

064 FATHER CALLAHAN
Of course, Mother, with pleasure.

8 INT. BOARDING HOUSE - MOMENTS LATER

THE TWO WALK TOWARDS A PRIVATE CORNER OF THE HOUSE.

065 MOTHER LUISITA
Thank you for your generous hospitality, Father. May God reward you. This is all more than we could have hoped for.

066 FATHER CALLAHAN
I know it's not much, Mother, but we're doing our best.

067 MOTHER LUISITA
Do you know when the diocese will be able to find a permanent placement for us? The violence in Mexico grows every day, and I need to bring the rest of my Carmelite daughters to safety as soon as possible.

068 FATHER CALLAHAN
Unfortunately, I can't yet say. Bishop Cantwell will need to find a priest and parish willing to take you in. That could take weeks or even months.

069 MOTHER LUISITA
Please remind our dear bishop that time is of the essence. I hate to imagine what will happen to my daughters in Mexico if we cannot find a place for us in time.

9 INT. BOARDING HOUSE - MOTHER LUISITA'S ROOM - MOMENTS LATER

MOTHER LUISITA KNOCKS ON A DOOR.

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070 **SISTER MARGARITA MARIA**
Come in, it's just me.

071 MOTHER LUISITA
And Teresa?

072 **SISTER MARGARITA MARIA**
She went to wash up. A real bath. Not one full of kerosene.

073 MOTHER LUISITA

That was quite horrendous. Gracias a Dios it's all behind us now.

074 SISTER MARGARITA MARIA

Is it really, Mother?

075 MOTHER LUISITA

Of course. Why? What do you mean?

076 SISTER MARGARITA MARIA

I'm sorry, Mother. I've worked hard to be obedient, but I have to say I believe we've made a huge mistake.

077 MOTHER LUISITA

Sister...

078 SISTER MARGARITA MARIA

We have abandoned our sisters and the Cristero fight. And for what? So that we can be mistreated in a new country that doesn't even want us? Chemicals poured on us at the border. Kept out of grocery stores, trains -- even churches! We should be fighting for freedom in Mexico, not begging for scraps in California.

SISTER MARGARITA MARIA'S FRUSTRATION GROWS TO A CLIMAX -- SHE SLAMS HER SUITCASE CLOSED WITH A THUD.

079 MOTHER LUISITA

My beloved daughter. We must have trust in God's will. For greater things you were born! We are in this place and moment in time for a reason. God is always working through us... even if we can't clearly see it right now.

080 SISTER MARGARITA

I want to believe you, Mother. But I thought things would be different here, and I am losing hope.

MOTHER LUISITA WALKS OVER AND TOSSES SISTER MARGARITA MARIA'S SUITCASE OPEN, RIFLING THROUGH TO PULL OUT HER CARMELITE HABIT.

081 MOTHER LUISITA

Things are different here, Sister.
Look at our precious Carmelite
habit. When was the last time we
were able to wear it without fear?
Hmm?

082 SISTER MARGARITA MARIA

Months. I can't remember the last
time I wore my habit in public.

083 MOTHER LUISITA

Put it on now and let yourself be
reminded of your Carmelite
resilience. Here we are free to
live out our love for God without
fear! What are trains and signs
compared to that blessing?

084 SISTER MARGARITA MARIA

But our sisters, Mother? I can't
stop thinking about them, alone and
afraid back in Mexico.

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085 MOTHER LUISITA

We will build a safe home for them,
Little Sister, one where they will
finally be free. God has guided us
this far; He will show us the way.

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EXT. DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES - AFTERNOON

MOTHER LUISITA WALKS THROUGH THE DOWNTOWN
NEIGHBORHOOD DRESSED IN HER CARMELITE HABIT.
CARS, BICYCLES, AND BUSY PEOPLE PASS BY HER.

086 MOTHER LUISITA

Papá Dios, please give me a sign
that I am living our Your will. I
can't help but share Sister
Margarita Maria's fears. Am I doing
right by my daughters, or have I
abandoned them? Should I have
stayed in Mexico to fight for our
Catholic faith, or was it right to
flee? The Downtown air is stale
here, and the towering buildings
block any heavenly view. I feel so
far from our seemingly endless
Atotonilco sky, so clear and
beautiful.

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087 MEXICAN REFUGEE WOMAN

Sister! Sister, wait!