

EUCARIST IN ATONEMENT FOR THE DESECRATION AND ATTACK ON OUR PAROCHIAL CHURCH.

[Five photos, with a label indicating that there are 34 more. The first photo shows an altar with statues on either side and a large crucifix in the back. The second photo shows a man at the podium at the altar, wearing a face mask and speaking into a microphone, with statues of Mary and Jesus on either side of him. The third photo shows another person wearing black and white using a camera and a small tripod to film the podium. The fourth photo shows a man wearing gold and red, possibly the same person from the second photo, facing a Divine Mercy Image painting of Jesus along with two altar servers wearing red and white.

The person from the third photo films them

with a small camera and tripod. The fifth photo shows the two altar servers from the fourth photo and another person facing the Divine Mercy Image from the fourth photo.

153. Stones thrown at St. Michael the Archangel Parish

The priest Edwin Román reported on social media that mobs threw rocks at the parish.

Tweet

Edwing Roman

@EdwingRoman14

At the end of the Eucharist service this afternoon, mobs of fanatics supporting the regime threw rocks at the Parish, hitting also *Artículo 66* journalist Noel Miranda. The parish was surrounded by at least 80 people, police officers and fanatics.]

← Tweet



Edwing Román
@EdwingRoman14

Al terminar la Eucaristía en esta tarde, turbas de fanáticos afines al régimen lanzaron piedras a la Parroquia, golpeando también al periodista Noel Miranda de Artículo 66. La parroquia fué rodeada al menos por 80 personas entre policías y fanáticos.



6:03 p. m. · 21 abr. 21 · Twitter for Android

154. The Migration Office withdraws Friar Damián Muratori's residency

“Without an explanation, the General Directorate of Migration (Dirección General de Migración y Extranjería – DGME) withdrew friar Damián Muratori's residency status, The friar is devoted to the Franciscan Order and is the vice-postulant of the candidature for God's servant and the director of the Franciscan Sanctuary El Tepeyac in San Rafael del Norte, Jinotega, Father Odorico D'Andrea's beatification. “The shutting down of the historic homily of father Odorico reverberates today in Nicaragua as a prophetic statement: ‘Then they will keep their arms in the museums, so that they become a memory of the sad past, only with their good faith.’ Friar Damian used these words as a call from father Odorico to today's Nicaragua, to avoid using hurtful words, not to rise against the brethren, to make the good faith of everyone the main instrument to support the peace that was sown that 3rd of May,” as read on Tepeyac official Facebook account. The priest confirmed to Confidential that the past 30th of April was notified by the DGME; however, he avoided details as his case is being revised”.¹¹⁰

Translation of the Statements:

Coat of Arms: Casa Franciscana de Retiro El Tepeyac]

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San Rafael del Norte, Jinotega.

¹¹⁰ “Migration withdraws residence to Friar Damian Masons”, Torrez, Cinthya, Confidential, May 7, 2021, in: <https://www.confidencial.com.ni/nacion/migracion-retira-residencia-al-fraile-damian-muratori/>

Statement from Father Damian about His Current Situation.

Considering what is being shown in the media, I, Father Damián C Muratori would like to clarify the following:

1- Summoned by migration agents on April 30th, I appeared before the central migration office of Managua, expecting to have my residency ID renewed, since the process has been pending for a year. The person who saw me there informed me that my residency was suspended, but they gave me 90 days more in the country, licence that was registered on my passport. Before this term, I have to appear once more before this office to recognize the decision of the authorities about my stay in Nicaragua or its annulation.

2- It has been brought to my attention that the Sandinista National Liberation Front (FSLN) Secretary of the City of San Rafael del Norte has written a letter accusing me of participating in the roadblocks that took place in Sabana Grande. This accusation is blatantly false because on the afternoon of the 8th of June 2018 I was visited by the Mayor Norma Herrera and the Secretary Noel Guitierrez, in which they invited me to accompany them on a dialog with the roadblockers. There, we called the Department Secretary Leonidas Centeno to enquire about the peace treaty that was signed by the authorities of Jinotega and the opposition in order to avoid roadblocks and confrontations, Mr Centeno informed us on the contents of the agreement and father Damian promised to have a conversation with the young protesters to ask them to remove them and to protest in a different way. At 5:30 pm, father Damian was able to talk with the young protesters, and sensitize them about the situation that the Nation was going through. After this conversation with the young protesters, father Damian talked with a group of San Rafael government supporters that intended to confront the younglings.

Father Damian asked them to cease this effort and to remain calm, the same thing that he requested from the police officers, to whom he suggested protecting both groups to prevent hostilities. At dawn, both groups dispersed pacifically and father Damian left for church service in the Sabana Grande chapel.

[signature]

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Coat of Arms: Casa Franciscana de Retiro El Tepeyac]

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San Rafael del Norte, Jinotega.

Final Clarification

To state that this action denoted support of the roadstops, that means that the Mayor and the Secretary also participated of these acts, hence why I ask for the reality to not be misinterpreted and to recognize that it was thanks to the intervention of the three authorities (Church, City Hall, Secretary) that conflict, which could have caused deaths and injuries, could be avoided afternoon and forever.

What I declare here is what I wrote in the San Rafael chronicle of June 8th, 2018, immediately after the facts, something that I do daily (Father Damian San Rafael chronicle 2017-2020, pg. 74, 75, Vol. 3).

San Rafael del Norte May 8th, 2021

[Signature]


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CONJUNTO TEPEYAC
San Rafael del Norte, Jinotega.

Comunicación del Padre Damián sobre su situación actual.


Considerando lo que está apareciendo en los medios de comunicación, Yo Padre Damián C Muratori aclaro lo siguiente:

1- Convocado por agentes de migración el 30 de abril, me presenté a la oficina central de migración y extranjería de Managua, pensando que me iban a renovar la cedula de residencia, que desde hace un año estaba en trámite. La persona que me atendió me comunico que mi residencia estaba suspendida, pero me otorgaban 90 días de estadía en el país, concesión que fue registrada en mi pasaporte. Antes que este tiempo termine tengo que presentarme de nuevo a extranjería para conocer la decisión de las autoridades competentes, acerca de mi permanencia en Nicaragua o su cancelación.

2- Ha sido de mi conocimiento, que de la Secretaria política del FSLN, del Municipio de San Rafael del Norte han escrito una carta acusándome de haber participado en los tranques de Sabana Grande. Esta acusación es completamente falsa porque el 8 de junio del 2018 en la tarde me visitaron la Señora Alcaldesa Norma Herrera y el Secretario Político Noel Gutiérrez, invitándome a acompañarlos para dialogar con los tranquistas. Estando en el lugar llamamos al Secretario político departamental Leónidas Centeno para consultarle sobre el pacto de paz que las autoridades de Jinotega habían firmado con la oposición para evitar tranques y confrontaciones, el Señor Centeno nos informó sobre el contenido del acuerdo y el Padre Damián se comprometió a dialogar con los muchachos del tranque para pedirles que lo levantara y que se manifestaran de otra forma, a las 5:30 pm el Padre Damián logró dialogar con los muchachos, y concientizarlos sobre la situación que estaba atravesando la nación. Después de dialogar con los muchachos el Padre Damián dialogo con un grupo a fin del gobierno de San Rafael del Norte que tenían la intención de confrontarse con los muchachos.

El Padre Damián les pidió que desistieran de ese propósito y que mantuvieran la calma, lo mismo le pidió a los policías, sugiriéndole que resguardara ambos grupos para evitar agresiones. Al atardecer los dos grupos se dispersaron pacíficamente y el Padre Damián se fue a celebrar la Eucaristía en la capilla de Sabana Grande.

Damián C Muratori



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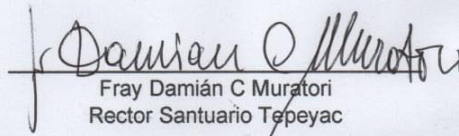
San Rafael del Norte, Jinotega.

Aclaración Final

Afirmar que esa acción significó apoyar a los tranques, quiere decir que también la Señora Alcaldesa y al Secretario Político participaron en esos hechos, razón por la cual solicito que no se mal interprete la realidad de los hechos y a reconocer que gracias a la intervención de las tres autoridades (Iglesia, Alcaldía, Secretaria Política) esa tarde y para siempre se pudo evitar una confrontación que podía causar muertos y heridos.

Cuanto declaro aquí es lo que escribí en la crónica de San Rafael la noche del 8 de junio del 2018, inmediatamente después de los hechos, cosa que acostumbro hacer todos los días (Padre Damián crónica de San Rafael 2017-2020, pág. 74,75, Vol. 3).

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155. Mary Immaculate Parish Theft



Parroquia María Inmaculada

may. 10, 2021 · 🌐

Aviso:

El día de hoy a las 3 am nuestra parroquia fue víctima de robo.

No hubo irrespeto al Santísimo, Gracias a Dios.

Pero si se robaron el equipo de sonido y 2 columnas de sonido.

On May 10th, 2021, the Maria Inmaculada Parish authorities, located in the Altagracia neighborhood in Managua, reported on their Facebook page that unknown actors stole a sound system from the parish in the early morning hours.

156. Monsignor Suazo's image desecration in Somoto

In a statement, the Estelí Diocese condemned the desecration of the image of Monsignor José del Carmen Suazo that took place on May 19th on the road that connects the Nuestra Señora de Cacaúlí Sanctuary and the City of Somoto. "Last Sunday, May 19, the Catholic parish of Somoto were surprised by the desecration of the image of Monsignor José del Carmen Suazo, wounding the religious sensibility of those who with enthusiasm and faith fought to make the presence of God visible through the image of a man who spent his life preaching the Gospel of Jesus to all this population" reads the statement.

The Diocese has characterized the event as "a provocation to the Catholic parish of the Estelí Diocese and to the Ecclesiastic authorities to create confusion, fear, and social distress" and a "violation to religious freedom laws, for the expression of a population that demonstrates their faith through sacred symbols is destroyed, spreading unease, distress and fear"¹¹¹

Translation of Statement:

[Coat of Arms]

Ecclesiastic Province of Nicaragua, C.A.

Esteli Diocese

Statement

The past Sunday May 19, the catholic parish of Somoto was shocked to discover the desecration of the picture of Monsignor José del Carmen Suazo, action that hurt the religious sensibilities of those who with enthusiasm and

¹¹¹ "Bishop Mata denounces desecration of the image of Monsignor Suazo in Somoto", Caldera, Marlon, May 21, 2021, 100%News, in: <https://100noticias.com.ni/nacionales/107426-obispo-mata-profanacion-mosenor-suazo-somoto/>

faith fought to make the presence of God visible through the image of a man who spent his life preaching the Gospel of Jesus to all this population.

1. This situation unveils:

- The hatred for the holy, characteristic of the secularist culture that intends to remove God by destroying the symbols that represent Him. A culture that goes against Christian values of an evangelized population, and that is committed to the search of a more just and humane society.
- A provocation to the Catholic parish of the Estelí Diocese and to the Ecclesiastic authorities to create confusion, fear, and social distress. As Jesus says in the Gospel: "I will hurt the pastor and the sheep shall scatter" (Mc 14, 50.) Attacking the believing people implies the establishment of a higher power that seeks to control consciences.

2. An event of this magnitude has social repercussions, such as:

- Human and spiritual decline of the person or the people that committed the acts. Those who committed sacrilegious acts bring decline to their normal development as a humane person both in a psychological and spiritual level, for they have offended Jesus Christ who lives in the depths of his innermost being.
- The violation to religious freedom laws, for the expression of a population that demonstrates their faith through sacred symbols is destroyed, spreading unease, distress, and fear



**PROVINCIA ECLESIASTICA DE NICARAGUA, C.A.
DIÓCESIS DE ESTELÍ**

COMUNICADO

El pasado domingo 19 de mayo, la feligresía católica de Somoto fue sorprendida con la profanación de la imagen de Monseñor José del Carmen Suazo, hiriendo la sensibilidad religiosa de quienes con entusiasmo y con fe lucharon por hacer visible la presencia de Dios a través de la imagen de un hombre que gastó su vida anunciando el Evangelio de Jesús a todo este pueblo.

1. La situación devela:

- El odio a lo sagrado, propio de la cultura secularista que intenta eliminar a Dios destruyendo los signos que remiten a Él. Una cultura que va en contra de los valores cristianos de un pueblo evangelizado, y que se ha comprometido con la búsqueda de una sociedad más justa y más humana.
- Una provocación a la feligresía católica de la Diócesis de Estelí y a las autoridades eclesíasticas para crear confusión, miedo e inseguridad social, tal como lo dice Jesús en el Evangelio: "heriré al pastor y se dispersarán las ovejas" (Mc 14, 50). Atacar la fe de un pueblo creyente supone la instauración de un poder superior que trata de controlar las conciencias.

2. Un hecho de esta magnitud tiene repercusiones sociales, tales como:

- Deterioro humano y espiritual de la persona o personas que lo realizaron. Quien comete actos sacrílegos se provoca un deterioro en su desarrollo normal como persona humana tanto a nivel psicológico como espiritual, pues a quien ha ofendido es a Jesucristo que habita en lo más profundo de su interior.
- La violación del derecho a la libertad religiosa, porque se destruye la expresión de un pueblo que manifiesta su fe a través de los signos sagrados, sembrando el desasosiego, la inseguridad y el miedo.

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157. Catholic church in San Jacinto Telica set on fire



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Pegan fuego a templo católico de San Jacinto Telica

Carlos Jirón.

En horas de la madrugada de este viernes ardió en llamas la parte de la sacristía de la Capilla de San Jacinto, quedando reducido a cenizas todo lo que se encontraba en su interior.

Según el reporte ciudadano que nos han hecho llegar personas de la zona, este incendio fue provocado por una persona que presuntamente ya había afectado otras propiedades de la misma manera.

"Díos sea el único haciendo justicia con la persona que hizo esto una persona que días atrás ha venido haciendo estos incendios en otros hogares, en un día quemó casi 5 ranchos en el cerro y ahora hace esto en la Capilla de San Jacinto... Díos tenga justicia contra el porque se ha vuelto un peligro para la sociedad" expresaron pobladores.

Habitantes de San Jacinto quienes lamentan el hecho, señalan a un hombre identificado como "Len" de haberlo provocado y piden una investigación por parte de las autoridades competentes.

Translation of post:

Trench of the News

Catholic church in San Jacinto Telica set on fire

Carlos Jiron.

In the early hours of this Friday morning, the sacristy of the San Jacinto Chapel was burned in flames, reducing to ashes all that was inside.

According to the citizen's report that we have received from people in the area, this fire was caused by a person who allegedly had already affected other properties in the same way.

"God is the only one doing justice with the person who did this, a person who days ago has been starting these fires in other homes, in one day he burned almost 5 ranches on the hill and now he does this

in the Chapel of San Jacinto.... May God have justice against him because he has become a danger to society" expressed the villagers.

Inhabitants of San Jacinto, who regret the incident, point to a man identified as "Len" as the cause and ask for an investigation by the competent authorities.

158. Vicepresident Rosario Murillo and her hate speech against bishops

The penalized vicepresident Rosario Murillo threatened the catholic church in Nicaragua whom she called "ridiculous" and who she accused of approving "thefts and robberies", as well as of accepting "death" funding".¹¹²

¹¹² Rosario Murillo goes for Catholic Church, accuses priests of receiving funds for "death"

June 10, 2021, 100% News, in: <https://100noticias.com.ni/nacionales/107939-rosario-murillo-amenaza-iglesia-catolica-fondos-/>

159. Jinotega: Parish Nuestra Señora del Carmen “La Pita”, theft of valuable items

On June 19, 2021, the authorities of the parish of Nuestra Señora del Carmen "La Pita", located in the Department of Jinotega, reported on their Facebook page that unknown individuals stole several valuable items in the early hours of the morning.

160. Theft in the San Judas Tadeo Parish

Two unknown citizens were captured by the surveillance cameras of the parish of San Judas Tadeo, located in the municipality of Condega, Estelí, when they executed a robbery and also broke into a church van. The robbery was reported to the local police officers, who arrived at the parish to conduct investigations and clarify the act of sacrilege by finding the identity and whereabouts of the perpetrators.¹¹³

161. President Daniel Ortega calls priest “pharisees”

Ortega described the Church of “pharisees”, alluding to its participation as mediators in face of the government repression that took place during the April 2018 protests. Ortega’s critics to the Catholic Church take place amidst the increasing detentions to his opponents, human rights defenders, journalists, and business owners. He accuses them of “blessing” the protesters, who he has labelled as “pro-coup” and “terrorists”.¹¹⁴

162. Sacrilege in Chapel las Esquinas

Translation of post:

Sacrilege in the Las Esquinas Chapel.

Today in early morning hours, sacrilege was committed in the Chapel Las Esquinas, which belongs to the Parish San Caralampio. The sound systems were stolen.

Let us pray to the Lord in atonement for his presence in the Eucharist.



¹¹³ Surveillance cameras capture robbery at St. Jude Thaddeus Parish in Condega, Estelí, July 12, 2021, Radio Corporación in: <https://radio-corporacion.com/blog/archivos/101365/camaras-de-vigilancia-captan-robo-en-la-parroquia-san-judas-tadeo-en-condega-esteli/>

¹¹⁴ Ortega threatens the Catholic Church in Nicaragua, Ocaña, Daliana, August 2, 2021, Voice of America, in: <https://www.vozdeamerica.com/a/nicaragua-nicaragua-ortega-amenaza-iglesia-catolica/6075623.html>

163. Smear campaign against Priest Eliar Pineda

Vicar of Jinotega, Eliar Pineda, reports a smear campaign against him. The priest reported that through threats they are collecting money for political purposes using his name, “I think someone is trying to damage my image and also to damage the Church image”.¹¹⁵

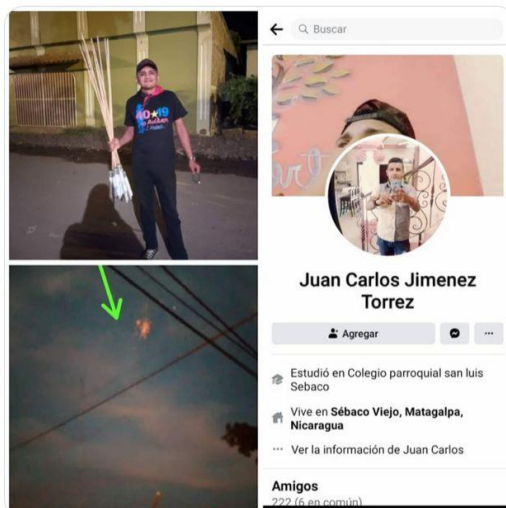
164. Priest Uriel Pineda denounces siege on Catholic Radio.

Through his social networks, the priest Uriel Vallejos denounced a young Sandinista who besieged and attacked the facilities of Radio Católica.



Pbro Uriel Vallejos @pbrouri... · 7/19/21 ...

En la madrugada de hoy 19 de julio el joven Juan Carlos Jimenez T. manipulando pólvora la dirigía hacia el predio donde se construye el nuevo Templo parroquial en la Ciudad de Sébaco y donde se localiza la antena de Radio Católica de Sébaco; Nicaragua volverá a ser República!



¹¹⁵ Vicar of Jinotega denounces smear campaign against him, July 17, 2021, La Prensa, in: <https://www.laprensani.com/2021/07/17/politica/2852760-vicario-de-jinotega-denuncia-campana-de-desprestigio-en-su-contra#:~:text=LAPRENSA%2FCORTES%C3%8DA-,Vicario%20de%20Jinotega%20denuncia%20campa%C3%B1a%20de%20desprestigio%20en%20su%20contra,de%20la%20Iglesia%22%2C%20consider%C3%B3.>

165. Sandinista Sympathizers Vandalize the Inmaculada Concepción Parish in the City of Masaya

Nicaragua Actual
jul. 26, 2021 · 🌐

🚨 #Urgente| Continúan las amenazas a la iglesia católica, esta mañana "Plomo" y "FSLN" son las pintas que realizaron fanáticos sandinistas en la Parroquia Inmaculada Concepción, Masaya
www.nicaraguaactual.tv

“Threats towards the Catholic Church continue this morning. PLOMO (Patria Libre o Morir - Sandinista slogan meaning Free Nation or Death) and “FSLN” are some of the words written by the Sandinista fanatics”



166. President Daniel Ortega and vicepresident Rosario Murillo and their Hate Speech Against Priest and Bishops

Dictator Daniel Ortega lashed out against the Catholic Church, in the midst of the repressive surge directed against opponents, human rights defenders, journalists, business owners and even against the Catholic Church in Nicaragua. Ortega branded the religious as "Pharisees" and accused them of "blessing" the 2018 demonstrators whom they have labelled as "pro-coup" and "terrorists". "Christ called them Pharisees when he found them in the temple and whipped them out. The Pharisees have not disappeared, they walk around among us well dressed and talking as if they were saints, and what is found is filth, where there is no respect for Christ, no respect for God," said Ortega during the ceremony of the 42nd anniversary of the founding of the Nicaraguan Army Air Force.¹¹⁶

¹¹⁶ Daniel Ortega and Rosario Murillo accuse priests, go against Catholic Church in Nicaragua, July 30, 2021, 100% News, in: <https://100noticias.com.ni/nacionales/109114-daniel-ortega-acusa-iglesia-catolica-golpe-estado/>

167. After multiple threats, Father Edwin Roman goes into exile in the U.S.

“Since 2018, I have been threatened in numerous ways, such as persecution by motorcycle and pickup truck drivers without license plates on the road, text messages that threatened to shoot me (two journalists witnessed them, when I got that message). The night video of (Rosario) Murillo in the Plaza de la Republica, two days after I left Nicaragua, which alluded to me,” said the priest. “On August 3 of last year (2021), Father Edwin Roman, then parish priest of the San Miguel Archangel Church located in the rebel city of Masaya, packed a small suitcase with two pants, two shirts and some personal items to go to baptize a relative in the United States. That trip, who he thought would be short, became an exile whose ending is, to this day, unknown”.¹¹⁷

168. President Daniel Ortega and Vice president Rosario Murillo and their hate speech against priests and bishops

“Some of them didn’t burn the citizens who were murdered, tortured or the police officers who were tortured and then burned alive, with the applause and cheers of some priest who are sons of the Devil, not sons of God. They are sons of the Devil, those Priests!” emphasized Ortega. As for her, Rosario Murillo labelled the 2018 anti-government protests as a “diabolical interruption”, and she claimed that the opponents organized them to “steal” once again and to regain the government with the priests’ blessings. This are “blessings of people whose holiness is questionable or whose intermediation when confronted to spiritual powers, to Jesus Christ, is completely questionable. How could anyone call themselves a pastor if they bless crimes? How could anyone be a pastor if they bless and approve that people continue to die in the roadstops, that they lose everything they have, that women who are giving birth are not allowed to cross in ambulances?” she said.¹¹⁸

¹¹⁷ Edwin Román: "I received text messages in which I was offered a bullet", Office 505, January 21, 2022, in: <https://www.despacho505.com/edwin-roman-tenia-anos-de-no-caminar-libremente-por-la-calle-escuchar-la-sirena-policial-sabiendo-que-no-es-la-de-nicaragua/>

¹¹⁸ Ortega and Murillo call priests "sons of the devil", August 14, 2021, Nicaragua Investiga, in: <https://nicaraguainvestiga.com/nacion/57602-ortega-y-murillo-llaman-hijos-del-demonio-a-los-sacerdotes/>

169. **Orteguista propaganda initiates a “black campaign” against priests**

The propaganda machine of the dictatorship of Daniel Ortega and Rosario Murillo aimed their attacks against various Nicaraguan priests who they accuse of “interference” in political life, among them the bishop of Matagalpa, Monsignor Rolando Álvarez; the assistant bishop of Managua, Monsignor Silvio Báez, and the priest Edwin Román, parish priest of San Miguel church in Masaya. “The faces of priests or pastors that have exercised in the interference of political life in countries in Latin America or the Caribbean are profiled in various newspapers and magazines despite not being called upon to be experts in politics, but rather in evangelization”, begins a documentary produced by the propagandistic website President Youth (Juventud Presidente) that little by little shows images of Álvarez, Báez, and Román. They are accused of promoting changes in the Government and even coup d’états.¹¹⁹



170. **Vicepresident Rosario Murillo her hate speech against priests and bishops**

¹¹⁹ Ortega propaganda launches "black campaign" against priests, Confidencial, September 9, 2021, in: <https://www.confidencial.com.ni/nacion/propaganda-orteguista-lanza-campana-negra-contra-sacerdotes/>

“They have lifted their hands up to promote discord and division, and to support hate crimes in this country. They have been a part of hate crimes because they have blessed terrorists,” and are “voices of hate that are not sent by Jesus”¹²⁰

171. President Daniel Ortega makes an accusation: “Bishops are terrorists”

President Daniel Ortega came on the radio and television channels this Monday night in his first speech of the “electoral campaign” before the November 7 polling day, in which he aims for his third consecutive reelection without political competition, after having jailed all the opposing pre-candidates and annulled the legal status of three political parties. The head of state, who controls the Electoral Power, assured that the elections will be conducted “in peaceful conditions”, he complained about the international sanctions against his regime, and accused the bishops from the Episcopal Conference of Nicaragua (CEN) of being “terrorists” and accomplices of a supposed “attempted coup d’état” against him. “Those bishops are also terrorists, of course they are. In other countries they would already have been sentenced, over in Costa Rica they would be detained, they would be sentenced, because they have laws over in Costa Rica regarding the conditions of priests and everything in regard to the message they can give”, said the head of state.¹²¹

172. A robbery at Our Lady of Assumption Parish in Masaya

In the early hours of the morning, an unknown person carried out a robbery at Nuestra Señora de la Asunción parish in Masaya, reported Father Bismarck Conde through a live broadcast. Father Bismarck Conde affirmed that the robbery consisted only of the theft of the collection box, and therefore all the offering money that was given by the parishioners for the maintenance of the parish.¹²²

¹²⁰ Rosario Murillo accuses bishops of sponsoring terrorist acts and supporting hate crimes, September 27, 2021, Article 66, in: <https://www.articulo66.com/2021/09/27/rosario-murillo-ataques-iglesia-catolica-obispos-terroristas-nicaragua/>

¹²¹ Daniel Ortega accuses: "Bishops are terrorists", October 5, 2021, Confidential, in:

<https://www.confidencial.com.ni/politica/daniel-ortega-acusa-obispos-son-terroristas/>

¹²² They rob in the parish of Our Lady of the Assumption in Masaya, 100% News, October 9, 2021, in:

<https://100noticias.com.ni/nacionales/110664-roban-parroquia-masaya/>

173. President and vice president of Nicaragua call bishops terrorists

“Those bishops are also terrorists, of course they are. Over in Costa Rica they would be detained, they would be sentenced,” Ortega said.

While Rosario Murillo didn’t fall behind either. She has directly said that religious leaders don’t have the right to speak out in Nicaragua.

“Without any shame, without an expression of pity, but of shamelessness, they speak out when they don’t have any right to raise their voices, in addition to everything they have done in this country and everything they did with the intention of destroying us, from a place of hate and blessing criminal terrorism”, Murillo pointed out.¹²³

174. National Police harasses priest Vicente Martínez

The priest Vicente Martínez, parish priest at Santa Lucía de Ciudad Darío church, in Matagalpa, reported that the head of the sanctioned Police of that department, major commissioner Juan Manuel Chávez, together with the head of the delegation of Ciudad Darío, came to visit the priest’s house, after which the priest denounced that in “Nicaragua there will be a polling day but not elections” and made a call to not vote in what he called the “electoral farce” last Sunday. After the message in his homily, the Sanctioned Police sought out Father Vicente Martínez, in a clear threat toward his person, because of his message to the Catholic people, what the priest considers to be “consequences of telling the truth”.¹²⁴

175. Police harassment at the house of Cardinal Leopoldo Brenes

Sources close to the Archbishop of Managua assured La Prensa that Police officials remained stationed in a booth in front of the house of monsignor Brenes, and they retain and take photographs of everyone who goes in and comes out of the house.¹²⁵

¹²³ Ortega unleashes hate speech against religious leaders, October 17, 2021, Diario Las Américas, in:

<https://www.diariolasamericas.com/america-latina/ortega-desata-discurso-odio-contra-lideres-religiosos-n4234559>

¹²⁴ Matagalpa priest denounces police visit after calling not to vote in "electoral farce" in Nicaragua,

October 20, 2021, 100% News, in: <https://100noticias.com.ni/nacionales/110897-sacerdote-matagalpa-denuncia-policia-nicaragua/>

¹²⁵ Police siege of cardinal Brenes' house will be one month old, October 26, 2021, La Prensa, in:

<https://www.laprensani.com/2021/10/26/politica/2900029-asedio-policia-a-la-casa-del-cardenal-leopoldo-brenes-cumplira-un-mes>

176. Government of Nicaragua prevents Monsignor Silvio Fonseca from leaving the country, they confiscated his passport or pressed to appear at the Offices of Migration.

“Daniel Ortega’s regime prevented monsignor Silvio Fonseca’s exit from Nicaragua, who is the priest in charge of Pastoral Family of the Archdiocese of Managua. The priest would have traveled this Sunday to the United States, but Immigration officials, in addition to preventing his exit, also confiscated his passport.

“It’s just about bothering the Church, because I am a priest”, he explained in a relaxed tone. “We are going to continue doing what we have to do, but in a calm way. Nothing is going to happen. We are going to see how we respond as a Church”, he declared. Upon carrying out the habitual immigration check, authorities at Augusto C. Sandino International Airport informed him that his travel document “had problems being read, because it was damp”, despite it being four months since the he had used it”.¹²⁶



[Screenshot of Facebook post with picture of man speaking in front of microphone with the caption: PRESS RELEASE: This Sunday, November 7, 2021, I was supposed to leave for the United States. All was well with the airline Avianca Managua, but at immigration control, at 8 a.m. they said that the computer system could not read my passport, with which I have always traveled, and which is current. They took my passport and directed me to present myself at the offices of immigration in Managua, without being able to leave the country... See more.]

The Commission for Justice of the Archdiocese of Managua stood by monsignor Silvio Fonseca:

¹²⁶ “Regime prevents Monsignor Silvio Fonseca from leaving the country "to annoy the church"”, Office 505, November 8, 2021, in: <https://www.despacho505.com/regimen-impide-salida-del-pais-a-monsenor-silvio-fonseca-para-molestar-a-la-iglesia/>



Mensaje de la Comisión de Justicia y Paz No. 27

Gloria a Dios en las alturas y en la tierra paz a los hombres que ama el Señor (Lc 2.14).

Al pueblo santo de Dios y personas de buena voluntad:

Al celebrar este año la Navidad nos llenamos de gozo por la cercanía del Salvador al mundo que prodiga nuestro amor. *“Esta alegría es también una oración: Señor, cumple la promesa: La Paz no tendrá fin (Is. 9,6). Te damos gracias por tu bondad, pero también te pedimos: muestra tu poder. Erige en el mundo el dominio de tu verdad, de tu amor; el Reino de Justicia, de Amor y de Paz”*(Benedicto XVI. Homilía de Nochebuena 2010).

Una de las figuras del cristiano en la Navidad es Juan Bautista, voz que clama en el desierto, *enderezan sus caminos*, a quien la gente preguntaba: *¿Qué debemos hacer?* Y les respondió: *pongan en práctica la caridad, la justicia y la verdad.* (Cfr. Lc.3, 10-18).

Nos solidarizamos con nuestro hermano sacerdote monseñor Silvio Fonseca a quien le ha sido retenido su pasaporte, documento personal para viajar (Artículo 31 y 32 de la constitución política de Nicaragua).

Deseamos en esta Navidad haciendo eco del sentir del pueblo Santo de Dios que quienes están privados de libertad por delitos menores o por causas vinculadas a la política, puedan tener una Navidad en libertad en comunión con sus familias.

En esta Navidad el Espíritu y la Iglesia grita: Maranatha!

Dado en la Curia Arzobispal de Managua a los 21 días de diciembre de 2021.

Comisión de Justicia y Paz de la Arquidiócesis de Managua

[Emblem]

Message from the Commission for Justice and Peace No. 27

Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on Earth (Le 2:14)

To the holy people of God and persons of goodwill:

Upon celebrating Christmas this year we are filled with joy at the closeness of the Savior of the world that bestows our love. *“This joy is also a prayer: Lord, keep your promise: Peace will have no end (Is. 9:6). We give thanks to you for your goodness, but also we ask of you: show us your power. Construct in the world the domain of your truth, of your love, the Reign of Justice, of Love, and of Peace”* (Benedict XVI. Christmas Even Homily 2010).

One of the Christian figures of Christmas is Juan Bautista, a voice that cries out in the desert, straighten your paths, to whom the people asked: What should we do? And he responded to them: put into practice charity, justice, and the truth (Cfr. Le. 3:10-18).

We stand behind our brother priest monsignor Silvio Fonseca, whose passport, a personal document for traveling, has been taken from him (Article 31 and 32 from the political constitution of Nicaragua).

We wish on this Christmas, echoing from the feeling of the people of Santo de Dios, that those who are deprived of their liberty for minor crimes or because of causes connected to politics, can have a Christmas in freedom and in communion with their families.

At this Christmas the Spirit and the Church scream: O Lord, come! (Maranatha!).

Given in the Archbishopric curia of Managua on December 21, 2021.

Commission for Justice and Peace of the Archdiocese of Managua

177. Government strips deanship from the diplomatic body of Nicaragua from the Apostolic Nuncio of the Holy See

Ortega reformed the State protocol, through decree 21-2021, which recognized the papal representative as the dean of the diplomatic body in article six and in his absence the accredited ambassador with most seniority. The new decision sets out that there shouldn't

be any distinction between the mission heads and urges “an egalitarian treatment among all”.¹²⁷

178. Desecration en Maria Auxiliadora parish

The petty thief, after going into the church, located in the urban center of San José de Cusmapa, in a strange way, seemed to have gone directly to the tabernacle and removed the pyx with the hosts, which was later found abandoned in another part of the city.¹²⁸

179. President Daniel Ortega lets loose hate speech againsts priests at the ALBA summit

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180. Vice president Rosario Murillo calls the bishops of Nicaragua scoundrels

We continue defeating the hate that comes out of some of the mouths that still dare to bless. God does not bless hate, God does not bless those who bless and promote hate, separation, pain, tragedy, crimes, God does not bless scoundrels”. How shameful for those in disguise! In disguise because only one person who disguises themselves and who the suit does not fit who is capable of blessing, hate, discord, and death, blessing the worst of

¹²⁷ Removing the Apostolic Nuncio as dean of the diplomatic corps "is political revanchism", Octavio Enríquez, November 19, 2021, Confidential, in: <https://www.confidencial.com.ni/nacion/ortega-le-quita-al-nuncio-apostolico-la-decanatura-del-cuerpo-diplomatico/>

¹²⁸ Tabernacle stolen from the Catholic temple in San José de Cusmapa, Dávila, Juan Francisco, Radio ABC Stereo in: http://www.radioabcstereo.com/nota/20613_rob-an-sagrario-del-templo-catolico-en-san-jose-de-cusmapa

¹²⁹ Daniel Ortega unleashes another hate speech against political prisoners and priests at ALBA summit, December 14, 2021, Confidential, in: <https://www.confidencial.com.ni/politica/daniel-ortega-desata-otro-discurso-de-odio-contra-presos-politicos-y-sacerdotes/>

humanity. There are some who dare; however, God is merciful, God is just”, the vice head of state continued.¹³⁰

181. Defamation and theft at the Chapel of Carmen



“The Parish of Nuestra Señora of Veracruz, in Managua, reported the defamation and theft at the Chapel of Carmen by unknown persons, who damaged the windows of the church and forced entry through the doors. The priests in charge of the church informed that: there was defamation and sacrilege yet again in the chapel of Carmen”¹³¹

182. Vice president Rosario Murillo and her offensive discourse against the Catholic hierarchy

Rosario Murillo lashed out against the Catholic priests, calling them “mentally retarded and slow” who “dress up in masks and wardrobes supposedly elegant”¹³²

183. Priest Jairo Antonio Mercado denounces campaign against him

While the position is not to promote conglomerations in order to avoid COVID-19 in local festivities, a group of supposed Catholics demand that the image traverse the streets and demand to see the jewels of the patron saint of the town. “We want to see where the clothing of our mother is!”, yelled a group of protesters, who also demanded of the priest

¹³⁰ Rosario Murillo tackles Nicaraguan bishops with "vermin", December 14, 2021, Article 66, in:

<https://www.articulo66.com/2021/12/14/rosario-murillo-ataques-iglesia-catolica-nicaragua/>

¹³¹“They desecrate for the second time the Chapel of the Parish of Our Lord of Veracruz.” Article 66, 19 January 2022, in:

<https://www.articulo66.com/2022/01/19/delicuentes-robo-capilla-carmen-parroquia-veracruz-managua/>

¹³² Rosario Murillo is unleashed against ICatholic leaders: "they are retarded and backward", January 24, 2022, Article 66, in:

<https://www.articulo66.com/2022/01/24/rosario-murillo-ataques-iglesia-catolica-nicaragua-2/>

that the image of the virgin come out to traverse the streets of the village of Diriomo, defying the position of the bishop of Granada, Monsignor Jorge Solórzano, who arranged for all the religious celebrations to take place inside of the church in order to avoid the spread of COVID-19 in this municipality. “There is a campaign of the devil, to destroy our Holiest Mother, we should not let ourselves be ruled by his artifices, the heart of the man is corrupt, he is capable of destruction, of doing harm to another”, denounced the priest, who has been in charge of the Sanctuary of the Virgin of Candelaria for dix months.¹³³

184. Defamation of the Virgen Dolorosa Chapel, Capulín



Parroquia Ntra Sra Fatima DiocGranada
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Buenos días hermanos de la Comunidad Parroquial Nuestra Señora de Fatima.

Hacemos de su conocimiento, que el día de hoy sábado 29 de Enero, a horas de la madrugada fue profanada la Capilla Virgen Dolorosa, Capulin, perteneciente a nuestra Parroquia.

Donde fue hurtado un amplificador y las hostias consagradas guardadas en el sagrario fueron también profanadas. Les animamos a estar alerta y pendientes de la seguridad del templo.

Perdón Señor, perdón

Perdona Señor todos los sacrilegios y profanaciones a tu Iglesia y al Santísimo Sacramento del Altar



The Parish of Nuestra Señora de Fátima denounced the defamation suffered in the Virgen Dolorosa Chapel on its social media channels.

Nuestra Señora Fatima Parish,
Diocese of Granada
January 29

Good day brothers and sisters of the Parochial Community of

Nuestra Señora de Fátima.

We make it known that today, January 29, in the early hours of the morning, the Chapel of the Virgin Dolorosa, Capulín, which belongs to our Parish, was defamed.

An amplifier and the sacred hosts, kept in the tabernacle, were stolen, and the area was also defamed. We encourage you to be alert and pay attention to the security of the church.

Apologies, Lord, apologies.

Forgive us Lord, all the sacrilege and defamation to your Church and to the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

¹³³ Priest of Diriomo denounces campaign against him, January 25, 2022, Nicaragua Investiga, in: <https://nicaraguainvestiga.com/nacion/73343-donde-estan-prendas-virgen-sacerdote-denuncia-campana-contra/>

185. Daniel Ortega cancels six Catholic NGOs with ties to the Diocese of Esteli: UCATSE

Among the NGOs canceled in the parliamentary session this Wednesday, six are found to be tied to the Diocese of Estelí (north), one of the most critical of the Government of Ortega: the Ucatse, the Farming Institute Association of the Diocese of Estelí, Diocesan Association of Caritas of Estelí, Commissions for Justice and Peace Association Diocese of Estelí, Cultural Center of the North Association Diocese of Estelí, and Association of Parochial Schools of the Diocese of Estelí. The Orthodontist Association of Nicaragua, Father Fabretto Family, Michelangelo Foundation, Association Pro-Development of Estelí, and Association for the Promotion of Business Creation were also canceled.¹³⁴

186. Cancellation of legal status to Catholic Non-Profit Organization: Asociación Instituto Agropecuario de la Diócesis de Estelí

Among the NGOs canceled in Wednesday's parliamentary session are six linked to the Diocese of Estelí (north), one of the most critical of the Ortega Government: the Ucatse, the Agricultural Institute Association of the Diocese of Estelí, the Diocesan Caritas Association of Estelí, the Association of Justice and Peace Commissions diocese of Estelí, the Cultural Center Association of the North of the Diocese of Estelí, and Association of Parish Schools of the Diocese of Estelí. The Association of Orthodontists of Nicaragua, Padre Fabretto Family, Michelangelo Foundation, Association for the Development of Estelí, Association for the Promotion of Business Creation were also canceled.¹³⁵

187. Cancellation of legal status to Catholic Non-Profit Organization: Asociación Cáritas Diocesana de Estelí

Among the NGOs canceled in Wednesday's parliamentary session are six linked to the Diocese of Estelí (north), one of the most critical of the Ortega Government: the Ucatse, the Agricultural Institute Association of the Diocese of Estelí, the Diocesan Caritas Association

¹³⁴ Ortega deals another blow to universities by canceling more legal entities, February 2, 2022, Divergentes, in: <https://www.divergentes.com/ortega-propina-otro-golpe-a-universidades-al-cancelar-mas-personerias-juridicas/>

¹³⁵ Ditto

of Estelí, the Association of Justice and Peace Commissions diocese of Estelí, the Cultural Center Association of the North of the Diocese of Estelí, and Association of Parish Schools of the Diocese of Estelí. The Association of Orthodontists of Nicaragua, Padre Fabretto Family, Michelangelo Foundation, Association pro-Development of Estelí, Association of Promotion of Business Creation were also canceled.¹³⁶

188. Cancellation of legal status to Catholic Non-Profit Organization: Association Commissions of Justice and Peace Diocese of Estelí

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189. Cancellation of legal status to Catholic Non-Profit Organization: Asociación Centro Cultural del Norte de la Diócesis de Estelí

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¹³⁶ Ditto

¹³⁷ Ibid

¹³⁸ Ibid

190. Cancellation of legal status to Catholic Non-Profit Organization: Association of Parish Schools of the Diocese of Estelí

Among the NGOs canceled in Wednesday's parliamentary session are six linked to the Diocese of Estelí (north), one of the most critical of the Ortega Government: the Ucatse, the Agricultural Institute Association of the Diocese of Estelí, the Diocesan Caritas Association of Estelí, the Association of Justice and Peace Commissions diocese of Estelí, the Cultural Center Association of the North of the Diocese of Estelí, and Association of Parish Schools of the Diocese of Estelí. The Association of Orthodontists of Nicaragua, Padre Fabretto Family, Michelangelo Foundation, Association for the Development of Estelí, Association for the Promotion of Business Creation were also canceled.¹³⁹

191. Expulsion of Nuncio Waldemar Sommertag

"The Holy See received 'with great surprise and regret' the communication from the government of Nicaragua saying it has decided to withdraw the approval of monsignor Waldemar Stanislaw Sommertag, Apostolic Nuncio in Managua since 2018. The decision of Daniel Ortega's government forced the Polish bishop to 'leave the country immediately after the notification of the order', the Vatican press release indicated. 'This measure seems incomprehensible because he is in the middle of his mission. Monsignor Sommertag worked with profound dedication for the good of the Church and the Nicaraguan people, especially the most vulnerable people. The Vatican defines it as a 'unilateral measure both serious and unjustified' that 'does not reflect the feelings of the people'".¹⁴⁰

¹³⁹ Ibid

¹⁴⁰"Holy See protests expulsion of nuncio", Ansa Latina, March 12, 2022, in: https://www.ansalatina.com/americalatina/noticia/papa_vaticano/2022/03/12/santa-sede-protesta-por-expulsion-del-nuncio_dc5e0c3c-f6e9-42da-bb33-b40701a2cead.html

192. Police officers harass bishop Rolando José Álvarez

The bishop of the Diocese of Matagalpa, monsignor Rolando José Álvarez, reported on social media that this Sunday he was followed and intercepted, in “a brusque and arbitrary manner” by four agents from the National Police, from the San Benito delegation, a municipality to the north of Managua. On the Facebook profile of the Diocese of Matagalpa, the bishop posted that “at approximately 1:10 p.m. today Sunday, I was followed and intercepted in a brusque and arbitrary manner, and with the benefit of arrogance, by four agents from patrol 1169 from the police squad of San Benito, those that after stopping the vehicle, circled me, asking for my papers and taking the already accustomed to photos”. “I denounce this incident before the Nicaraguan people, as I will any other action that violates my right to free movement”, added the bishop, one of the most critical voices from the Catholic Church against the regime of Daniel Ortega and Rosario Murillo.¹⁴¹

193. Vice president Rosario Murillo and her hate speech against priests and bishops

“We remember how there were voices of those who called themselves pastors who sent the police officers who were burned alive to the toilets. How are we going to forget that? How are we going to forgive that? No forgiving, nor forgetting for the murderers of peace, of harmony, of peaceful life, and of the people.”¹⁴²

194. Vice president Rosario Murillo and her hate speech against priests and bishops

In her trite speech, the vice head of state of Ortega said that the Catholic leaders have “inappropriate conduct, including, unfortunately, toward underage children”. Additionally, I guarantee that they are under the influence of alcohol¹⁴³.

¹⁴¹Police harass Bishop Rolando José Álvarez in San Benito, March 27, 2022, Confidential, in: <https://www.confidencial.com.ni/nacion/policias-acosan-al-obispo-rolando-jose-alvarez-en-san-benito/>

¹⁴² Rosario Murillo accuses bishops of "violating the gospel to commit crimes against humanity" April 4, 2022, Article 66, in: <https://www.articulo66.com/2022/04/04/rosario-murillo-nicaragua-abril-2018-iglesia-catolica/>

¹⁴³ Murillo charges again against bishops and political prisoners, Benavides, Wilmer, 5 April 2022, Article 66, in: <https://www.articulo66.com/2022/04/05/rosario-murillo-obispos-presos-politicos-nicaragua/>

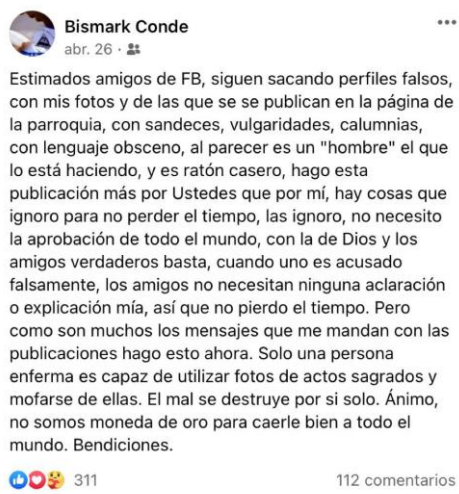
195. Attack on collaborator of Matagalpa Cathedral

The bishop of the diocese of Matagalpa, monsignor Rolando Álvarez, reported—during his homily on Holy Friday—that a group of people who are regularly on the outskirts of the cathedral of San Pedro, Matagalpa, “attacked” a collaborator of this church.

“Today one of our minister readers was attacked”, reported Álvarez. “And I want to tell you, God knows with complete simplicity, if it is me, they are looking for, to let the others go. Don’t do to the faithful what you would do to me. What they want to do to me, if they are going to do it, do to me and not to the faithful, not to the holy people of God, I tell you this with complete clarity and simplicity”, he added¹⁴⁴

196. Harassment and slander against Father Bismark Conde

Bismark Conde, a priest with the Archdiocese of Managua uses his social media to denounce harassment and slander against him.



Bismark Count
Apr 26

Dear FB friends, they continue to post fake profiles using my photo and photos from the parish web page alongside rubbish, vulgarities, lies, obscene language. Apparently a “man” is doing it. More like a little house mouse. I’m posting this more for you than me. I don’t waste my time with nonsense, I ignore all that, I don’t need everyone to like me, all I need is for God and my real friends to approve of me. When I’m falsely accused, friends don’t need me to clarify or explain, so I don’t waste my time. But I’m getting so many messages with these posts that I decided to post this. Only a sick person would use photos of sacred rituals and mock them. Evil destroys itself. Let’s be positive. You can’t please all the people all the time. Blessings.

¹⁴⁴ Monsignor Álvarez denounces "attack" on collaborator of the cathedral of Matagalpa, April 16, 2022, Confidential, in: <https://www.confidencial.com.ni/nacion/monsenor-alvarez-denuncia-ataque-a-colabora-de-la-catedral-de-matagalpa/>

197. Siege of religious who visit the apostolic nunciature of Nicaragua



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Régimen Ortega inicia asedio policial en Nunciatura Apostolica en #Nicaragua. El gobierno expulsó recientemente al embajador del Vaticano sin que hasta hoy se conozcan las razones. Toda persona, laicos y religiosos que visita la Nunciatura es sometida a interrogatorio policial



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The Ortega regime begins its siege of the Apostolic Nunciature in #Nicaragua. The government recently expelled the Vatican ambassador with no explanation to date. Anyone who visits the Nunciature, whether a lay person or clergy, is interrogated by the police.

198. Approval of report on increasing penalties, prosecuting priests, and confiscating assets in Nicaragua for the “crime of treason”

With 77 votes in favor, 11 abstentions and 3 present, Sandinista members of the National Assembly approved the Work Report on the Analysis of the Legal Norms Applicable to Persons Who Commit Crimes Undermining National Integrity, Hate Crimes, and Others, which seeks to reform the Penal Code (PC) to lengthen sentences for persons convicted of the crime of “undermining national integrity.”

María Auxiliadora Martínez, a Sandinista member of the National Assembly and president of the Justice Commission of parliament, declared that there is allegedly a “consensus” to revise the PC to give “hope” to the Nicaraguan people who demand justice.

She stated that “concerns, observations and provisions emerged in the process of seeking to improve guarantees of justice, of restitution for damages, and of non-recurrence. Among the provisions that we will add to Article 409 of the Penal Code is the confiscation of property enforced against those convicted of using or acquiring property in the commission of the

crime of treason against the nation, crimes that compromise the peace, crimes against the political constitution, and related crimes”¹⁴⁵

199. Sandinista police and paramilitaries harass and intimidate Father Harving Padilla

Father Harving Padilla, priest of San Juan Bautista church in Masaya, told 100% Noticias that he has learned that they are planning to charge, prosecute, and take him to court, which does not make sense to him. He stated that this might be why an individual in civilian clothes has been following him to all the masses he celebrated this Sunday and has also been stationed outside the church to keep him under surveillance. “Apparently there is information that they want to charge me or make something up against me. Which doesn’t make sense to me. The church and its priests have been and will continue to work together to expand Christ’s kingdom, a kingdom of justice and peace,” the priest told 100% Noticias.¹⁴⁶

200. Sandinista police harass Father Uriel Vallejo

In an act of intimidation for the purpose of harassment, several Sandinista police officers photographed and demanded the personal documents of Father Uriel Vallejos, parish priest of Divina Misericordia church, located in Granada. The Catholic priest was entering the Apostolic Nunciature headquarters in Managua, when he encountered the harassment. Vallejos refused to hand over his ID document to the police. He had already shown it to the uniformed officer, but the officer demanded to see it again.¹⁴⁷

¹⁴⁵Report approved to increase penalties, prosecute priests and confiscate property in Nicaragua for "treason to the homeland", May 4, 2022, 100%News in: <https://100noticias.com.ni/politica/115155-aprueban-informe-aumentar-penas-traicion-patria/?mobile>

¹⁴⁶ Father Harving Padilla denounces siege and possible invention of case to be arrested, 15 May 2022, 100% News, in: <https://100noticias.com.ni/politica/115375-asedio-padre-harving-padilla-parroquia-masaya/>

¹⁴⁷Priest Uriel Vallejos also victim of harassment by the Sandinista Police, 18 May 2022, Nicaragua Actual, in: <https://nicaraguaactual.tv/sacerdote-Uriel-vallejos-policia-hostiga-acoso-ortega/>

201. Police monitor and intimidate Bishop Rolando Álvarez

“I was the target of persecution by Sandinista police the entire day today, from morning to night. They followed my movements the whole time,” said Monseigneur Rolando Álvarez, in a public statement on the evening of Thursday, May 19, disseminated via video on the Facebook page of the Archdiocese of Managua. He is bishop of the Diocese of Matagalpa and apostolic administrator of the Diocese of Estelí.¹⁴⁸

202. TELCOR orders cable companies to cancel Catholic Channel

"In accordance with the provisions set forth in Enitel's commercial practices code, chapter 2, paragraph X, subsections a and d, which require the provider to notify any changes in channel availability, we hereby notify our subscribers that, on instructions from our regulatory entity TELCOR, Channel 51, the Catholic Channel, is being dropped from our programming schedule, " announced Claro. An employee with Claro's communication team, who prefers not to be identified, told CNN that the instructions to cancel channel 51 were sent not only to Enitel, but two other cable TV broadcast companies as well.¹⁴⁹

203. Monsignor Rolando Álvarez denounces police officers for shouting obscenities at priests

Álvarez stated: "But you have also observed that there aren't any priests with me today. That's because two of my fellow priests who were coming to celebrate mass with me were rudely prevented from entering. Police officers shouted obscenities at Father Yedris Calero, rector of the Minor Seminary of the Archdiocese, and Father Pablo Antonio Villafranca, pastor of Our Lady of Veracruz, who was also personally insulted, along with his mother, by police using that extremely ugly expression." Álvarez, who appeared calm after four days of police surveillance, reported that Pablo Villafranca, Chancellor of the Archdiocese of

¹⁴⁸ Persecution intensifies against leaders of the Catholic Church in Nicaragua, May 20, 2022, Onda Local, in: <https://ondalocalni.com/noticias/1663-persecucion-lideres-religiosos-nicaragua/>

¹⁴⁹ TELCOR orders elimination of catholic channel from cable companies, Medrano, Mario, May 21, 2022, CNN, on: <https://cnnespanol.cnn.com/2022/05/21/nicaragua-telcor-ordena-eliminacion-del-canal-catolico-de-las-empresas-de-cable/>

Managua and one of the priests who was the target of vulgar language, was called a “motherfucker”¹⁵⁰.

204. Police attempt to arrest Father Harving Padilla

*“The altar boy had been here since yesterday. I tried to deliver him to his grandfather, who had agreed to come pick him up. I was going to take him out through the garage. At that moment, a Hilux pickup with riot police officers arrived. One of them asked what I was doing, where I was going. I’m just taking the altar boy home, can I do that, yes, he told me, but then he rushed over to me. I managed to close the garage door,” reported Father Harving Padilla, who looked calm in the midst of the seige*¹⁵¹.

205. Ortega and Murillo order pólíce cordon around Monsignor Rolando Álvarez

More than thirty National Police officers - on foot, motorcycles, and in patrol vehicles – are keeping the Santo Cristo parish church under surveillance and blocking pedestrian and vehicle access to it. Located at the second entrance to Las Colinas, the church is where Monseigneur Rolando José Álvarez, the bishop of the Diocese of Matagalpa and apostolic administrator of the Diocese of Estelí, has taken refuge since last Thursday. He has begun a day of prayer and fasting that will continue until the police siege ends.¹⁵²

206. Juan Carlos Ortega Murillo calls priests vicious and greedy

The son of Daniel Ortega and Rosario Murillo is launching against religious at a time when the dictatorship has intensified its attack on the Catholic Church. At a time when the Ortega police are cornering Monsignor Rolando Álvarez and Father Harving Padilla, the son of

¹⁵⁰ Monsignor Rolando Álvarez denounces that officers shouted offenses at priests, 22 May 2022, 100% News, in: <https://100noticias.com.ni/nacionales/115530-policias-ofenden-sacerdotes-managua/?view=amp>

¹⁵¹ Police try to arrest the father Harving Padilla, May 22, 2022, 100% News, in:

<https://100noticias.com.ni/nacionales/115524-policia-intento-captura-padre-harving-padilla/?view=amp>

¹⁵² Ortega and Murillo impose police siege against Monsignor Rolando Álvarez, Confidencial, May 22, 2022, in: <https://www.confidencial.com.ni/nacion/ortega-y-murillo-imponen-cerco-policial-contra-monsenor-alvarez/>

Rosario Murillo and Daniel Ortega posted on his Twitter account: "Under each cassock there is a common man, full of vices, greed and ungodly thoughts"¹⁵³

207. Police siege of Caritas and Curia of Matagalpa

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Important. The harassment and persecution of Monseigneur Rolando Álvarez continues. This is what the Matagalpa Curia and the headquarters of Caritas in the Diocese looked like this Monday morning. Meanwhile, Daniel Ortega and Rosario Murillo's police maintain their cordon around the bishop in an area of Managua.

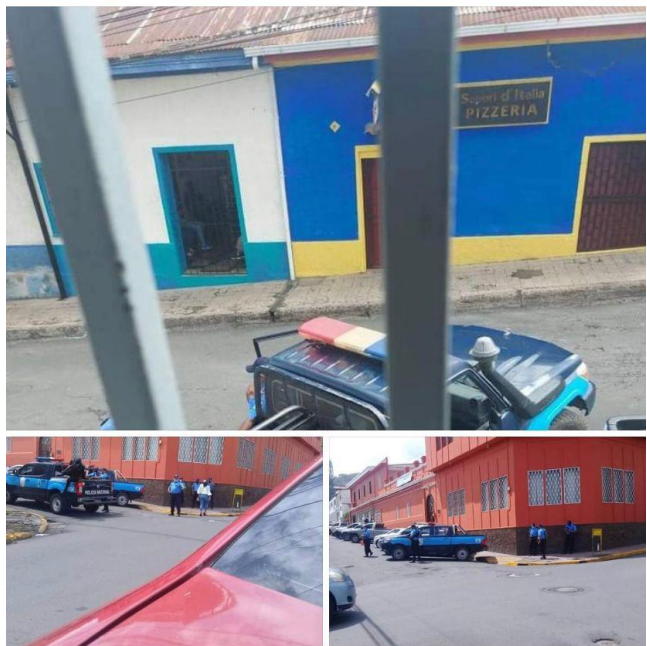


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Relevante. El acoso y persecución contra monseñor Rolando Álvarez, continúa. Así amaneció este lunes la curia de Matagalpa y la sede de caritas de esa diócesis, mientras su obispo, permanece cercado en una zona de Managua por la policía de Daniel Ortega y Rosario Murillo



208. President Daniel Ortega prevents the Catholic people from forming in their faith

The Nicaraguan priest Silvio Fonseca accused on Saturday the government of President Daniel Ortega of trying to deprive "the Catholic people to be formed in their faith", by

¹⁵³Juan Carlos Ortega Murillo calls priests vicious and greedy, 22 May 2022, La Prensa, in: <https://www.laprensani.com/2022/05/22/politica/2997614-juan-carlos-ortega-murillo-tilda-a-sacerdotes-de-viciosos-y-avaros>

including in a list of 83 NGOs that will be outlawed to the body that publishes the monthly newspaper the Catholic Voice. "It is a totally Catholic means," said the religious, who assured that the association has always complied with what the Ministry of the Interior has required.¹⁵⁴

209. Sandinista mobs besiege priest Manuel Salvador García



🚨🚨🚨 URGENTE | Turbas de la dictadura agreden verbalmente a Sacerdote de Nandaime.

El hostigamiento de las fuerzas de choque del FSLN que operan con total impunidad los barrios de las ciudades de Nicaragua, sacó de sus casillas al sacerdote Manuel Salvador García, pues éste cansado de tanto hostigamiento, salió a la parte lateral de la iglesia El Calvario de la ciudad de Nandaime y repeler a los vulgares agresores.

Medios oficialistas; desptrotican la actitud del sacerdote, quién harto de grosería y amenazas reaccionó así. La policía criminal llegó al sitio.

🇳🇮 El pueblo deb defender a sus sacerdotes.
@arquimanagua



210. Priest Manuel Salvador García de Nandaime is arrested by the police

¹⁵⁴ Priest accuses Daniel Ortega of trying to deprive Catholics of forming in their faith, May 28, 2022, 100%News, in: <https://100noticias.com.ni/nacionales/115659-cierre-periodico-voz-catolica-nicaragua/>

The priest Manuel Salvador García, 56 years old, parish priest of the El Calvario church in Nandaime, Granada, was arrested on Wednesday morning by the sanctioned police, as confirmed to Nicaragua Actual sources close to the Catholic Church.

The arrest comes after last Tuesday half pro-government circulated on social networks a video where the religious warned with defend with machete in hand to police officers who surrounded the Catholic temple, however, the media alleged that it was a citizen complaint for alleged threats by the priest towards the population.¹⁵⁵

211. Ortega family took over the frequency of the Catholic Channel

After the cancellation of the signal of the Catholic Channel by the regulatory entity Telcor, it was transferred to an enigmatic channel called Nicarao TV, which transmits to date propaganda related to the government of Daniel Ortega. Officially Telcor did not report any award of the signal but anyway Nicarao TV saw the light of day on May 30, away from the religious programming that characterized the channel of the Catholic Church. These sources say that the channel, now owned by Celeste, S.A.—a corporation linked to the presidential family and in charge of Channel 13—, aims to become another means of propaganda of the media empire managed by the Ortegas.¹⁵⁶

212. Legal status cancelled to the Association of Catholic Publishers (Publica)

National Assembly of Nicaragua closes Non-Profit Organization of the Catholic Church.¹⁵⁷

¹⁵⁵Priest Manuel Salvador García de Nandaime is arrested by the police, 1 June 2022, Nicaragua Actual, in: <https://nicaraguaactual.tv/sacerdote-manuel-salvador-garcia-nandaime-detenido-policia/>

¹⁵⁶ Ortega family took over the frequency of the Catholic Channel, June 2, 2022, Nicaragua Investiga, in: <https://nicaraguainvestiga.com/politica/84699-familia-ortega-se-adueno-de-la-frecuencia-del-canal-catolico/>

¹⁵⁷ La Gaceta, Official Journal, No.102, Monday, July 6, 2022. Decree A.N. No. 8801

45. ASOCIACION ESCUELA DE LA COMEDIA Y EL MIMO, Decreto A. N. N°. 4707, publicado en La Gaceta, Diario Oficial N°. 173, del 05/09/2006, con duración de 99 años y con domicilio en el Municipio de Granada, Departamento de Granada;

46. ASOCIACIÓN DE PUBLICADORES CATÓLICOS “PUBLICA”, Decreto A.N. N° 4286, publicado en La Gaceta, Diario Oficial N°. 147, del 01/08/2005, con duración de 90 años y con domicilio en la ciudad de Managua;

47. ASOCIACIÓN DIOCESANA DE ASESORIA LEGAL Y JURIDICA, (ADALJ), Decreto A. N. N°. 7420, publicado en La Gaceta, Diario Oficial N°. 48, del 12/03/2014, con domicilio en la Ciudad de Matagalpa, Municipio del Departamento de Matagalpa;

213. Police summon parishioners of San Juan Bautista Church to use them as witnesses in possible accusation against Father Harving Padilla

"Parishioners who make up various pastoral groups have been summoned to the Masaya police delegation; however they have resisted speaking out against Father Harving Padilla," a source said on condition of anonymity. Among the questions that police agents have made to the parishioners cited is that they say where the money is that Father Harving Padilla has received from the United States and the alleged weapons that were in the Church. "¹⁵⁸

¹⁵⁸ Police summon parishioners of St. John the Baptist Church to use them as witnesses in possible accusation against the father Harving Padilla, 7 June 2022, Article 66, in: <https://www.articulo66.com/2022/06/07/policia-feligreses-iglesia-san-juan-mal-testimonio-padre-harving-padilla/>

III. Chronology of desecrations, sacrileges, attacks, robberies, and attacks against the Catholic Church in Nicaragua

No.	Affected	Date	Locality	Description
01	Managua Cathedral	April 20, 2018	Managua	Mobs guarded by riot police enter Managua Cathedral
02	Managua Cathedral	April 20, 2018	Managua	Power cut in Managua Cathedral by orders from above
03	- Santiago Apóstol Parish	April 21, 2018	Jinotepe	Mortars fired at young people who were protesting in the atrium of a church
04	Managua Cathedral	April 29, 2018	Managua	Man enters his motorcycle to the high altar of Managua Cathedral
05	Priest Juan de Dios García.	May 3, 2018	Jinotepe	Death threat against Priest Juan de Dios García
06	Priest José Ramón Gómez	May 26, 2018	Ometepe Island	Sandinista mob beats priest José Ramón Gómez
07	Diocese of Matagalpa	June 9, 2018	Matagalpa	Diocese of Matagalpa denounces smear campaign
08	Priest Vicente Martínez	June 10, 2018	Matagalpa	Hooded put AK 47 on the head of priest Vicente Martínez
09	Our Lady of Lourdes Parish	June 10, 2018	Managua	Motorized throw stones in Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
10	Managua Cathedral	June 10, 2018	Managua	Paramilitaries force to suspend afternoon masses in Managua Cathedral
11	Chapel of St. Michael the Archangel	June 11, 2018	Lion	Desecration in St. Michael the Archangel Chapel
12	Priest Juan Antonio Calero	June 13, 2018	Masatepe	Hooded men try to kidnap priest Juan Antonio Calero
13	Capilla San Gabriel	June 23, 2018	Managua	Desecration in San Gabriel Chapel
14	Parish of Santa Teresa del Niño Jesús.	June 23, 2018	Managua	They desecrate Santa Teresa del Niño Jesús Parish.
15	Parish of San Felipe Apóstol (Molagüina)	June 24, 2018	Matagalpa	Threats against priest and collaborators of the parish of Molaguina
16	La Cartuja Retreat Center	June 26, 2018	Matagalpa	Robbery in retreat center "La Cartuja"
17	Our Lady of Candelaria La Trinidad Parish	July 3, 2018	Estelí	Shots fired at Our Lady of Candelaria La Trinidad Parish
18	Priest Uriel Vallejos	July 7, 2018	Sebacus	Father Uriel Vallejos, from Sébaco, denounces smear campaign
19	Priest Miguel Mantica	July 9, 2018	Carazo	Government mobs steal monsignor Miguel Mantica's cell phone
20	Priests and bishops	July 9, 2018	Carazo	Paramilitaries Attack Nicaraguan Bishops and Priests
21	- Santiago Apóstol Parish	July 9, 2018	Jinotepe	Santiago Apóstol Parish desecrated and looted
22	Priest Jalder Hernandez	July 9, 2018	Jinotepe	Paramilitaries attack priest Jalder Hernández

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23	Priest Eliseo Hernández	July 9, 2018	Jinotepe	Paramilitaries attack priest Eliseo Hernández
24	La Merced Parish	July 13, 2018	Grenade	They throw mortar and enter La Merced parish
25	Jesus of Divine Mercy Parish	13 and 14 July 2018	Managua	12 hours under siege and bullets against the parish where students, priests and journalists were located.
26	Capilla San Antonio	July 14, 2018	Dario City	Desecration and theft in San Antonio Chapel
27	Bishop Juan Abelardo Mata	July 15, 2018	Estelí	Paramilitaries attack vehicle of the Bishop of Estelí, Juan Abelardo Mata
28	Priest Jairo Velásquez	July 15, 2018	Catarina	Paramilitaries beat priest Jairo Velásquez
29	Santa Catalina Parish	July 15, 2018	Catarina	Robbery in the priest's house of Santa Catalina parish
30	Priest Harvin Padilla	July 16, 2018	Table	Dictatorship points to the priest Harving Padilla as an accomplice in the murder of A Non-Commissioned Officer
31	Caritas- Sébaco	July 16, 2018	Sebacus	Hooded men burn Caritas facilities in Sébaco
32	Chapel of Our Lady of Mercy	July 17, 2018	Matagalpa	Desecration of the Chapel of Our Lady of Mercy
33	Priests and bishops	July 19, 2018	Nicaragua	President Daniel Ortega accuses the Catholic Church of "coup plotter"
34	Chapel of Our Lady of Mount Carmel	July 20, 2018	Jinotega	Desecration of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Chapel
35	Sacred Heart of Jesus Chapel	July 23, 2018	San Rafael del Norte	Sacred Heart of Jesus Chapel Desecrated
36	La Cruz del Calvario Parish	July 30, 2018	Estelí	Graffiti and threats against El Calvario Parish.
37	St. Francis of Assisi Parish	July 30, 2018	Estelí	Paintings on the wall of San Francisco de Asís Estelí Parish
38	Apompua Chapel	August 2, 2018	Dario City	Apompua Chapel Desecration
39	Priest Cesar Augusto Gutierrez	August 15, 2018	Table	Priest Cesar Augusto Gutiérrez goes into exile
40	Priests and bishops	August 22, 2018	Nicaragua	Eden Pastora "Bullets also pierce cassocks"
41	Bishop Rolando José Álvarez	September 2, 2018	Matagalpa	Orteguistas verbally attack Bishop Rolando José Álvarez
42	Managua Cathedral	September 8, 2018	Managua	Paintings on the walls of the cathedral of Managua

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43	La Merced Parish	September 8, 2018	Grenade	Group sympathetic to the government burst into the temple shouting at the time of mass
44	Father Edwin Roman	September 9, 2018	Table	Police Commissioner Ramón Avellán beats Father Edwin Román.
45	Priest Stedman Muller	September 9, 2018	Estelí	Armed groups shoot at priest Stedman Muller's van
46	Managua Cathedral	September 21, 2018	Managua	New Pints on walls of the cathedral of Managua
47	Bishop Silvio José Báez	October 25, 2018	Managua	Campaign of intimidation, repression, discredit and harassment against Bishop Silvio José Báez.
48	Priest Mario Guevara	December 5, 2018	Managua	Priest burned with sulfuric acid in Managua Cathedral
49	St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish	December 26, 2018	Catarina	Desecration of St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish
50	Priest Jaime Montesinos	January 13, 2019	Matagalpa	For the third time priest expels Sandinista merchants who besiege the temple and the parishioners
51	Santo Cristo de Esquipulas Parish	January 15, 2019	Managua	He disguises himself as a journalist for Radio Corporación to besiege parishioners
52	Priest José Luis Montoya	January 23, 2019	Managua	Several priests have "loosened" the screws of their vehicles
53	Priest Edwin Román	February 13, 2019	Table	Police discuss and assault Father Edwin Román
54	Priest Edwin Román	February 15, 2019	Table	Father Edwin Román denounces that he is spied on and harassed
55	Priest Edwin Román	March 7, 2019	Table	National Police officers vulgarly offend Father Edwin Román and threaten him with death.
56	Priest Juan Domingo Gutiérrez Álvarez	March 17, 2019	Managua	Priest Juan Domingo Gutierrez is taken to prison
57	Bishop Silvio José Báez	April 10, 2019	Managua	Bishop Silvio Baez denounces that there was a plan to assassinate him

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58	Chapel of San Alfonso María de Ligorio	April 15, 2019	Managua	They make pints in Chapel San Alfonso María de Ligorio
59	Bishop Silvio José Báez	April 23, 2019	Managua	Bishop Silvio José Báez goes into exile
60	Managua Cathedral	May 13, 2019	Managua	Police Siege Cathedral of Managua
61	Parishioners of Parish San Felipe Apóstol (Molagüina)	May 18, 2019	Matagalpa	Aggression and repression against parishioners of Parish Molaguina
62	Managua Cathedral	May 18, 2019	Managua	Agents of the National Police prevents the entrance to the Cathedral of Managua throughout the day
63	Managua Cathedral	June 16, 2019	Managua	Police attack the premises of Managua Cathedral
64	Our Lady of Los Angeles Parish	June 21, 2019	Jinotega	Pints in Parish Nuestra Señora de Los Ángeles
65	Priests of Estelí	June 25, 2019	Estelí	Bishop Abelardo Mata denounces death threats against priests
66	Cathedral of Matagalpa, San Pedro Apóstol	June 27, 2019	Matagalpa	Police besiege Matagalpa Cathedral
67	Priest Edwin Román	June 29, 2019	Table	Father Edwin Román denounces that Farle Roa Traña, commissioner of the National Police, infiltrates in confession to tell him that "he had weapons"
68	Priest Edwin Román	July 1, 2019	Table	Priest Ewin Roman: "A woman came to confession and asked me where I could get bombs."
69	Cathedral of Matagalpa, San Pedro Apóstol	July 3, 2019	Matagalpa	Paramilitaries invade cathedral with flags and shouting partisan and anti-church slogans.
70	Bishop Abelardo Mata	July 12, 2019	Estelí	Orteguismo accuses Bishop Juan Abelardo Mata of "insults and slander"
71	Jesus of Divine Mercy Parish	July 13, 2019	Managua	Police siege in Jesus of Divine Mercy Parish
72	Managua Cathedral	July 13, 2019	Managua	Sandinista mobs offend religious and seminarians
73	Cathedral of León.	July 15, 2019	Lion	Attack on parishioners who attended Mass at the Cathedral of León
74	Bishop Rolando Álvarez	July 17, 2019	Matagalpa	Armed groups besiege Bishop Rolando Álvarez
75	Parish of San Miguel Arcángel	July 25, 2019	Table	Agents of the National Police block the entrance of San Miguel Arcángel Parish and paramilitaries throw stones at the parishioners.
76	Parish of San Miguel Arcángel	August 27, 2019	Table	Police Siege of San Miguel Arcángel Parish
77	Parish of San Miguel Arcángel.	August 28, 2019	Table	Shock forces besiege and attack San Miguel Arcángel parish

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78	St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish	September 1, 2019	Catarina	Police besiege St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish
79	CARITAS	September 9, 2019	Nicaragua	Government blocks Caritas containers
80	Priest Uriel Vallejos	September 26, 2019	Sebacus	They try to run over the priest Uriel Vallejos
81	Cathedral of Estelí	October 8, 2019	Estelí	Police and paramilitaries besiege mass and procession in Estelí
82	Seminarians	October 11, 2019	Estelí	Paramilitaries threaten seminarians in Estelí with firearms
83	Divine Mercy Parish	October 19, 2019	Sebacus	Police officers besiege Divina Misericordia parish
84	Diocese of Matagalpa	October 20, 2019	Matagalpa	Authorities in Nicaragua ban Catholic Masses in school promotions
85	Church of Nicaragua	October 30, 2019	Nicaragua	General Directorate of Customs retains containers with consecrating wine used in masses.
86	St. Francis of Assisi Nursing Home of Divine Mercy Parish	November 1, 2019	Sebacus	Priest denounces illegal suspension of electric service to nursing home
87	Parish San Francisco	November 13, 2019	Managua	Siege of Mass held in San Francisco parish
88	Parish of San Miguel Arcángel	November 14, 2019	Table	Siege for 9 days to Parish San Miguel Arcángel
89	Priests Archdiocese of Managua	November 15, 2019	Table	Priests are held by National Police
90	Parish of San Miguel Arcángel	November 15, 2019	Table	Government blocks Drinking Water and Electric Power service in Parish San Miguel Arcángel
91	Priest Pedro Méndez.	November 17, 2019	Managua	Aggression against the priest Pedro Méndez
92	Parish of San Felipe Apóstol Molaguina	November 17, 2019	Matagalpa	Aggression against parishioners Parish of San Felipe Apóstol Molaguina

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93	Aggression against Presbyter Rodolfo López and desecration of Managua Cathedral.	November 18, 2019	Managua	Assault on priest and desecration of Managua Cathedral.
94	Sister Arelys Guzman	November 18, 2019	Managua	Physical aggression against sister Arelys Guzmán
95	St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish	November 19, 2019	Catarina	Harassment of St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish
96	Bishops and priests	November 20, 2019	Nicaragua	Rosario Murillo calls religious manipulators
97	San Juan Bautista Parish	November 21, 2019	Table	Ortega fanatics under the support of the National Police attacked parishioners of the San Juan Bautista church
98	Cathedral of Our Lady of the Rosary of Estelí	November 28, 2019	Estelí	Pints in Cathedral of Our Lady of the Rosary of Estelí
99	Priest Alcides Peña	December 7, 2019	Estelí	Police kidnap priest Alcides Peña
100	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish	December 22, 2019	Rio Blanco	Pints in Parish Cuatro Esquinas Rio Blanco
101	Chapel of Perpetual Help	December 24, 2019	Matiguás	Paint in Chapel of Perpetual Help
102	Our Lord of Esquipulas Parish	January 2, 2020	Tipitapa	Theft and destruction of images of Parish Nuestro Señor de Esquipulas
103	Pilgrim image procession of Fatima	January 25, 2020	Sebacus	Police besiege pilgrim image procession of Fatima
103	San Juan Parish	January 23, 2020	Table	Sandinista police block access to the temple for collecting school supplies
104	Priests and bishops	February 24, 2020	Nicaragua	Vice President Rosario Murillo and his hate speech against priests and bishops.
105	Parish of San Felipe Apóstol (Molagüina)	February 26, 2020	Matagalpa	Aggression against Secretary Rosario, and Sacristan Michael Rodriguez

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106	Archbishop's Curia	February 28, 2020	Managua	Pints in Archbishop's Curia
107	Santo Domingo Las Sierritas Parish	February 28, 2020	Managua	Pintas in the Parish of Santo Domingo Las Sierritas.
108	Sanctuary of the Servant of God Odorico D Andrea	February 28, 2020	San Rafael del Norte-Jinotega	Destruction of construction progress of La Paz Monument
109	Managua Cathedral	March 3, 2020	Managua	Desecration of Managua Cathedral
110	Priest Antonio Saballos	April 1, 2020	Managua	Priest Antonio Saballos threatened
111	Diocese of Matagalpa	April 5, 2020	Matagalpa	Minsa bans solidarity of Monsignor Álvarez to prevent coronavirus
112	La Concepción Chapel	April 13, 2020	Mateares	Desecration and sacrilege of La Concepción Chapel
113	Priests and bishops	May 14, 2020	Nicaragua	Vice President Rosario Murillo and his hate speech
114	Our Lady of Fatima Parish	June 30, 2020	Wiwili, New Segovia	Desecration of Our Lady of Fatima Parish
115	Church of San José de Cusmapa	July 11, 2020	San José de Cusmapa	Catholic temple desecrated in San José de Cusmapa
116	Cathedral of St. John the Baptist	July 13, 2020	Jinotega	A silver angel is stolen from San Juan Bautista Cathedral in Jinotega
117	Matagalpa Cathedral	July 19, 2020	Matagalpa	Siege in Matagalpa Cathedral
118	Chapel of Our Lady of Perpetual Help	July 29, 2020	Nindirí /Masaya	Desecration of the Chapel of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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11 9	Managua Cathedral	July 20, 2020	Managua	Managua Cathedral: Gates destroyed
12 0	Our Lord of Veracruz	July 24, 2020	Managua	Desecration and theft in Our Lord of Veracruz parish.
12 1	Chapel of Our Lady of Mount Carmel	July 27, 2020	Table	Desecration of our Lady of Mount Carmel Chapel
12 2	Diocesan Shrine of St. Francis of Assisi	July 29, 2020	Lion	Theft of three high-relief paintings in the Diocesan Shrine of St. Francis of Assisi
12 3	Managua Cathedral	July 2020	Managua	Theft of temple fence
12 4	Managua Cathedral	July 31, 2020	Managua	Explosive against the Image of the Blood of Christ
12 5	El Calvario Chapel	July 31, 2020	Chinandega	Desecration of El Calvario Chapel
12 6	Priest Harving Padilla	August 2, 2020	Table	Police and paramilitaries besiege priest Harving Padilla
12 7	Santa Lucia Chapel	August 1, 2020	Managua	Santa Lucia Chapel desecrated
12 8	Parish Corpus Christi	August 2, 2020	Managua	Siege of Corpus Christi Parish
12 9	Santa Rosa del Peñón Parish	August 2, 2020	Lion	Man breaks into Mass and attacks church of Santa Rosa del Peñón in León
13 0	Our Lady of the Assumption Parish	August 2, 2020	Ocotol	Theft in Our Lady of the Assumption Parish
13 1	San Diego de Alcalá Parish	August 3, 2020	Ometepe Island	Desecration of San Diego de Alcalá Parish
13 2	Priests and bishops	August 4, 2020		Sandinista Propagandist Threatens Priests and Bishops

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133	Priest Edwin Román	August 10, 2020	Table	Sandinista mobs harass Father Edwin Román in Niquinohomo and challenge him to the blows
134	Santa Rita Parish	August 19, 2020	Boaco	Unknown people set fire to the tree and destroyed the image of Santa Rita, in Teustepe
135	Santo Domingo de Guzmán Chapel	September 6, 2020	Telpaneca	Desecration in Santo Domingo de Guzmán Chapel
136	Diocese of Estelí	September 7, 2020	Estelí	Closure of the Technical Institute of Agriculture of the Diocese of Estelí
137	San Juan Bautista Parish	September 24, 2020	Table	Subject tries to enter at midnight in Parish San Juan Bautista
138	Chapel of Our Lady of La Merced	October 12, 2020	Managua	Desecration and theft in the Chapel of Our Lady of Mercy
139	Priest Luis Arilio Carrillo	October 16, 2020	Estelí	Expulsion of Priest Luis Carrillo by orders of the General Directorate of Migration and Aliens
140	Virgin of Guadalupe Chapel	November 8, 2020	Table	Robbery in Chapel Virgen de Guadalupe
141	Home Zacharias Guerra	November 25, 2020	Managua	Regime closes project in Hogar Zacarías Guerra
142	El Calvario Parish	January 2, 2021	Table	Keys to the tabernacle stolen in El Calvario-Masaya parish
143	Priest Alexander Ruiz	January 2, 2021	Table	Woman assaults priest Alexander Ruiz
144	Fraile Santos Fabian Mejia	January 31, 2021	Juigalpa-Chontales	General Directorate of Migration and Aliens (DGME), denied entry to Nicaragua to Friar Santos Fabián Mejía
145	Friar Jose Lemus Aguilar	February 8, 2021	Matagalpa	General Directorate of Migration and Aliens (DGME), denied entry to Nicaragua to Friar José Lemus Aguilar
146	Parish of St. Francis of Assisi.	March 10, 2021	Managua	Robbery in St. Francis of Assisi Parish
147	Heart of Mary Parish	March 17, 2021	Managua	Robbery in Parish Corazón de María Las Palmas

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148	Sanctuary of the Servant of God Odorico D Andrea	March 28, 2021	San Rafael del Norte – Jinotega	Robbery at the Sanctuary of the Servant of God Odorico D Andrea
149	Our Lady of Candelaria Parish	April 12, 2021	Chinandega	Our Lady of Candelaria Parish desecrated
150	Santa María de las Victorias Parish	April 18, 2021	The Cruise	Santa María de las Victorias Parish desecrated
151	Parish of San Miguel Arcángel	April 21, 2021	Table	Stones thrown at St. Michael the Archangel Parish
152	Friar Damian Muratori	April 30, 2021	San Rafael del Norte – Jinotega	Migration withdraws residence to Friar Damián Muratori
153	Mary Immaculate Parish	10 May 2021	Managua	Theft of sound equipment
154	Diocese of Estelí	May 19, 2021	Somoto	Desecration of the image of Monsignor Suazo in Somoto
155	San Jacinto Chapel	May 21, 2021	Telica	San Jacinto Chapel is set on fire
156	Priests and bishops	June 10, 2021	Nicaragua	Vice President Rosario Murillo and his hate speech against bishops
157	Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel "La Pita"	June 18, 2021	Jinotega	Theft of valuables in Parish Nuestra Señora del Carmen
158	St. Jude Thaddeus Parish	July 12, 2021	Condega	Robbery in San Judas Tadeo Parish
159	Priests and Bishops	July 14, 2021	Nicaragua	President Daniel Ortega calls priests Pharisees
160	Las Esquinas Chapel	July 16, 2021	Diriamba	Sacrilege in Capilla las Esquinas

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16 1	Priest Eliar Pineda	July 17, 2021	Jinotega	Smear campaign against Priest Eliar Pineda
16 2	Catholic Radio of Sébaco	July 19, 2021	Sebacus	Priest Uriel Pineda denounces siege on Catholic Radio.
16 3	Immaculate Conception Parish	July 26, 2021	Table	Sandinista sympathizers make pints in the Immaculate Conception Parish
16 4	Priests and bishops	July 30, 2021	Nicaragua	President Daniel Ortega and Vice President Rosario Murillo and their hate speech against priests and bishops
16 5	Priest Edwin Román	August 3, 2021	Table	After multiple threats, Father Edwin Román goes into exile in the United States
16 6	Priests and bishops	August 14, 2021	Managua	Vice President Rosario Murillo and his hate speech against priests and bishops
16 7	Priest and bishops	September 9, 2021	Nicaragua	Ortega propaganda launches "black campaign" against priests
16 8	Priests and bishops	September 27, 2021	Nicaragua	Vice President Rosario Murillo and his hate speech against priests and bishops
16 9	Priests and bishops	October 5, 2021	Nicaragua	President Daniel Ortega accuses: "Bishops are terrorists"
17 0	Our Lady of the Assumption Parish	October 9, 2021	Table	Robbed in Our Lady of the Assumption parish in Masaya
17 1	Priests and bishops	October 17, 2021	Nicaragua	Nicaragua's President and Vice President Call Bishops Terrorists
17 2	Priest Vicente Martínez	October 20, 2021	Dario City	National Police besieges Presbyter Vicente Martínez
17 3	Cardinal Leopoldo Brenes	October 26, 2021	Managua	Police siege of the house of Cardinal Leopoldo Brenes
17 4	- Priest Silvio Fonseca, St. Faz Parish	November 7, 2021	Managua	Government of Nicaragua prevents Monsignor Silvio Fonseca from leaving the country, they confiscated his passport or oressed to appear at the Offices of Migration.

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17 5	Holy See	November 16, 2021	Nicaragua	Government withdraws deanship of the diplomatic corps in Nicaragua to the Apostolic Nuncio of the Holy See
17 6	Mary Help of Christians Parish	December 7, 2021	San José de Cusmapa, Madriz	Desecration in Mary Help of Christians Parish
17 7	Priests and bishops	December 14, 2021	Nicaragua	President Daniel Ortega unleashes hate speech against priests at ALBA summit
17 8	Priests and bishops	December 14, 2021	Nicaragua	Vice President Rosario Murillo Calls Nicaragua's Bishops Vermin
17 9	Chapel of Carmen	January 18, 2022	Managua	Desecration and theft of the Chapel of Carmen
18 0	Priests and bishops	January 24, 2022	Managua	Vice President Rosario Murillo and his offensive speech against the Catholic hierarchy
18 1	Priest Jairo Antonio Mercado	January 25, 2022	Diriomo	Priest Jairo Antonio Mercado denounces campaign against him
18 2	Virgin Sorrowful Chapel, Capulín	January 29, 2022	Grenade	Desecration of the Sorrowful Virgin Chapel, Capulín
18 3	Church of Nicaragua	February 2, 2022	Nicaragua	Cancellation of legal status to Catholic Non-Profit Organization: UCATSE
18 4	Church of Nicaragua	February 2, 2022	Nicaragua	Cancellation of legal status to Catholic Non-Profit Organization: Asociación Instituto Agropecuario de la Diócesis de Estelí
18 5	Church of Nicaragua	February 2, 2022	Nicaragua	Cancellation of legal status to Catholic Non-Profit Organization: Asociación Cáritas Diocesana de Estelí
18 6	Church of Nicaragua	February 2, 2022	Nicaragua	Cancellation of legal status to Catholic Non-Profit Organization: Association Commissions of Justice and Peace Diocese of Estelí
18 7	Church of Nicaragua	February 2, 2022	Nicaragua	Cancellation of legal status to Catholic Non-Profit Organization: Asociación Centro Cultural del Norte de la Diócesis de Estelí
18 8	Church of Nicaragua	February 2, 2022	Nicaragua	Cancellation of legal status to Catholic Non-Profit Organization: Association of Parish Schools of the Diocese of Estelí

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189	Nuncio Waldemar Sommertag, Holy See, Vatican	March 7, 2022	Managua	Expulsion of Nuncio Waldemar Sommertag
190	Bishop Rolando Álvarez	March 27, 2022	Matagalpa	Police harass Bishop Rolando José Álvarez
191	Priests and bishops	April 4, 2022	Nicaragua	Vice President Rosario Murillo and his hate speech against priests and bishops.
192	Priests and bishops	April 5, 2022	Nicaragua	Vice President Rosario Murillo and his hate speech against priests and bishops.
193	Faithful Catholics	April 15, 2022	Matagalpa	Attack on matagalpa Cathedral collaborator
194	Priest Bismark Count	April 26, 2022	Table	Siege and defamation of priest Bismark Conde
195	Apostolic Nunciature	May 3, 2022	Nicaragua	Siege of religious visiting the apostolic nunciature
196	Priests and bishops	May 4, 2022	Nicaragua	Report approved to increase penalties, prosecute priests and confiscate property in Nicaragua for "treason"
197	Priest Harving Padilla	May 15, 2022	Table	Sandinista police and paramilitaries harass and intimidate priest Harving Padilla
198	Priest Uriel Vallejo	May 18, 2022	Grenade	Sandinista police harass priest Uriel Vallejo
199	Bishop Rolando Álvarez	May 19, 2022	Matagalpa	Police besiege and intimidate Bishop Rolando Álvarez
200	Catholic Canal of Nicaragua	May 21, 2022	Nicaragua	TELCOR orders elimination of catholic channel from cable companies
201	Priest Pablo Villafranca Priest Yedris Calero	May 22, 2022	Managua	Monsignor Rolando Álvarez denounces that officers shouted offenses at priests
202	Priest Harving Padilla	May 22, 2022	Table	Police try to arrest Father Harving Padilla
203	Bishop Rolando Álvarez	May 22, 2022	Managua	Ortega and Murillo impose police siege against Monsignor Rolando Álvarez

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204	Priests and bishops	May 22, 2022	Matagalpa	Juan Carlos Ortega Murillo calls priests vicious and greedy
205	CARITAS Curia Matagalpa	May 23, 2022	Nicaragua	Police siege of Caritas and Curia of Matagalpa
206	Catholic Village	May 28, 2022	Nicaragua	President Daniel Ortega prevents the Catholic people from forming in their faith.
207	Priest Manuel Salvador García	May 30, 2022	Nandaime	Sandinista mobs besiege priest Manuel Salvador García
208	Priest Manuel Salvador García	June 1, 2022	Nandaime	Priest Manuel Salvador García de Nandaime is arrested by the police
209	Catholic Canal of Nicaragua	June 2, 2022	Nicaragua	Ortega family took over the frequency of the Catholic Channel
210	Episcopal Conference of Nicaragua	June 6, 2022	Nicaragua	Legal status cancelled to the Association of Catholic Publishers (Publica)
211	Priest Harving Padilla	June 7, 2022	Table	Police summon parishioners of San Juan Bautista Church to use them as witnesses in possible accusation against Father Harving Padilla