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AMERICA/DOMINICAN REPUBLIC - "The country needs peace and reconciliation" says Cardinal López Rodríguez to politicians

Santo Domingo (Agenzia Fides) - Cardinal Nicolás de Jesús López Rodríguez, Archbishop of Santo Domingo, spoke again of the situation that the country lives and prayed for the new government. "We ask God to assist the elected President in this difficult moment to organize the new government," said the Archbishop during the Mass celebration for the Solemnity of Corpus Christi followed by eucharist procession, attended by more than 20 thousand people gathered in the Olympic Stadium in the capital. The Cardinal reported a number of priorities that, in the opinion of many people, should be taken into account by the new government: insecurity, the creation of jobs, fair wages for civil servants, public education, better training and a more adequate salary for teachers in schools.

According to information Fides received, the Archbishop of Santo Domingo, on June 9 participated in one of the events scheduled for the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Pontificia Universidad Catolica Madre y Maestra (PUCMM), in his speech he underlined that the country needs peace and reconciliation. Soon after he emphasized the necessity for the Dominican Revolutionary Party (PRD) to remain united, because "disputes do not lead to anything positive," and called this "for the good of Dominican democracy." The PRD in fact is experiencing a domestic crisis after the elections held on May 20, when its candidate, Mejia, was defeated by the Dominican Liberation Party candidate, Danilo Medina.

Cardinal Lopez Rodriguez presided over the act of delivery of the titles of the PUCMM at the campus of Santiago: it is the third ceremony this year to celebrate half a century of the most important Study Center of the nation. With 984 new graduates this year, 63 thousand 982 people have achieved a higher education qualification at this University which was founded in 1962. (CE) (Agenzia Fides 11/6/2012)

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