

The Poor Woman in the Church

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There was an old woman who was very poor. She went to pray in the church. She arrived at the time for offering. The woman said, “Maria, don’t look at me with bad eyes. I am going to take 200 francs from this basket.” Then the woman left the church.

When a week had passed, she returned and said, “Maria, forgive me and don’t look at me with bad eyes. Now I am going to take 500 francs.” The priest saw her take the money from the offering. The next day the priest hid behind the statue of Jesus Christ.

The old woman came into the church and said, “Maria, now I come again but look at me with good eyes. I am going to take 1,000 francs from this basket, and I will not return.” As she was taking the money from the basket, the priest asked from his hiding place, “What are you going to do now?”

The old woman, thinking that Jesus was speaking to her, said, “Why are you forbidding me to take the money when your mother didn’t say a word against it?”