093 JEANNE

Good day and God bless you.

THE COURIER LEAVES. JEANNE TEARS OPEN THE ENVELOPE, OPENS THE PAPER INSIDE, READS AND THEN GASPS

094 JEANNE (CONT'D)

Oh no!

095 FANCHON
Jeanne, what's happened?

### JEANNE HANDS HER THE ENVELOPE

096 JEANNE

I don't want this.

### FANCHON READS

097 FANCHON

Jeanne, this is amazing! Marie... I mean Mother Marie, look at this!

## MARIE TAKES THE PAPER

### 098 MARIE

(reading aloud)

# Side 1 START >>>

"This year's winner of the Montyon Prize, which the French Academy awards annually to a French man or woman for outstanding meritorious activity, is Madame Jeanne Jugan, who serves the poor elderly in the town of Saint Servan." What? Jeanne, this is an incredible honor!

099 JEANNE

But think of all the publicity. Everyone will be putting me on pedestal. I don't want that.

100 MARIE

You're already receiving publicity. And look how it's helping us.

101 JEANNE

But -

102 MARIE

Listen! It goes on: "The Montyon Prize comes with an award of ten thousand francs."

(MORE)

### MARIE (CONT'D)

(to Jeanne and Fanchon) Ten thousand francs? Think what this will do for our poor old people!

103 FANCHON

Jeanne - we can put a new roof on the convent.

104 MARIE

We can purchase much needed new beds. Not to mention food!

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105 JEANNE

(seeing the positive side)

Yes, that's true. If it helps our poor, I'll endure the rest.

### TRANSITION MUSIC

EXT. CONVENT - DAY, SEVERAL DAYS LATER 10

> A CARRIAGE PULLING UP IN FRONT OF THE CONVENT. HORSES WHINNYING. CARRIAGE DOORS OPENING AND CLOSING AS TWO MEN GET OUT AND WALK TO THE ENTRANCE, KNOCK

11 INT. CONVENT - DAY

### JEANNE OPENS THE DOOR

106 JEANNE

Can I help you, gentlemen?

107 MONSIEUR BERNARD Are you Jeanne Jugan?

108 JEANNE

I am.

109 MONSIEUR BERNARD I'm Monsieur Bernard, the Mayor of Rennes, and this is Bishop Saint Marc.

110 BISHOP SAINT MARC I'm very glad to meet you, Madame Jugan.

111 JEANNE

And I'm pleased to meet you both. Please, come in.