

# *Pope Francis to Meet with Parents of Missing Ayotzinapa Students in Mexico*

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Mexico City, January 26 (RHC-teleSUR) -- Pope Francis will meet with parents of a group of 43 missing students in February, according to an announcement Monday.

The head of Mexico's conference of Bishops Cardinal Francisco Robles Ortega said the Pope is eager to meet with victims of violence in Mexico when he visits the country next month, including the families of the Ayotzinapa 43, according to La Jornada.

Many of the families are currently involved in a nationwide campaign against violence.

The announcement of the Pope's plans to meet the families came just days after revelations Mexican government officials may have intentionally withheld evidence related to the Ayotzinapa 43 case.

Family members and supporters of the 43 disappeared students have repeatedly called for justice and a thorough and independent investigation into the case, rejecting the official government story that the students were burned in a garbage dump near Cocula, Guerrero.

Independent experts provided new evidence last month to prove that the students were not burned in the Cocula garbage dump as federal investigators had claimed.

The evidence was expected to serve as a basis to open up new lines of investigation in other areas to identify the whereabouts of the remains of the 43 disappeared Ayotzinapa students.

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