

131 FANCHON

He calls himself the "founder"! That's outrageous, Jeanne - you are the founder!

132 JEANNE

The founder of this work is the Lord, Fanchon. Be at peace.

133 FANCHON

Father Le Pailleur is making Marie do whatever he wants.

134 JEANNE

We don't know that. Anyway, none of that matters. The poor are being taken care of. That's what matters.

TRANSITION MUSIC

13 INT. FATHER LE PAILLEUR'S OFFICE - DAY, SEVERAL DAYS LATER

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START >>>

135 FATHER LE PAILLEUR

Mother Marie and I are pleased you could meet with us privately today, Jeanne.

136 JEANNE

Of course. I'm happy to.

137 MARIE

Please sit down, Jeanne.

138 FATHER LE PAILLEUR

Yes, you must be be tired after being on your feet all day with your begging basket.

JEANNE SITS

139 JEANNE

Not really. The needs of our poor continue and I love helping them.

140 FATHER LE PAILLEUR

Of course you do.

141 JEANNE

Most people are so generous and eager to give whatever they can. It's a blessing to witness, Father.

142 FATHER LE PAILLEUR

I'm sure it is. It's also quite wonderful how our movement has spread, from our beginnings here in Saint Servan to Rennes, Dinan, Tours, and now England.

143 JEANNE

Yes, Father. Thanks to the good God.

144 MARIE

We now have more than a hundred Little Sisters in eleven homes looking after the elderly poor. It's been nothing short of miraculous.

145 FATHER LE PAILLEUR

We all can be proud of what we've accomplished.

146 JEANNE

The Lord has done a great work.

147 FATHER LE PAILLEUR

Indeed He has. However, Jeanne, you've now reached the age of sixty. Too old to go on begging.

148 JEANNE

I love going out with my basket, Father. And thankfully my health is excellent. I feel strong enough to continue.

149 FATHER LE PAILLEUR

I'm sure you do, but Mother Marie and I must look out for your long-term well being. The two of us have discussed your situation and agree that, having reached the age of sixty, you should retire.

150 JEANNE

Retire?

151 FATHER LE PAILLEUR

Yes, to the Motherhouse we've established for novices at La Tour.

152 JEANNE

But -

153 FATHER LE PAILLEUR

There you can rest and pray and live out your days in peace. You've always wanted more time for prayer, haven't you, Jeanne?

154 JEANNE

I pray constantly, Father. While I'm out begging, in front of the Blessed Sacrament, at home during the night when -

155 FATHER LE PAILLEUR

Of course, of course, but one has to have respect for one's age, don't you think?

156 JEANNE

Mother Marie - do you agree with Father Le Pailleur?

157 MARIE

(beat, quietly)

Father is only thinking of what is best for you. And all of us.

158 JEANNE

(disappointed)

I see.

159 FATHER LE PAILLEUR

Furthermore, at La Tour you will no longer be known as Jeanne Jugan, but only as the religious name you've chosen for yourself - Sister Mary of the Cross.

160 JEANNE

Yes, Father. But... Are you saying I'm not to work with our poor old men and women? I do have the energy and stamina to continue.

161 FATHER LE PAILLEUR

Of course you have, now. But -

162 JEANNE

This is my life's work. To serve Jesus in His poor.

163 FATHER LE PAILLEUR

Sister Mary of the Cross, Mother Marie and I have decided. You will retire to La Tour. <<< END