

PACEM IN TERRIS PEACE AND FREEDOM AWARD

Wednesday, July 9, 2025

The 2025 Pacem in Terris Peace and Freedom Award

is presented to

Most Reverend Silvio José Báez Ortega, O.C.D.

by

Most Reverend Dennis G. Walsh, Bishop of Davenport and the
Pacem in Terris Coalition of the Quad Cities, in light of your
lifelong commitment to peace and justice.

The coalition recognizes your commitment as a shepherd of the
poor and a courageous defender of human rights and democracy
who has endured physical injury and threats to your life while
pursuing mediation between government and pro-democracy
forces in your beloved Nicaragua.

Your perseverance, built on responding to the call of the Gospel,
has inspired you to seek peace by working for justice.

Bishop Báez, you truly embody the words of Pope John XXIII as “a
spark of light, a center of love, a vivifying leaven” to your brothers
and sisters in Nicaragua and around the world.

Given on this 9TH day of July in Davenport, Iowa.



*Most Reverend Silvio José Báez Ortega, O.C.D.
Auxiliary bishop of Managua, Nicaragua*

PROGRAM:

WELCOME, OPENING PRAYER, AND HISTORY OF PACEM IN TERRIS AWARD

Deacon Kent E. Ferris, OFS
Director of Social Action
Diocese of Davenport

LITANY HONORING PAST RECIPIENTS

Gale Francione

BIOGRAPHY OF THE RECIPIENT

Barb Arland-Fye
Editor, The Catholic Messenger

AWARD PRESENTATION

Most Rev. Dennis G. Walsh
Bishop, Diocese of Davenport

REMARKS

Most Rev Silvio José Báez Ortega, O.C.D.

CLOSING PRAYER

Lisa Killinger
Muslim Community of the Quad Cities

THE 2025 PACEM IN TERRIS PLANNING COMMITTEE AND CONTRIBUTORS

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