

**START >>>** 050 **ELDER BISHOP**  
Forgive me, brothers, but before we  
begin our deliberations, there is  
something Bishop Elias entrusted to  
me in his final days...

WALLA: MURMURS OF THE OTHER BISHOPS.

051 **ELDER BISHOP** (CONT'D)  
He foresaw that this moment would  
be fraught with difficulty. And so,  
he wrote down the name of the man  
he believed should succeed him.

052 BISHOP 2  
He named his successor?

053 **ELDER BISHOP**  
He wrote it in his own hand. Sealed  
with his ring.

RUSTLE OF PARCHMENT. BREAKING OF THE SEAL.

054 **ELDER BISHOP** (CONT'D)  
It says: *"The man named Nicholas  
who enters this church the day  
after my funeral Mass... He is the  
one."*

WALLA: A WAVE OF DISBELIEVING MURMURS.

055 BISHOP 1  
Nicholas? Did he mean a priest? A  
layman? That could be anyone!

056 BISHOP 2  
What if no one comes?

057 **ELDER BISHOP**  
Then no one comes. But if someone  
does... We will honor Bishop  
Elias's last wish. We shall wait  
and see who the Lord sends us.

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058 BISHOP 1  
Very well... We shall remain here  
and observe who enters tomorrow.  
Though this is a most...unorthodox  
way to choose a bishop.

WALLA: MORE MURMURS. FADE OUT SCENE.