



SOLIDARITY STATEMENT

“Shortly before his arrest, in a moment of great intimacy, Jesus said to those who were with him: ‘I leave you peace, I give you my peace, but not as the world gives it,’ and immediately added: ‘Do not be troubled or afraid’ (Jn 14:27).”

From the message of His Holiness Leo XIV for the 59th World Day of Peace, January 1, 2026.

A greeting of brotherhood and hope for our brothers and sisters of the Venezuelan people.

As the Pan-Amazonian Ecclesial Network (REPAM) and the Ecclesial Conference of the Amazon (CEAMA), we express our solidarity with the Venezuelan people in the face of current events that are exacerbating violence, deepening instability, and continuing to violate the democratic principles of the nation.

Any intervention by external military forces is a situation that endangers peace and opens the door to a confrontation of greater proportions in the midst of a scenario of high political and military tension, threatening regional stability.

This complex current and future context challenges us as a Church in the Amazon to be more united than ever, to strengthen our commitment to peace, democracy, human rights, and socio-environmental justice.

We echo the message of Pope Leo XIV in today's Angelus prayer on January 4, urging us to overcome violence and guarantee sovereignty, the rule of law, and respect for human rights:

“The good of the beloved Venezuelan people must prevail over any other consideration and lead to overcoming violence and embarking on paths of justice and peace, guaranteeing the sovereignty of the country and ensuring the rule of law.”

We join in his prayer for the good of the Venezuelan people and in the call of the Episcopal Conference of Venezuela to live more intensely in hope and fervent prayer for unity and peace in hearts and in society.

We ask God the Creator to protect the dignified life of our brothers and sisters in Venezuela and throughout the Amazon. We accompany them with our prayers.

January 4, 2026.

The Presidencies of the Pan-Amazonian Ecclesial Network (REPAM) and the Ecclesial Conference of the Amazon