

084 JOHN MCKENNA

All of us are going to have full-time work for a very long time! Praise God, indeed!

VIOLIN TRANSITION INTO BASEBALL GAME

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INT. FRIARY - DAY - TWENTY YEARS LATER

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CRACKLE OF A 1940S WIRELESS RADIO.

085 RADIO ANNOUNCER

...a beautiful Opening Day here in Detroit. The war is over, and the nineteen-forty-six baseball season is here! The hometown crowd at Briggs Stadium has gone wild for all our returning war heroes, including star batter "Hammerin' Hank" Greenberg, who's back after four long years away serving our country overseas. Today's game against the St. Louis Browns is sure to be...

KNOCK ON THE DOOR. IT SWINGS OPEN.

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START >>>

086 FATHER THEOPHANE

Father Solanus?

087 OLD CASEY

Hmm? Oh, come in Father Theophane! I'm just listening to the Tigers' opening day.

RADIO VOLUME TURNED DOWN.

088 FATHER THEOPHANE

How are you feeling today, Father?

089 OLD CASEY

Oh, these old legs are in pain again today. I think I'll sit at the desk to receive visitors.

090 FATHER THEOPHANE

Father Solanus... The other friars are concerned for you. You're seventy-five years old, and you're still doing a great amount of work. We're concerned it might be too much.

091 OLD CASEY

Thank you for your care, Father Theophane. I know I don't get around so easily these days. But these little crosses are the best school: they teach us to appreciate the love of Jesus crucified. God is merciful to always fit our back for the burden.

092 FATHER THEOPHANE

(gently)

God also calls his people to times of rest. And out to the desert to pray, just as Jesus did.

093 OLD CASEY

(jokingly)

Are you sending me to the desert, Father Theophane?

094 FATHER THEOPHANE

Not exactly. Father Superior would like you to get some rest at the Novitiate house in Huntington, Indiana.

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095 OLD CASEY

I see. Well, I suppose Father Superior knows what's best, but God has a plan. Very well, Father Theophane. It will be hard to leave the people, but I'll go where God sends me. Say... do you think they get Tigers games on the radio in Indiana?

MUSIC TRANSITION - BASEBALL CROWD CHEERS.

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INT. HUNTINGTON NOVITIATE DINING ROOM - DAY

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WALLA: QUIET CHATTER, EATING, CLINKING OF CUTLERY. NOVICE MASTER EATS WITH THE NOVICES.

096 NOVICE MASTER

How is Father Solanus settling in here at Huntington, Novice James?

097 NOVICE JAMES

Oh, uh, me? Father Solanus is doing well, I think. He spends a lot of time in the garden.