

That Time Bobby Jindal Helped Cast Out a Devil

Editor's note: On Wednesday we ran a story called "5 Faith Facts Every Christian Voter Should Know About Bobby Jindal." Here's one more.

In a 1994 essay, Jindal described participating in an exorcism of a college classmate he called "Susan."

She had begun having mysterious visions, according to an account in Mother Jones, and visitors to her apartment "reported a faint odor of sulfur." Then one evening Jindal and others staged an intervention, though without the help of a priest, as Catholic teaching would normally require.

"Kneeling on the ground, my friends were chanting, 'Satan, I command you to leave this woman,'" Jindal wrote. "Others exhorted all 'demons to leave in the name of Christ.'" Finally, another student arrived with a crucifix and cast the spirit out.