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Editor's note: I'd like introduce a new feature, a cartoon strip drawn by *NCR* contributor and *Celebration* editor Pat Marrin. Pope Francis has made Catholics and non-Catholics alike look at the papacy and the church through new frames by challenging conventional ideas, protocols and pomposity. It seems Francis himself has recognized the humor inherent in being pope. "Francis," the strip, picks up on that cue.

Marrin says he hopes "Francis" will remind us "to smile at our often hilarious church, which turns out to be us, from red-hatted cardinals to tennis-shoed activists.

"Humor," Marrin says, "is both healthy and necessary when the work we propose to accomplish is remaking our world into a more just and compassionate place, which can be overwhelming."

"If we can find God in all of it, and poke fun at ourselves along the way, we may see more clearly what Francis sees and feels as pope," Marrin says.

--Dennis Coday

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