

## Cast of Characters

Father Tim:

Tends to the standard communion duties during Midnight Mass.

Single Susie:

She's been told that church is a great place to pick up single guys. She just doesn't know which one is unavailable.

Catholics #1-4:

Two receive communion. Two others wait for Single Susie to finish.

## Scene

Single Susie, acting on the advice that church is a great place to pick up single men, chooses a rather odd time to make her move.

SETTING: Typical Catholic Church.

AT RISE: Father Tim doles out Communion to his faithful followers. There are five people in line: two in front of Single Suzy, two behind her. ... "O Holy Night" plays SOFTLY on the piano.

FATHER TIM

The Body of Christ.

CATHOLIC #1

Amen.

(Catholic #1 dutifully receives the bread, steps to the side, eats it, sign of the cross, exits.)

FATHER TIM

The Body of Christ.

CATHOLIC #2

Amen.

(Same drill as #1.)

FATHER TIM

The Body of Christ.

SINGLE SUSIE

Do you have a girlfriend?

FATHER TIM

Excuse me?

SINGLE SUSIE

Do you have a girlfriend?  
(blank stare from Father Tim.)

Oh, come on! A tall, distinguished man like yourself doesn't have a girlfriend?

FATHER TIM

I am a Catholic priest.

SINGLE SUSIE

Well ... duh!

(Look of utter bewilderment from Father Tim. He waits for Single Susie to get it. She doesn't.)

SINGLE SUSIE

Women must totally dig someone like you! You're honest, loyal, you help the homeless, I mean come on!

(turning to the Catholics  
behind her)

Am I right, or am I right?

(Catholics 3 and 4 behind  
her stand disbelieving,  
waiting to receive. Father  
Tim notices.)

FATHER TIM

The Body of Christ.

SINGLE SUSIE

Oh, enough about the body of Christ. Let's talk about your body, Father Time!

FATHER TIM

Tim. My name is Father Tim.

SINGLE SUSIE

So what are you doing after the show, Father Tim?

(Throughout the rest of the  
sketch, the two Catholics  
behind Single Susie will  
act appropriately annoyed.)

FATHER TIM

I imagine I'll go to bed and rest up for the services tomorrow morning.

SINGLE SUSIE

Oh. You wanna come over tomorrow?

FATHER TIM

On Christmas?

SINGLE SUSIE

Yeah! We can play with my presents, watch DVDs ... We make it a family tradition to watch "A Hannity & Colmes Christmas" every year.

FATHER TIM

(voice rising)

Look. I appreciate the offer, but I'm a little tied down -- by my busy schedule, by the holiday season, by the vow of celibacy I took to become an ordained priest!

(Single Susie absorbs what  
Father Tim has just told  
her. She degenerates into  
a BAWLING HISSYFIT.)

(Father Tim tries to comfort  
her as the Catholics in  
line roll their eyes etc.)

SINGLE SUSIE

I'm bad. I'm so bad!

FATHER TIM

There, there.

SINGLE SUSIE

I didn't mean any disrespect. I ... I ... I just was told that  
if I came to church more I'd be able to meet a nice man. And all  
I do is date jerks and dishonest people and I ... I ...

(to piano player)

Would you SHUT the FUCK UP!

(piano playing stops)

I'm sorry.

FATHER TIM

You're forgiven.

SINGLE SUSIE

I'll leave now. Do I get to try some of that stale bread, or  
does God not want me to have it now?

FATHER TIM

You may have communion.

SINGLE SUSIE

Thank you.

(looks up)

Thank you.

FATHER TIM

The Body of Christ.

SINGLE SUSIE

Amen. I swear to God, this will be the last time I listen to my  
younger brother for dating advice.

(She walks away.)

FATHER TIM

Did you just say you have a younger brother?

SINGLE SUSIE

Yeah. Why do you ask?

(LIGHTS)