

10-2-07 - Group calls for resignation of bishop in sex abuse case
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A group of clergy sex abuse victims on Monday called for the resignation of Bishop Thomas Curry of Santa Barbara, releasing court documents they say show that the church official actively covered up the prosecution of a priest who sexually molested several children dating to the 1980s.

The group, called Survivors Network of Those Abused by Priests, called on Cardinal Roger Mahony to fire Curry if he does not resign at a press conference where they released depositions of both church officials.

"Less than two decades ago a top L.A. archdiocesan official, Bishop Thomas Curry, deliberately let a suspected serial predator escape the police," SNAP officials said in a statement. "These documents and Curry's own deposition prove that he intentionally let a criminal flee the U.S. to Mexico."

The depositions are related to the historic \$650 million payout the archdiocese made this summer to settle hundreds of sexual abuse cases.