



## Pop goes CATHOLICISM Resource Sheet

# "A Priest Walked Into A Bar" In Plain Sight

### Media Information

**Season:** 3  
**Episode:** 13  
**Year Aired:** 2010

### Description

#### Series Description

*In Plain Sight* tells the stories of a US Marshall named Mary who helps people in the Witness Protection Program.

#### Episode Description

In this episode, Mary has to protect a priest who witnessed a murder and tries to get another witness to join him in the program. In the process, they are all shot at by those who committed the first murder. After offering final blessings to a dying gunman who just tried to kill him, the priest opts out of WITSEC to be a priest again.

### Related

#### Scripture:

Hebrews 5:5-6  
Jeremiah 1:4-5

#### Catechism:

#1582-1583  
#1597

### Faith Connection

You know I'd be checking out a TV show episode with this title! It didn't disappoint. Unsurprising that a show about taking on a new identity would eventually explore the idea of a priest having to do so. Thankfully, the show actually portrayed a pretty cool priest, unlike the caricatures often seen. And that portrayal is accurate with Catholic theology about the Sacrament of Holy Orders; it conveys upon the recipient an "indelible sacramental character." In other words, once ordained always ordained. Just because the man leaves the collar and ministry, he cannot leave being a priest: Mary notes that even as a bartender he still counsels, to which he replies "let me quote that great philosopher: 'I am what I am.'" And that applies to all of us; vocation is a lofty word for a pretty simple concept: figuring out who God made us to be. And whether priest, husband, single server, mother, or nun, we all have that job.

### Discussion Questions

1. Consider the idea that God made you to be something, to do something in particular.
2. How does it feel to think about such things?
3. What helps you get in touch with what God wants you to be or do? What distracts from it?
4. Do you think you're living your vocation? Why?
5. What do you need to do to fulfill your vocation?

