

A Crowded Bus

A priest rode a bus that was crowded. He stood in the middle holding the metal bar that is attached to the ceiling. He noticed that the man who was sitting in front of him seemed to be unhappy. He was looking up where Abouna's hand was, and then he would take a loud breath in and out. Afterward, he stood up and asked Abouna to sit down. Abouna thanked him for his love and manners. The man denied what Abouna was saying. Abouna said: "You stood up to let me sit down... That shows your love and good manner." The angry man said: "You are putting the cross over my head. I'd rather stand up than have the cross over my head. (he meant the cross tattooed on Abouna's right wrist). Abouna smiled in love and said: "Do you not see the power of the cross? Now you are standing and I'm sitting!"

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