As a young man, Norton was a terrific golfer. But at 26 he decided to become a priest, and joined a rather peculiar Order. He took the usual vows of poverty and chastity, but this Order also required him to give up golf. Forever. Difficult as this was for Norton, he agreed and was finally ordained.

One Sunday morning the Reverend Father Norton woke up and, seeing it was an exceptionally beautiful, sunny spring day, decided he just had to play golf. He told the Associate Pastor he was feeling ill and convinced him to say Mass that morning. Then Father Norton headed out of town to a golf course about forty miles away, so he wouldn't accidentally meet any of his parishioners. Setting up on the first tee, he was all alone. After all, everyone else was in church!

About this time, St. Peter leaned over to the Lord while looking down from the heavens and exclaimed, “You’re not going to let him get away with this, are you?”

The Lord sighed and said, “I guess not.”

Just then, Father Norton hit the ball. It shot straight toward the pin, dropped just short, rolled up and fell into the hole. IT WAS A 420-YARD HOLE IN ONE!

St. Peter was astonished. He looked at the Lord and asked, “Why did you let him do that?”

The Lord smiled and replied, “Who’s he going to tell?”

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