

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.

**START >>>**

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