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Statement from Cardinal Robert McElroy, Archbishop of Washington, on Monsignor Stephen Rossetti

The Archdiocese of Washington announced today that Robert Cardinal McElroy has removed Monsignor Stephen Rossetti, a priest of the Diocese of Syracuse, N.Y., as an exorcist of the Archdiocese of Washington, and ended all affiliation between the archdiocese and the Saint Michael Center for Spiritual Renewal located in Washington, D.C.

Cardinal McElroy said that statements made by Monsignor Rossetti linking UFOs to demonic presence and the Center's recent use of social media gravely undermine the Church's very precise teaching on the devil, demons and exorcism.

Declaración del cardenal Robert McElroy sobre monseñor Stephen Rossetti

La Arquidiócesis de Washington anunció hoy que el cardenal Robert McElroy ha destituido al monseñor Stephen Rossetti, sacerdote de la Diócesis de Syracuse, Nueva York, como exorcista de la Arquidiócesis de Washington, y ha puesto fin a toda afiliación entre la arquidiócesis y el Centro de Renovación Espiritual de San Miguel ubicado en Washington, D.C.

El cardenal McElroy dijo que las declaraciones hechas por monseñor Rossetti vinculando los OVNIs con la presencia demoníaca y el reciente uso de las redes sociales por parte del Centro socavan gravemente la enseñanza muy precisa de la Iglesia sobre el diablo, los demonios y el exorcismo.

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