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Compromiso y solidaridad con la Universidad Centroamericana -UCA

..."Even at times when we face great challenges and apparent defeats, we continue to dream of helping to recreate a different world, because we have known 'the One who has the power to accomplish all things incomparably better than we can ask or think' (Eph 3:20). That is why we stand firm, 'shod our feet with zeal for the Gospel of peace' (Eph 6:15)". GC36

On August 16, 2023, the Jesuit Provincials of Latin America and the Caribbean, received with pain and sadness the news of the unjust decision to confiscate the assets of the Central American University – UCA, in Managua, by the current government of Nicaragua.

The work carried out by the academic community of the UCA since 1960, is indisputable proof of the effort and commitment to the formation of generations of young Nicaraguans, the constant search for better educational practices, collaborating with the development of the country and following the mission of the Society of Jesus and the Church in Nicaragua.

It is regrettable and outrageous to see that the Nicaraguan government uses authoritarian resources and accusations that have no basis in reality to confiscate the university. The accusations are false, baseless and in an authoritarian manner are taking away the basic and inalienable right to fair legal process and self-defense.

Given all this, we stand in solidarity with the entire community of the UCA, with the Central American Province of the Society of Jesus and with all the people of Nicaragua who suffer from this arbitrary action and so many others that have been taken in recent years.

The UCA joins other works of the Catholic Church and many others of civil society that have suffered similar accusations and confiscatory decisions. Therefore, we reaffirm our support and join the request to the Nicaraguan government to reverse the confiscatory decision, correcting the measures taken and opening a dialogue based on the truth of the facts, freedom and the guarantee of quality education for the country's youth.

We remain firm in our fidelity to Jesus of Nazareth and we unite in communion in the mission carried out by the Central American Province through the UCA.

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