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The Arrupe Observatory of the University of San Francisco expresses its concern at the continued situation facing the Central American University in Managua (UCA). Through a statement, last Monday, September 9, our sister institution in Nicaragua said patrols and riot police -using canine technique- kept the Jesuit University campus surrounded. Fr José Idiáquez SJ, said that the University has been constantly besieged by police forces as part of the repressive measures of the current Government of Nicaragua against student protests.

It is important to mention that since 2018, the Inter-American Commission of Humans Rights (IACHR) said that the repression response to the protests by the Government of Nicaragua has resulted in a serious Human Rights crisis. In such a way that the Commission emphatically concluded that “the State of Nicaragua violated the rights to life, personal integrity, health, personal freedom, assembly, freedom of expression and access to justice.” Therefore, the IACHR expressed its special concern. for the murders, possible extrajudicial executions, ill-treatment, possible acts of torture and arbitrary detentions committed against the mostly young population of the country.

The USF Arrupe Observatory for Human Rights calls for dialogue, reconciliation and unrestricted respect for the Human Rights of the Nicaraguan people, maintaining the dignity of each person as a guiding principle. From The University of San Francisco in the United States, we stand in solidarity with the University Community of UCA Managua and its President, Fr. José Idiáquez, SJ, supporting his fight for truth and the search for justice and peace, and invite our community locally and abroad to do the same.