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INT. OLD CHURCH - CONTINUOUS

GUS CLOSES THE DOOR.

061 GUS

Margaret's here, Sister Herlinde!

062 SISTER HERLINDE

Wonderful!

(to Margaret)

I'm glad you decided to join us,
honey.

**Side 1
START >>>**

063 MARGARET

Mama said I had to.

064 SISTER HERLINDE

You'll be glad she did. Why don't
you go on and find yourself a seat
with the others.

(to Gus)

Shall we get started?

065 GUS

I guess it's time!

(to the kids)

Good mornin', everyone! Let's have
some quiet just for a minute.
Quiet, quiet...

SFX: THE CHATTER DIES DOWN.

066 GUS (CONT'D)

I think I know most of you, but for
the few I haven't met, my name's
Mister Tolton. Though now that I
say that out loud, I think I'd
rather you just call me Gus. This
dear lady beside me is Sister
Herlinde.

067 SISTER HERLINDE

Good morning, children.

068 GUS

I'm gonna lead Catechism classes
here in the front of the church.
Sister's gonna move to the back to
practice reading and writing with
anyone who needs some help. Before
we split into our groups, does
anyone have any questions?

069 MARGARET
I do.

070 GUS
Yes - Margaret.

071 MARGARET
What's cactusism?

072 GUS
Catechism. Hmmm. Who knows why I go
to mass?

073 MARGARET
(grumbly)
Because your mama makes you?

074 GUS
No, Margaret, not exactly. I go
because I was lookin' at the
Eucharist one Sunday, and I
recognized Jesus, and I fell in
love.

WALLA: THE KIDS GIGGLE.

075 GUS (CONT'D)
It's true! That's why He made me,
that's why He made all of us: to
know and love Him. The Catechism
helps teach us how to do that. Make
sense?

076 MARGARET
Yessir. <<< END

077 GUS
Does that sound good to everyone?

078 KIDS
Yes. / Sure. / Mhmm. / Etc.

079 GUS
Let's get started, then!

PLAYFUL MUSIC.

9 EXT. MAIN STREET, QUINCY - EVENING

AMB: HORSE-DRAWN CARRIAGES PASS. TRAINS ROLL
ACROSS TRACKS IN THE DISTANCE. BOAT & FACTORY
WHISTLES BLOW. SMOKE HISSES OUT OF
SMOKESTACKS. SFX: GUS WALKS DOWN A DIRT ROAD.