

# My Side of the Confessional: What is It Like for a Priest?

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**Instructions:** Read the article “My Side of the Confessional: What is It Like for a Priest?” by Fr. Mike. Then answer the questions below in your own words.

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**1. Why does Fr. Mike say hearing confessions is the “exact opposite” of depressing? What does he mean?**

**2. What 3 things does Fr. Mike “see” during Confession?**

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Why does Fr. Mike say he doesn't care if he's seeing the same person for Confession for the third time in one week?**

**4. Why is pride so much deadlier than other sins?**

5. What does Fr. Mike mean when he says, “Sins are like garbage” and “Priests are like God’s garbage men”?

6. Describe Archbishop Fulton Sheen’s analogy about a priest’s hands during Confession.

7. Why does Fr. Mike say hearing Confessions is “flippin’ awesome”?

