

050 THEOBALD

That's... good, right?

051 WYNFRITH

It would seem the Holy Father has had ...

(reading)

"reports from the ...local clergy!...of my suspicious doctrine and troublesome activity."

TRANSITION WITH MUSIC.

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INT. LATERAN PALACE - DAY

THE BELLS OF ROME CLANG IN THE DISTANCE.

052 WYNFRITH

Holy Father, I maintain the highest possible integrity in my teachings and strive to ensure the soundest possible doctrine. We cannot have the people learning falsely. Accuracy is of the utmost importance.

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053 POPE GREGORY

So important that you interrupted a baptism to correct Father Wulfric's Latin grammar?

054 WYNFRITH

It is a very clear distinction! I've told him time and again--

055 POPE GREGORY

An error it may have been, but it did not invalidate the baptism. A rigidity in adherence to rules does not make for sound doctrine.

056 WYNFRITH

I can assure you my doctrine is deeper than just rules. But the trouble with the local clergy is that they don't care about any rules. They are untrained, undisciplined, and still half-pagan themselves.

057 POPE GREGORY

This does not make their orders invalid, Father, as you insisted they are.

058 WYNFRITH

I've made no such claim, holiness!

THE POPE RIFLES THROUGH PAPERS.

059 POPE GREGORY

Fine, fine. But this is but one of many complaints Wulfric makes, Father Wynfrith. Your insistence that locals must abandon their traditions. Your uncompromising application of the moral law to the clergy. Your insistence on grammatical perfection in their Latin. Pages of complaints. It won't do to take them point by point. Instead, let's discuss you. We desire some new confidence in your orthodoxy. A creed, if you will. Shall we have it from you?

060 WYNFRITH

Whatever you ask. If your holiness would allow it, perhaps you might give me time to write a creed? To ensure I say just what I believe.

061 POPE GREGORY

Write away.

(beat)

Tomorrow we will examine Father Wynfrith's worthiness to preach the Gospel of Christ in Germania.

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TRANSITION WITH MUSIC.

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**INT. ROMAN MONASTERY - NEAR DAWN**

FURIOUS SCRATCHING OF A NIB ON PAPER

062 WYNFRITH

(slowly, as he writes)

...and as the Apostle Paul says of the blessed life, "eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for them who love him..."

MUSIC RAMPING UP, LIKE A TRAINING MONTAGE IN A SPORT MOVIE