

# FORGIVE ME FATHER

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**FADE IN:**

**INT. DUSTY OFFICE - DAY**

FATHER MAGUIRE, 60s, curmudgeonly features that normally match his mood, sits at an imposing mahogany desk adjusting his dog collar.

The office is lined with shelves, dusty ones, full of theology books, hymn books and Bibles in different editions and languages.

ROSE, 40s, with a permanent blush to her chubby cheeks, enters with a subconscious bow.

Father Maguire looks up.

FATHER MAGUIRE  
That today's?

Rose nods, approaches deferentially, and hands him a hand written list containing names and numbers.

FATHER MAGUIRE (cont'd)  
Not many.

ROSE  
No, don't think it'll catch on.

He picks up his desk phone, Rose is clearly dismissed.

She retreats out of the room, blushing a deeper shade.

He dials the first number on the sheet, puts it on speaker.

DONALD LASSITER (V.O.)  
I'm not here, you know what to do.

FATHER MAGUIRE  
Donald, it's Father Maguire for your Remote Confession, call me back and you won't go to hell this week.

He smiles at his priest joke and dials the next number.

PEGGY SARSONS (V.O.)  
Hello.

FATHER MAGUIRE  
Hi, is that you Peggy? It's Father Maguire for your Remote Confession.

FATHER MAGUIRE (cont'd)  
Hello, Peggy, are you there?

PEGGY SARSONS (V.O.)  
I am.

FATHER MAGUIRE  
Do you have anything to confess?

There's a pause, Father Maguire frowns.

PEGGY SARSONS (V.O.)  
I'm going to kill someone.

FATHER MAGUIRE  
Peggy! That's the greatest of sins.  
Why would you want to do that?

PEGGY SARSONS (V.O.)  
He hurt my son.

Father Maguire shifts uncomfortably in his seat.

PEGGY SARSONS (V.O.) (cont'd)  
He's an innocent.

FATHER MAGUIRE  
Well, I can see why --

PEGGY SARSONS  
My only child.

Behind Father Maguire, the door of his office opens quietly.

FATHER MAGUIRE  
Still...

PEGGY SARSONS  
No one would blame me.

FATHER MAGUIRE  
But God would --

PEGGY SARSONS  
Not have deserted my son...

Father Maguire turns to see Peggy in the doorway.

PEGGY SARSONS (cont'd)  
To your sick cravings.

FATHER MAGUIRE  
Peggy, I don't know what Daniel  
said --

PEGGY SARSONS  
You know exactly what he said.

FATHER MAGUIRE  
Peggy, I didn't do what --

PEGGY SARSONS  
And God said "let those who indulged  
in sexual immorality and pursued  
unnatural desire, serve as an example  
by undergoing a punishment of eternal  
fire."

She pulls a blowtorch from behind her back, shuts the door.

**FADE OUT**

The silence is brief before the screams begin.

THE END