

094 FULTON

Father Regan? What are you doing here?

095 FATHER REGAN

You said if I was ever in the big city, I should look you up!

096 FULTON

It's been years! I no longer expected you to take me up on it.

097 FATHER REGAN

Well, I would have come sooner, but every time I attempt to get on your schedule with Edith, she informs me that you are out of the country on some sort of mission or retreat! It seems to me that you are traveling far more often than you are home.

098 FULTON

It is true. You are actually catching me coming back from my fourth retreat this year.

099 FATHER REGAN

Fourth? Bishop, it is only May! You're eighty years old now. You must not push yourself so hard!

100 FULTON

Well, then by all means, you carry my bags up these steps.

FATHER REGAN LAUGHS.

101 FULTON (CONT'D)

Come on in, I'll make us some tea!

14 INT. SHEEN'S HOME - A LITTLE LATER

TEA IS POURED INTO TWO CUPS AND STIRRED.

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102 FATHER REGAN

It's very good to see you, Bishop. I wasn't sure I'd see you again.

103 FULTON

The Merciful Father has blessed me with strength to continue on. Although, that strength falters time and again. I must admit I feel rather nervous to see you now.

104 FATHER REGAN

Me? Why on earth would you be nervous to see me?

105 FULTON

You are in many ways a reflection of part of myself that I still struggle to face.

106 FATHER REGAN

Bishop Sheen, I've been thinking a lot about your time with us in Rochester. For all of your autocratic faults-

107 FULTON

(laughing)

Easy. My old heart.

FATHER REGAN LAUGHS.

108 FATHER REGAN

For all of your autocratic faults... I honestly believe you were trying to meet the problem of these times head on. You preach by example. You always have. And you did do some very good things in Rochester. You set our diocese in the right direction. I can see that clearly. Others see it too.

109 FULTON

You have consistently been too kind to me, Father Regan.

110 FATHER REGAN

And you have consistently been generous with me. So I must ask for your generosity once more.

111 FULTON

Please.

112 FATHER REGAN

Your foundation in Rochester has successfully helped nineteen new families become homeowners. It continues on years after you've left. If you hold one great triumph in Rochester, let it be this.

A PAUSE, FULTON TAKES THAT IN.

113 FATHER REGAN (CONT'D)

Now, I'd like to expand the foundation. I want to push for more donations from the laity. Do you have any advice on seeking these contributions effectively?

114 FULTON

Well... what do you think you should do?

115 FATHER REGAN

Me?

116 FULTON

These are the people of your city, Father. How do you think they'd best appreciate these requests?

FATHER REGAN THINKS ON IT.

117 FATHER REGAN

I suppose I must teach them to love their neighbor. To feel responsibility for them. To *act* their way into the purpose of their life. Someone wise once said... To realize why "Life is worth Living."

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118 FULTON

Can I tell you the secret, Father Regan? Life is worth Living... Because it is *His*.

A PAUSE. AN AUDIBLE SMILE FROM FATHER REGAN.

119 FATHER REGAN

What will you do next, Bishop?

120 FULTON

(light, almost amused)

I plan to begin again...
Forevermore.

MUSIC SWELLS.

121 FULTON (CONT'D)

Thanks for stopping by, Father. God love you.