

075 FULTON

I will.

076 CARDINAL SPELLMAN

Then you leave me no choice.

SFX: MUSIC SWELLS AND AN AIRPLANE TAKES OFF FROM  
A TARMAC.

9 INT. THE VATICAN - DAYS LATER

VAGUELY ITALIAN MUSIC. FOOTSTEPS ON MARBLE. LOW  
HUM OF BUSYNESS. THE POPE SITS IN HIS OFFICE  
WITH HIS SECRETARY, MOTHER PASCALINA.

077 MOTHER PASCALINA

Holy Father, Cardinal Francis  
Spellman and Bishop Fulton Sheen  
wait outside.

078 POPE PIUS XII

I have no interest in weighing in  
on this ugly business between two  
good shepherds, Mother Pascalina.  
They are two of our most celebrated  
prelates. It is my understanding  
that it was Spellman himself who  
plucked Sheen from that obscure  
post on the Catholic University  
faculty and gave him his stage. I  
must remain above the dissension  
between them.

079 MOTHER PASCALINA

But Holiness, you cannot overlook  
all that Eminence Spellman has done  
for the Holy See. He claims Sheen  
owes him a million dollars and he  
requests you order Sheen to pay him  
the money. We cannot turn a deaf  
ear to his concerns.

080 POPE PIUS XII

I fear this feud is smaller than it  
seems. I feel there is merely a  
trace of jealousy that separates  
these two misguided shepherds of  
Holy Mother Church.

A PAUSE.

081 POPE PIUS XII (CONT'D)

Have your way, Mother Pascalina.  
Bring them in.

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**INT. VATICAN HALLWAY - MOMENTS LATER**A DOOR OPENS.

082 MOTHER PASCALINA  
His Holiness, Pope Pius the  
Twelfth, will see you now. This  
way.

**<< END**FOOTSTEPS TOWARD THE DOOR.

083 POPE PIUS XII  
Gentlemen, come in, come in.

084 CARDINAL SPELLMAN  
Your Holiness.

085 FULTON  
Holy Father, it is an honor.

THEY BOTH BEND AND KISS HIS RINGS.

086 POPE PIUS XII  
My, my. Such loyal shepherds here  
in my midst. Cardinal Archbishop  
Spellman, your charitable works are  
so great, I've heard you are called  
the "Santa Claus of the American  
Church." And you, Bishop Sheen, I  
hear that millions watch you every  
week on television. I'm told that  
you are even more popular than  
Milton Berle, whoever Milton Berle  
is...

MOTHER PASCALINA LETS OUT A LIGHT LAUGH.

087 FULTON  
(humble, laughing)  
I-wow, thank you, Holy Father.

SPELLMAN CLEARS HIS THROAT.

088 CARDINAL SPELLMAN  
Holy Father, we will not waste your  
time here today. So I will get  
right to the matter at hand. The  
bishop has broken his word and will  
not pay his debt to me.

089 POPE PIUS XII  
I see.