

THE LATIN AMERICAN SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE OF THE WNY PEACE CENTER PRESENTS  
**The 34th Annual Father A. Joseph Bissonette Latin America Event**

*Thursday, May 7th, 2015*



**Fr. Roy Bourgeois,** *founder of SOA Watch*



## Peace, Justice and Equality

After his ordination as a Maryknoll priest in 1972, Father Bourgeois served the poor in Bolivia. He was deported for speaking out against the dictatorship.

By the 1980s he was an activist and critic of U.S. policy in Central America, and of U.S. support of a Salvadoran regime that ignored economic injustice and horrific human rights violations. A major motivation was the rape and killing of 3 nuns and a lay activist by the Salvadoran National Guard.

In the 90s he founded School of the Americas Watch, ([www.soawatch.org](http://www.soawatch.org)) an organization dedicated to closing the "School of the Assassins" where so many of the military violators of human rights and perpetrators of "death squads" in Latin America received their training from U.S. military.

He sees a line from these violations to what the U.S. is doing to Mexican migrants in the name of anti-terrorism.

His strong defense of the rights of women clergy in the Catholic Church has drawn disciplinary actions from the hierarchy.

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**SOCIAL AND REFRESHMENTS (WINE & CHEESE) AT 6:30 PM SPEAKER AT 7:30PM**

## **Ticket Prices**

**(A Check sent to the Peace Center will reserve your spot and secure the lower rate)**

### **STANDARD:**

\$15 per person in advance • \$20 at the door

### **PATRON:**

\$25 or more per person

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