

047 JOSELITO

Dear Lord, even here in this jail I know you are with me. Help me. Make me strong. *Virgencita*, protect my brothers. And Trino.

KNOCKING ON WINDOW

048 FATHER IGNACIO

(from outside)

START >>>

José! Here! At the window.

049 JOSELITO

Tío! Father Ignacio! Hold on. I can just open the window a crack.

WINDOW SQUEAKS OPEN

050 JOSELITO

What are you doing here, *Padre!* If they catch you - !

051 FATHER IGNACIO

José. I know how the *Federales* work. They will try to make you talk, no?

052 JOSELITO

Sí. They won't give me dinner unless I tell them where the *Cristeros* are. And they want me to say "*Death to Christ the King*". But I won't.

053 FATHER IGNACIO

José, listen. Just say, "Long Live *Presidente Calles.*"

054 JOSELITO

(shocked)

Put *El Presidente* in the place of Jesus? I can't do that, Father!

055 FATHER IGNACIO

I am a priest. I am telling you the teaching of the church. A person who abjures the faith...

056 JOSELITO

What is abjures?

057 FATHER IGNACIO

Denies the faith... if they do so under torture it doesn't count.

(MORE)

FATHER IGNACIO (CONT'D)

Jesus knows your heart. He knows you love Him.

058 JOSELITO

But if I love him why deny Him?

059 **FATHER IGNACIO**

I'm not telling you to deny Jesus, José. Just saying if you do when you are under any duress, then it is okay. Jesus understands.

060 JOSELITO

What is duress?

061 **FATHER IGNACIO**

If you're pressured. Tortured.

062 JOSELITO

I have not been tortured.

063 **FATHER IGNACIO**

Not yet... But they won't stop until you talk. Think of your mother, José.

064 JOSELITO

The Captain gave me a pen and some paper. Could I write her a letter?

065 **FATHER IGNACIO**

I'm sure she would love that.

066 JOSELITO

Wait. Before you go 0 will you hear my confession?

067 **FATHER IGNACIO**

Of course. *En el nombre del Padre, del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo.*

068 JOSELITO

Bless me Father for I have sinned. When I... when I saw the *Federales* hurt my friends, I felt a great anger. I wanted to see them fall... I didn't know war was like this.

069 **FATHER IGNACIO**

You've seen horrible things, José.

070 JOSELITO

I have also teased my sister.
And... some days... I was in such a
hurry, that I didn't wash the
dishes very well at the camp.

071 FATHER IGNACIO

Ay, m'ijo... For your penance José,
just say one Our Father for me, and
remember I am also a sinner. And
never forget the love of the Lord
is everlasting.

072 JOSELITO

His mercy endures forever. Amén.

DISTANT FOOTSTEPS AND THE JINGLE OF KEYS.

073 JOSELITO

Someone is coming! You must go now.
Give my love to my Mamá and María.
Goodbye.

THE WINDOW SLAMS SHUT.

074 FATHER IGNACIO

(weeping)

Goodbye, Joselito.

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8 INT. MAYOR'S OFFICE - DAY

THE MUFFLED SOUND OF A TYPEWRITER. THE DOOR
CREAKS OPEN AND PAPÁ ENTERS THE OFFICE.

075 MAYOR PICAZO

Señor Sánchez Del Río. Good
morning. Did you get the money?

076 PAPÁ

I had to go to *Guadalajara* and take
out another mortgage on our ranch.

077 MAYOR PICAZO

Give it to me. I will count it.

078 PAPÁ

It's all there. Five thousand
pesos.

079 MAYOR PICAZO

Very good.

DESK DRAWER OPENING AND CLOSING.