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In article <01bcb9a7\$00a4ab40\$3f5b82ce@patkeena>, "Pat Keenan"
<pokokat@netroute.net> writes:

>This writer called the right reverend a phoney. I never doubted his
>criminal past and his being incarcerated.
>I call him PHONEY because he obviously falls into the same bracket that so
>many mopes fall into when they become incarcerated. ie. FINDING GOD.
>Break the law and you go to jail. Want to do it easy? Find God and
>everybody will fall all over you supplying you with Bible study material,
>mailing lists, visits from Bible thumpers, etc, etc, etc.
>I am glad if the right reverend is now fulfilled and happy in his work, but
>until I meet this guy face to face I have a hunch that he is a phoney
>ex-con that did his time the easy way.
>Question.. why did you wait until prison to find your vocation?
>I guess it takes a good B&E or an assault or a bank robbery to bring the
>real person out, eh!<

PAT - Yes, there is apparently a misunderstanding. I began studying for
ordination in 1988. I was ordained in December 1994. I was sentenced and
went to prison in January 1996. I took my faith to prison with me, and it
was one of the most important factors in maintaining my sanity while
incarcerated. And my offense was not B&E, or assault or bank robbery - it
was misuse of a credit card.

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>Do me a favour and pray for me next time you are in your CHURCH rev. <

I don't have to be in church to pray, Pat. God listens to us anytime,
anywhere we ask for His attention. I do pray for all COs & inmates with

every prayer, including my prayers when in church as a congregant or celebrating services. You are included in my prayers.

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>Any prison staff that fall for your line of crap should go back to basic
>training!
>Thanks for listening,
>P. Keenan<

Actually, I have had the honor of meeting quite a few prison staff who are also Christians, and enjoyed fellowship with them. They, too are frustrated by prison conditions, and hope for changes and enlightenment of other prison staff.

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