

080 GUS
(sung quietly to himself)
Holy God, we praise Thy name...
Lord of all, we bow before Thee...

Gus' perspective:

Side 2
START >>>

081 FATHER MCGIRR
(far ahead)
Gus!

082 GUS
Father McGirr!

083 FATHER MCGIRR
A letter, lad!

SFX: FATHER MCGIRR RUNS UP.

084 FATHER MCGIRR (CONT'D)
From London.

085 GUS
The Saint Joseph Society?

086 FATHER MCGIRR
I had to run out and find you, I
couldn't wait.

087 GUS
(quasi-jokingly)
I could.

088 FATHER MCGIRR
Don't be silly. Open it!

089 GUS
Just give me a second, Father.

WALLA: GUS TAKES A DEEP BREATH.

090 FATHER MCGIRR
God's will be done, Augustus.

091 GUS
Yessir. Alright. Here goes.

SFX: GUS TEARS THE ENVELOPE, PULLS THE LETTER
OUT, & UNFOLDS IT.

BEAT AS GUS READS TO HIMSELF.

092 FATHER MCGIRR
I don't like the look on your face.

093 GUS
Rejected.

ANOTHER BEAT.

094 FATHER MCGIRR
Why?

095 GUS
They think it'd be better for me to
study right here where I'm needed.

096 FATHER MCGIRR
Confound it, that's not an option!
We told them that - we told them
that! What don't they understand!?

097 GUS
Father... That was my last chance.

098 FATHER MCGIRR
No.

099 GUS
Yes. It was.

100 FATHER MCGIRR
No, I don't believe that. There's
one place we've not yet tried:
Rome, herself.

101 GUS
No one in Rome is gonna take the
time to investigate my case.

102 FATHER MCGIRR
I don't mean investigation, Gus. I
mean seminary.

103 GUS
In Rome?

104 FATHER MCGIRR
Urbaniana, it's called. The
Pontifical Urban University. They
educate priests and religious
specifically for the purpose of
missionary work.

105 GUS
Why would they accept an American
negro?

106 FATHER MCGIRR

It isn't far-fetched. Do you know
how many international students
Rome draws each year?

107 GUS

Father... I don't think I could
handle another rejection.

108 FATHER MCGIRR

It's Rome, Augustus. The heart of
the Church. She won't say no.

BEAT.

109 GUS

Okay. Let's do it.

110 FATHER MCGIRR

Right now! We'll run over to the
rectory and write up a letter to
the faculty!

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111 GUS

Tomorrow. I have somewhere I need
to be.

112 FATHER MCGIRR

Ah yes, of course. Your Friday
evening ministry.

WALLA: FATHER MCGIRR CHUCKLES WARMLY AS SFX:
GUS STARTS WALKING AWAY.

Father McGirr's perspective:

113 FATHER MCGIRR (CONT'D)

You give 'em what for!

114 GUS

(calling back)

Not if I can help it!

MUSIC.

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INT. SALOON - LATER

WALLA: LAUGHTER, YELLING, & INDISCERNIBLE
CHATTER FROM PATRONS.

115 CHARLES

That was four years ago. Feels like
forty.

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