

RESOURCE 8

HUMOROUS MATERIAL

SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT

In our Discernment Process for a suitable rector/vicar, the following scratch sheet was developed for your perusal. Of the candidates investigated by the committee, only one was found to have the necessary qualities. The list contains the names of the candidates and comments on each, should you be interested in investigating them further for future pastoral placements.

NOAH: He has 120 years of preaching experience but no converts.

MOSES: He stutters and his former congregation says he loses his temper over trivial things.

ABRAHAM: He took off to Egypt during hard times. We heard that he got into trouble with the authorities and then tried to lie his way out.

DAVID: He is of an unacceptable moral character. He might have been considered for minister of music had he not "fallen."

SOLOMON: He has a reputation for wisdom but fails to practice what he preaches.

ELIJAH: He proved to be inconsistent and is known to fold under pressure.

HOSEA: His family life is in a shambles. Divorced, and remarried to a prostitute.

JEREMIAH: He is too emotional, alarmist; some say a real "pain in the neck."

AMOS: Comes from a farming background. Better off picking figs.

JOHN: He says he is a Baptist but lacks tact and dresses like a hippie. Would not feel comfortable at a church potluck supper.

PETER: Has a bad temper and was heard to have even denied Christ publicly.

PAUL: We found him to lack tact. He is too harsh, his appearance is contemptible, and he preaches far too long.

TIMOTHY: He has potential but is much too young for the position.

JESUS: He tends to offend church members with his preaching, especially Bible scholars. He is also too controversial. He even offended the Discernment Committee with his pointed questions.

JUDAS: He seemed to be very practical, cooperative, good with money, cares for the poor, and dresses well. We all agreed that he is just the man we are looking for to fill the vacancy as our rector/vicar.

Thank you for all you have done in assisting us with our Discernment Process.

Discernment Committee Chair

THE PERFECT PRIEST

Results of a computerized survey indicate that:

- ◆ The perfect priest preaches exactly 10 minutes, condemns sin, but never embarrasses anyone.
- ◆ The perfect priest works from 8 A.M. until midnight and is also the sexton.
- ◆ The perfect priest makes \$60 a week, wears good clothes (but not too good), drives a good car (but not too good), and gives \$50 a week to the poor.
- ◆ The perfect priest is 28 years old, has been preaching for 25 years, is wonderfully gentle, loves to work with teenagers, and spends countless hours with senior citizens.
- ◆ The perfect priest makes 15 visits daily to parish families, shut-ins, and hospital patients, and is always in the office when needed.
- ◆ If your priest does not measure up, simply send this letter to six other congregations that are tired of their priests, too. Then bundle up and ship your priest to the church at the top of the list. In one week you will receive 1,643 priests. One of them should be perfect.
- ◆ Have faith in this letter. One parish broke the chain and got its old priest back in three months.