

Priest's Mother Accuses Reds of Brainwashing Him

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—A Glendale mother charged today that her son, a Catholic priest who had served his faith for eight years on the China mainland, has been brainwashed by Chinese Communists.

Mrs. John Houle disclosed that a letter from her son, the Rev. John Houle, S. J., written in a Red China prison camp, said bluntly:

"The simple fact is I violated laws of the People's Government."

Father Houle was proctor of Christ of the King Church in Shanghai and had been in China eight years, a year of which was in Peiping. He was imprisoned on June 15, 1953.

Another statement in the letter which convinced Mrs. Houle that her 38 year old son had been brainwashed was:

"My trial is making progress and with the continuing and very real and genuine assistance of those charged with conducting it, I hope to see it

work out much before I had expected."

The priest's letter continued:

"My judge tells me in his natural and lovable sincerity that he knows me to be a good priest. But the simple fact is I violated laws of the People's Government and must answer for what, in any language, are called crimes."