

**PERE LAURENCE** is a French-Canadian priest. Because of lack of vocations to the priesthood, he has been pulled out of retirement up in Quebec to fill in a vacancy at the Bloody Bay Ste. Anne parish. He is confident in his ability to speak English but he has no comprehension when someone speaks English to him. Complicated when a murderer wants to make a confession. Pere has a French *Canadian* accent, common in rural areas of Quebec.

PERE LAURENCE We are gathered here today to honor and pay tribute to the life of Barrie Spencer, and to express our love and admiration for her. Also to try to bring some comfort to those of her family and friends who are here and have been deeply hurt by her sudden death. Some of you will say suicide--*moi*, I say, if her loving husband, and even the police, they say she trip, she trip. Remember, I do not understand very good the English.

Barrie was a kind woman, she thrived in loving *toute la monde*-- A very much loved wife, sister and daughter . . . Sorry, *Madame*. Is everything *va bien*? *Doucement*, *doucement*, It is possible to keep it down, *non*?. . . *Merci*. Thank you. Now, where was I? We're gathered here to honour Barrie Spencer, who spent her life appreciating all that the world has to offer. She was a fashion icon . . . PERE LAURENCE FUMBLES BUT CARRIES ON

Can we have some quiet please? You're ruining my ceremony. I mean, the ceremony.