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The Conference of Provincial Jesuits of Latin America and the Caribbean (CPAL) support and subscribe to the communication of our Jesuit brothers in the Central American Province and of the educational community at the University of Central America in Managua (UCA).

We profoundly lament the acts of violence against the people who gathered in a peaceful manner to oppose the social security reform. We condemn as anti-democratic all the violent repression on the part of state agencies and individuals and groups organized by the government.

We express our solidarity with the victims and all the institutions, people, and families that have suffered attacks in the past few days. We thank them for their courage and their valiant desire to build a free, just, and democratic Nicaragua and Latin America.

We reject all forms of intimidation, repression, control, and violence against the institutions, groups, and persons, like the UCA, who work with generosity and professionalism in the formation of a civil conscience and in the promotion of deeper values that inspire us.

We ask President Ortega to listen to the clamor of the Nicaraguan people who ask for respect of their human and civil rights. We ask him, as quickly as possible so as to avoid the spilling of more innocent blood, to convene a national dialogue.

We express our sincerest solidarity with our Jesuit colleagues and collaborators in the apostolic work of the Society of Jesus who, together with the Nicaraguan people, continue to be faithful to the ideas of equality, fraternity, solidarity, and justice that once made this country great.

We invoke the Lord our God to pour out his blessing on the Nicaraguan people and give all of you the generosity and courage to build a prosperous, just, and fraternal nation; we ask him clarity and wisdom in these ill-fated moments, especially for your authorities, because “the voice of the blood of your brother calls to be from the earth,” says the Lord (Gen 4:10).

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