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Name: The Most Rev. Elden Francis Curtiss

Some people might question putting the face of the Omaha Archbishop on a barroom floor. But Rev. Curtiss took the "honor" well during his roast before a standing-room-only crowd. He endured a slightly irreverent series of jokes and jabs. The caricature depicts Archbishop Curtiss "up to his neck" in churches. The closing duet may have been a Face first as two roasters alternated shots such as: "A young Father Curtiss was hearing confessions in his hometown. An Irishman admitted blowing up five miles of British rail. 'For your penance, do the stations,' said the Father." Attorney Tom Burke accused the Archbishop of assuring he'd become a Face on the Barroom Floor by making news with controversial actions. The Archbishop had served on numerous boards and committees, including as president and chairman of the board of Boys Town. [Back to Top](#)