

The flashing Brazilian... Priest in Brazil suspended for nude selfie

RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL: A Brazilian priest known for conservative views on moral issues and disapproving in his sermons of kissing and sex has been suspended for sending a nude selfie to an apparent mistress on his cell phone.

"Father Alfredo Rosa Borges has been suspended from his duties," and faces ex-communication, a diocesan spokesman at Campos de Goytacazes, a northern town in Rio state told AFP.

Borges is seen posing naked in front of a mirror holding his cell phone in pictures posted last week via smartphone service WhatsApp, which have since appeared in online media.

Rio daily *O Dia* reported he had admitted sending suggestive messages to a woman who later posted them but denied having an intimate relationship with her.

"An investigation has been opened but the photo comprises a transgression of the Church," the bishop of Campos, Roberto Francisco, told *O Dia*.

Worshippers at Borges' Santo Antonio church reported he had first insisted the picture was fake but then conceded it was him and explained that "we are all sinners."

Borges authors a blog where he expresses conservative views on social issues, dubbing kissing a "grave sin" and sexual liaisons as a "serious moral disorder as normally it leaves aside and abandons the procreative aspect."

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