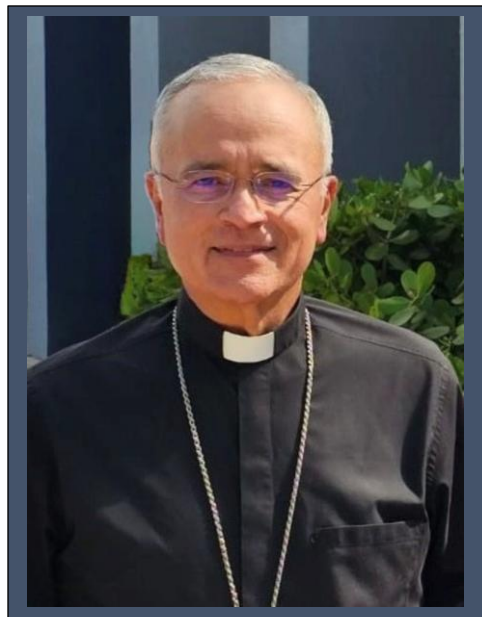


# 2025 Pacem in Terris Peace and Freedom Award



*Bishop Silvio José Báez Ortega, O.C.D.*

*Auxiliary bishop of Managua, Nicaragua.*

Bishop Báez, who lives in exile in the United States, has risked his life advocating for justice and peace in his beloved homeland of Nicaragua. He is among hundreds of Nicaraguans expelled or deported in recent years for criticizing the administration of President Daniel Ortega and his wife, Vice President Rosario Murillo.

Bishop Báez speaks prophetically against the government in his home country because the resulting oppression affects the lives of his people and perpetuates a multitude of injustices. He has been a shepherd of the poor and a courageous defender of human rights and democracy. Bishop Báez currently serves as Professor of Scripture on the faculty of St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, Boynton Beach, USA.

## Award Presented by

**Most Reverend Dennis G. Walsh**

**Wednesday, July 9, 2025**

**7:00 P.M.**

**Sacred Heart Cathedral (Grand Hall)**

**422 E 10th St, Davenport, IA 52803**

**FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE 5:30 PM. MASS AND REFRESHMENTS AT 6:30 PM. PRIOR TO THE AWARD CEREMONY.**

**Previous award recipients include:** Martin Luther King, Jr.; Dorothy Day; Saint Teresa of Calcutta; Archbishop Desmond Tutu; Eileen Egan; Cesar Chavez; Daniel Berrigan, SJ; Monsignor Marvin Mottet; His Holiness the Dalai Lama.

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