**Sleeping in Church**

**Dennis asks the minister on the way out of church following the service: "My Dad wants to know if you fall asleep when you're writing your sermons." *(Hank Ketcham, in Dennis the Menace comic strip)***

**Grandma: "I'm considering getting my eyebrows tattooed on. I know some women who've had it done. That would make getting ready in the mornings a lot easier." Grandpa: Good idea. And I'm considering getting some eyeballs tattooed on my eyelids. That would make sitting through church a lot easier." *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

**Nelson: "How come you never got any tattoos, Grampa?" Grandpa: "Actually, Nelson, I did." Nelson: "Where are they?" Grandpa: "I had eyes tattooed on my eyelids so no one can tell if I'm awake. In fact, my eyes are shut right now." Nelson: "Cool!" Grandpa: "Yeah. It comes in handy at church." *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

**In our parish the pastor was delighted when the town doctor, who had been an irregular churchgoer at best, began attending Mass every Sunday. It wasn't long before they were helping each other -- the priest referring people to the doctor, and vice versa. One referral, sent by the doctor, called on the pastor with a note prescribing his last four sermons. The priest was delighted -- until he discovered the patient's problem was insomnia. *(Colin Jeffrey, in Catholic Digest)***

**Recently, our pastor fell asleep at the wheel and awoke just as he sideswiped a guardrail. When he got home, his wife peppered him with questions, trying to figure out what had happened. "Were you sleepy when you started to drive?" she asked. "No," he answered. "Then how did you fall asleep?" "I'm not sure," he said. "There I was, going over my sermon. . ." *(Margaret McGlaun, in Reader's Digest)***

**Preacher: "Mrs. Jones, will you please wake up your husband?" Mrs. Jones: "Wake him up yourself! You put him to sleep." *(Anonymous)***

**Preacher: "Brother Purvis, I noticed you fell asleep during the sermon yesterday." Brother Purvis: "It was a very restful message." Preacher: "I don't know why you even bother coming to church when you always fall asleep." Brother Purvis: "I need the nap." *(Jerry Bittle, in Geech comic strip)***

**The little boy says to the minister following the church service: "I slept in church because I'm striving to be more like God, and on the seventh day He rested." *(The Lutheran Witness)***

**“I hope you didn't take it personally, Reverend,” an embarrassed woman said after a church service, “when my husband walked out during your sermon.” “I did find it rather disconcerting,” the preacher replied. "It's not a reflection on you, sir,” insisted the churchgoer. “Ralph has been walking in his sleep ever since he was a child.” *(Nuggets)***

**A Sunday school teacher asked her little children, as they were on the way to church service. "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping." *(S.C.U.C.A. Regional Reporter)***

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