

The Howard County 16TH Annual Human Rights Potluck Dinner

Commemorating the 65th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

"The Struggle for Human Rights, Justice and Equality: The Power within our Communities"

Featuring **Guest Speaker Father Roy Bourgeois**, Founder of SOA Watch



Potluck Dinner and Raffle

(Please bring a main dish to share)

Saturday, November 9, 2013, 6 - 9 p.m.

Bain Senior Center, 5470 Ruth Keaton Way, Columbia, MD

Born in Litcher, Louisiana, Fr. Roy served as a Naval Officer for two years before entering the seminary of the Maryknoll Missionary Order. Ordained a Catholic priest in 1972, Roy went on to work with the poor of Bolivia for five years before being arrested and forced to leave the country, then under the repressive rule of dictator and SOA grad General Hugo Banzer.

In 1980 Fr. Roy became involved in issues surrounding US policy in El Salvador after four U.S. churchwomen--two of them friends of his--were raped and killed by Salvadoran soldiers. Roy became an outspoken critic of U.S. foreign policy in Latin America. Since then, he has spent over four years in U.S. federal prisons for nonviolent protests against the training of Latin American soldiers at Ft. Benning, Georgia. In 1990, Roy founded School of the Americas Watch. After 40 years as a Catholic priest, he was expelled for his public support for the ordination of women. In 2012 he was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.



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