

Hi - my name is Stacy..here is my story.

I was brought up as a cradle Catholic. The idea of loving a priest was just not talked about. It was so wrong that I was led to believe it was a mortal sin. Little did I know that I was going to head down that aisle.

I met a young, handsome and dynamic priest in my parish about 5 years ago. There was just something about him that immediately caught my eye. I am a happily married woman with children and had no intentions, but I felt an emotional pull from the first time I saw him.

He was kind, considerate, understanding and loving. He fulfilled in me things that were missing in my life. Yes, my husband is a good man, but he is an old-school kind of guy. He is not good with the womanly emotional stuff. This priest was. He just made me feel important and loved in a way that my husband didn't. At times I even thought that I could have a life with him and fantasized about it. I would never leave my husband but I thought about the priest often to the point of obsession.

We became very close. I gave him several gifts, always remembered his birthday and even his priestly ordination anniversary. We exchanged e-mails often and even kept in touch on Facebook. Everything was going well.

But, he changed. He fell into a group of people obsessed with the occult and possession. He totally changed. He stopped listening to the guidance of the Church and went out on his own. He alienated all around him. Still, I loved him and showed him support in many ways, including monetarily. He knew that I loved him - I know he felt the attraction as well.

When I asked him about his recent behavior and whether he needed guidance, he snapped. He cut off all communication with me after sending me very harsh and mean e-mails. It broke my heart. I had always been his greatest supporter and he stabbed me in the back - not very priest-like.

But, maybe I had it coming. To love a priest in that way is just wrong, isn't it?

I still have feelings for him but he has totally cut off all ties with me. I have tried over the past 6 months to keep in touch but he won't return any e-mails. I am so hurt and angry and worried for him personally. He is on a leave of absence for

discernment purposes and I really hope he finds what God is calling him to do, whether it's in the priesthood or not.

I don't obsess over him anymore but I know that I will always love him.

*An update on my story - my priest has left the priesthood and has married.*