



I Think You Just Got A Promotion

“I think you just got a promotion”, a woman said to me as she headed out of the church after Mass on Sunday morning a few weeks ago. She had just overheard a 3 year old boy at my feet calling out and trying to get my attention. “Hi God. Hi God.” he repeated. When I bent down to talk to him he asked, “Is Mommy going to have a boy or a girl?” His mother and father are expecting their third child in just a few months and want to be surprised when the child is born. But “big brother” wants to know now! When I told him that I didn’t know whether he was going to have a new brother or sister, he looked disappointed as he said, “Mommy said that only God knows. Why don’t you know?”



I wish I could have answered his question directly, but all I could say was “Well, I’m sorry I don’t know if you are going to have a new brother or sister in your family, but what I do know is this – whether it is a boy or a girl, you are going to be the best big brother there ever was!” It sounded good to me, but I know it didn’t satisfy this young boy’s anxious desire to know.

To all the expectant mothers and fathers in our parish and families, be assured of our prayers for you during these months of patient and anxious waiting. May you be blessed with safe delivery and a healthy newborn son or daughter. May older siblings be ready to welcome a new baby brother or sister into their lives and families.

God bless.