

Red Face for the Priest

A recent *Perspective* about humor in church – when a Sunday school teacher asked the children in her class to write a letter to God – brought some funny stories from two doctors.

Here's one from Dr. Thomas Cooper, the full-time physician at Life Care Center of Kennewick, Washington:

A young priest had discovered how easy it is to update his remarks for funerals using the find-and-replace function in his word processor.

He did a funeral for a parishioner named Mary and then did as he always did and used the find-and-replace function to replace her name for his next funeral.

The insert handed out to the congregation had John this and John that, but then had "Jesus born of the Blessed Virgin John."

That surely brought some chuckles, even for a somber occasion; and a red face for the priest.

Dr. Bruce Hodges, full-time physician at Garden Terrace at Overland Park, Kansas, weighed in with this story:

An art teacher asked her first-grade class to draw a picture of anything they would like. As the teacher walked around the room, she noted that little Mary had drawn a large, slightly oblong circle on her paper.

The teacher said to little Mary, "What are you drawing, Mary?"

"I am drawing a picture of God's face," Mary answered.

"But no one knows what God looks like," explained the teacher.

"They will when I get through!" exclaimed Mary.

Now, there's a confidence in one's ability that you just have to admire.

We thank our doctors for their work on our anatomy – tickling our funny bone.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy (Psalm 126:2 ESV).

– Beecher Hunter

