

Dear People of God,

It is hard to believe we have one week left in January! As a child, I truly enjoyed heavy snowfalls and cold temperatures. I loved playing tackle football in the snow and coming home to Mom's hot chocolate and plenty of cookies! Life and attitudes change! The beauty of snow gently falling still captures my heart—until I turn the car key in the ignition! Chicago winter driving is tough, exhausting and somewhat challenging.

With January almost over, we all need to laugh some and put life in perspective. God is good, loving and present—despite frigid temperatures! Let us give thanks to God as we begin a small window of Ordinary Time before the start of our Lenten journey on February 26.

Enjoy the following . . . pass it on. . . and remember baseball starts in approximately 65 days!

### **Christian One Liners**

- Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case.
- Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited until you try to sit in their pew.
- Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisers.
- It is easier to preach ten homilies than it is to live one.
- When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.
- People are funny; they want the front of the bus, the middle of the road, and the back of the church.
- Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on your front door forever.
- Quit griping about your church; if it was perfect, you couldn't belong.
- If the church wants a better pastor, it only needs to pray for the one it has.
- God Himself does not propose to judge a person until he is dead. So why should you?
- Some minds are life concrete—thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.
- I don't know why some people change churches; what difference does it make which one you stay home from?
- We are called to be witnesses, not lawyers or judges.
- Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.
- Don't put a question mark where God puts a period.
- Forbidden fruits create many jams.

- God doesn't call the qualified, he qualifies the called.
- God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.
- He who angers you, controls you!
- If God is your co-pilot, swap seats!
- Don't give God instructions—just report for duty!
- The task ahead of us is never as great as the power behind us.
- The Will of God never takes you to where the Grace of God will not keep you.
- We don't change the message, the message changes us.
- You can tell how big a person is by what it takes to discourage him.
- The best mathematical equation I have ever seen: 1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given.

Walking with you,

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