

087 ANNIE

Yes. It has nice ring to it, don't you think?

088 MARY

It does.

ANNIE STARTS SWEEPING AGAIN.

089 ANNIE

I wonder what the stuffy old clergymen in Adelaide will make of our Father Woods and his new ideas?

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INT. CHURCH HALL, ADELAIDE - DAY

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A LARGE SITTING ROOM. WALLA: GRUMBLING MALE (MOSTLY IRISH, WELL-EDUCATED) VOICES TALK OVER ONE ANOTHER. [ADDENDUM 2-C]. JULIAN - THE ONLY ENGLISH VOICE - ADDRESSES THE GROUP:

START >>>

090 JULIAN

...You want to offer accessible Catholic education in a diocese with no money, I am telling you this is the answer.

091 SNIDE IRISH PRIEST

(distaste on the word 'colonial')

All these young women joining your "order". Are they colonial born?

092 JULIAN

Many were born in Australia, yes. Most were raised in poor families too.

093 SNIDE IRISH PRIEST

(disdainful)

So our children are to be taught by colonial girls without any classical education nor knowledge of religious life?

WALLA: PRIESTS GRUMBLING. (ADDENDUM 2-D)

094 JULIAN

Our lead teacher is Miss MacKillop, whose father passed on his classical education to her. She is a fine academic.

(MORE)

JULIAN (CONT'D)

And I'm quite sure I have enough experience of religious life to be able to train anyone entering it.

095 SNIDE IRISH PRIEST

(having a dig)

Ah, well, you are 'Director-General of Catholic Education' after all.

096 POMPOUS IRISH PRIEST

Women religious should be educated. And of a certain social standing. With dowries if possible. And secluded in convents.

097 SNIDE IRISH PRIEST

Here here. That's how it's done in Ireland.

WALLA: (ADDENDUM 2-D) - "THAT'S RIGHT!"

098 POMPOUS IRISH PRIEST

Ordinary girls renting run down houses in Adelaide and traveling within the community unchaperoned - certainly not!

099 **JULIAN**

We're not in Ireland, Fathers. We must adapt to this Australian environment.

100 POMPOUS IRISH PRIEST

Hmph! You can't expect the Bishop to keep track of the young women wandering about starting up schools all over the colony!

101 **JULIAN**

(this is a topic he's extra passionate about)

Exactly! The Sisters of St Joseph will not answer to the bishop of their local diocese. A Mother-Superior will have authority over all Sisters, regardless of where in Australia they are situated. A centralized form of governance. It's very much the vogue in France.

WALLA: THE PRIESTS ALL SPLUTTER/REACT - "FRANCE"!

102 SNIDE IRISH PRIEST

Next you'll be telling us these
'Josephites' will be wearing
bustles and bonnets instead of
habits!

103 JULIAN

(no deference)

Don't be a fool, Father! I assure
you the Sisters will be becomingly
religious in appearance. I've
allowed Miss MacKillop and her
companions to do as they see fit
regarding the particularly feminine
preserve of dress.

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104 POMPOUS IRISH PRIEST

(sarcastic)

How reassuring, Father.

WALLA: THE PRIESTS CONTINUE TO GRUMBLE.