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— “The Confessional Booth Scandals” —

Okay! Imagine that YOU are a *reverend father* sitting behind one of those confessional booth screens hearing the lurid details of a myriad of sexual escapades day-in-and-day-out. What mortal could resist acting on the inevitable fantasies?...and people actually wonder how and why all the scandal?

"In fairness to Catholics though, most of the fully-credentialed Protestant preachers I know (lots and lots of'em) are observably very proud of their "counseling ministries." Their scandals, I think, are just as numerous and for the same reasons, but with a lot less publicity. "Human nature is the Sin nature."

I'll bet you enjoy a bit of good-natured humor now and then, so you just may want to share the fiction that goes sort'a like this...

"Bless me Father, for I have sinned. I've been with a loose girl." The priest asks, "Is that you, little Joey Pagano?" "Yes, Father, it is." "And who was the girl?" "I can't tell you, Father. I don't want to ruin her reputation." "Well, Joey, I'll find out sooner or later so you may as well tell me now. Was it Tina Minetti?" "I cannot say." "Was it Teresa Mazzairelli?" "I'll never tell." "Was it Nina Capelli?" "I'm sorry, but I cannot name her." "Was it Cathy Piriano?" "My lips are sealed Father." "Well then, was it Rosa DiAngelo?" "Please, Father, I cannot tell you."

The priest sighs in frustration. "You're very tight lipped, and I admire that. But you've sinned and have to atone. You cannot be an altar boy now for four months. Now you go and behave yourself, my son." Joey walks back to his pew and his friend Franco slides over to whisper, "What'd you get?" "Four month's vacation and five excellent Leads."

Who first told it I haven't a clue, but might it be true?



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