

**Mother and I**

My mom was almost a nun. That's the first hint of what it was like having Margaret Mary Gimple for a mother. Strictness and discipline were the rules in our house with my mom as the head mistress. Priests and nuns were our best friends and visited often. We NEVER EVER dared miss mass, even while on vacation. We discussed the bible every Sunday during family meetings and often held mass in our home with our dear friends Fr. Tom or Fr. Jerry presiding. My siblings and I chose the bible readings, songs, and wrote the petitions. I finally made the decision myself to become a nun after eating Chicken Cordon Blue at the Mother House where the Sister's of Carondelet lived. My stomach always was the way to my heart!

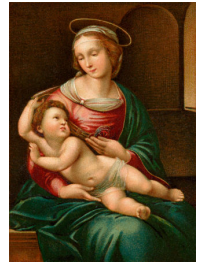
Needless to say, I did not become a nun. I did however, argue with my mom constantly while growing up and I am surprised I can still walk today after all the paddling I received. Even though mom died nine years ago, I am sure she is behind my accomplishment of receiving a degree in Religious Studies in 2007. Then I believe that Margaret Mary Gimple and God put their heads together and said, "Let's lead her to Christian Community Home-care next." And what a blessing this has been, to share life with all of you wonderful people!

So Happy Mothers Day to all of you and mom, I hope the Chicken Cordon Bleu in heaven is as good as it is here on earth.

In His Service, Chris



The history of Mother's Day is centuries old and the earliest Mother's Day celebrations can be traced back to the spring celebrations of ancient Greece in honor of Rhea, the Mother of the Gods. During the 1600's, the early Christians in England celebrated a day to honor Mary, the mother of Christ. By a religious order the holiday was later expanded in its scope to include all mothers, and named as the Mothering Sunday. Celebrated on the 4th Sunday of Lent (the 40 day period leading up to Easter), "Mothering Sunday" honored the mothers of England.



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During this time many of the England's poor worked as servants for the wealthy. As most jobs were located far from their homes, the servants would live at the houses of their employers. On Mothering Sunday, the servants would have the day off and were encouraged to return home and spend the day with their mothers. A special cake, called the mothering cake, was often brought along to provide a festive touch. As Christianity spread throughout Europe the celebration changed to honor the "Mother Church" - the spiritual power that gave them life and protected them from harm. Over time the church festival blended with the Mothering Sunday celebration. People began honoring their mothers as well as the church.

Just to get you thinking

## **Hotel Bill and the Missing Dollar**



Three men check into a hotel. The manager charges them \$30 for one room with three beds which they share. The men go to their room and settle in, after a few moments the manager realizes a mistake. The room rate was only \$25. He over charged the three men, \$5. The manager sent for the bellhop to return the \$5 to the three men. On his way to the room the bellhop realizes that he can't split \$5 between 3 men so he decides to give each man \$1 and pocket the remaining \$2 as a tip. The bellman returns the \$1 to each man. In the three men's minds they each paid \$9 for the room, or a total of \$27, include the \$2 tip the bellhop kept and that equals \$29.

### **But, what happened to the other dollar?**

It's a play on words to lead you to believe the answer is \$30 and tricks you into adding the \$2 instead of subtracting it as follows:

$\$3 \times \$9 = \$27$  then minus the \$2 which is the \$25 which is what they paid for the room. If you take what they ultimately paid for the room (\$25) and add the \$3 (the \$1 each man received back) and then the \$2 tip the bellhop kept, you would reach the original \$30 that was paid.

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## FAMILY ALBUM

I come from a large family, five sisters and three brothers.

My sisters and I were looking through the family photo album one day.

Picture after picture, we were all dressed in matching clothes. I asked my mother why she dressed us all alike, right down to the baby.

She explained, "When we had just four children, I dressed you alike so we wouldn't lose any of you. Then," she added, looking at the pictures in the album, "when the other five came along, I started dressing you alike so we wouldn't pick up any that didn't belong to us."

Thanks to Pastor Tim for this joke!\*

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