

# Faith Under Fire

## *Panel presentation and discussion*

### CUBA, NICARAGUA & VENEZUELA

Three repressive regimes close to the United States are using authoritarian tactics to undermine democracy by silencing the voices of independent civil society, including religious leaders who have denounced their destructive ideologies and practices. They are undermining constitutional guarantees using vague and contradictory laws, decrees, and bureaucratic tactics to arbitrarily target religious communities.

Amid this crisis, members of the international community have expressed their condemnation. The United States has placed Cuba and Nicaragua on its list of Countries of Particular Concern for religious freedom violations. In the face of this worsening crisis of religious persecution, OAA presents a panel of experts who will share their determination to protect the fundamental right to religious freedom in these countries.

The panel presentation and discussion will be followed by a Q&A session.

#### Panelists include:



**Father Alberto Reyes**



**Cuba**

Priest & Religious Freedom Advocate

**Cecilia Navas**

**Venezuela**



Founder, Youth and Democracy in the Americas  
& Youth Advocate



**Marcos Carmona**



**Nicaragua**

Executive Secretary, Permanent  
Commission on Human Rights  
(CPDH)

**Dr. Teo Babun**  
**Regional**



President/CEO, Outreach Aid to the Americas (OAA)  
Author, Faith and Freedom in Latin America

**Tuesday**  
**February 27, 2024**  
**6:30pm**

**Florida International  
University**

**Modesto A. Maidique Campus**

**Graham Center  
Room 150 (GC150)**

**10955 SW 15th Terrace  
Miami, FL 33199**

The event is free, open to the public, and  
conducted in Spanish.

Livestreaming will be available at  
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