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SOA Watch founder has new set of troubles

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From NCR Nov. 11:

Maryknoll Fr. Roy Bourgeois has been threatened with excommunication by the Vatican's Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith for his support of women's ordination, **according to a letter made public (Nov 11).**

The letter was written by Bourgeois and addressed to the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith. It was distributed via e-mail by Bill Quigley, a New Orleans lawyer who represents Bourgeois.

According to Bourgeois' letter, which is dated Nov. 7, the congregation has given him 30 days to recant his belief and public statements that support the ordination of women in our Church, or (he) will be excommunicated.

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The letter indicates that Bourgeois received notification from the congregation Oct. 21.

From NCR Nov. 17:

Maryknoll Fr. Roy Bourgeois has "poked at a lot of hornets nests" as a pacifist and persistent critic of U.S. military policy. But for all of the scary episodes that come with bucking the status quo, one of the most emotionally wrenching moments of his life occurred just days ago in the living room of his childhood home.

Telling his family about the Vatican's threat to excommunicate him was scary moment: **Father's blessing brings peace to Bourgeois**

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