

Testimonial

From my point of view the problem we have in Nicaragua, began with the Pastoral Letter May 21, 2014, in which the Bishops raised problems of social, political and economic nature in Nicaragua, with the aim that these aspects were taken seriously into account by the government for a better coexistence and to work for a real peace in Nicaragua.

Why do I say this? Because the proper procedures were not followed: I was not shown a court order, there was no prior investigation, everything was arbitrary and I was even arrested in the street by two members of the police, and six members of the security troops, who accompanied me to the police unit where I was later transferred to the El Chipote prison.

I was interrogated and I was accused of giving hate speeches, of organizing an uprising. I was following orders from Monsignor Rolando and they asked me what were those orders?

How much money did Bishop Rolando receive from the US government and the European Union? Do you know how much money the bishop and priests received? Who else advised the bishop? Do you know what the clergy did in their meetings? When they met in the parishes, what did they say? Was it really about spiritual retreats or was it about badmouthing the government? Who was in charge of the media? Did we receive money from the Chamorro Foundation and how much did we receive?

One of the prison commissioners asked me in one of the interviews, with whom else do they meet and how do they do it? Should I give them names of priests, lay people and the positions they had in the organization? They always addressed the Monsignor as if he were the thinking head and the organizer of the failed coup d'état and of wanting to organize a new coup.

The aforementioned shows the great ignorance that the government and other authorities have of the prophetic role and the evangelical commitment of the bishops.

We were accused of being members of an organized crime gang and that the leaders were the bishops, and above all they said Rolando.

I was accused of undermining the dignity of the state and of Nicaragua, of spreading false news. I

hope that this testimony will be useful for future efforts for the liberation of Monsignor Rolando.