

038 FATHER CALLAHAN
Buenos días mis hermanas!

039 SISTER TERESA
You speak Spanish!

040 MOTHER LUISITA
Gracias a Dios! I've felt so
useless not being able to
understand the simplest English
words. What is your name, Father?

041 FATHER CALLAHAN
My name is Father Callahan. I work
with the Mexican refugees in
Downtown Los Angeles.

042 SISTER MARGARITA MARIA
So that's why your Spanish is so
good!

043 FATHER CALLAHAN
Bishop Cantwell is so glad to
welcome you all here to our
beautiful city of angels! We thank
God for your safe journey.

044 MOTHER LUISITA
It was certainly rocky at times,
but we are so blessed Papá Dios was
guiding us every step of the way.

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5 EXT. DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES - DAY

THE SISTERS WALK UP FROM UNION STATION TOWARDS
THE DOWNTOWN BOARDING HOUSE. HONKING CARS,
BICYCLES, AND RAIL CARS PASS BY THEM.

045 MOTHER LUISITA
These buildings are so tall,
Father. I've never seen anything
like it.

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046 FATHER CALLAHAN
Los Angeles has grown significantly
the past few years. The financial
district rivals New York's Wall
Street, and our Broadway has more
movie theater palaces than anywhere
in the world.

047 SISTER TERESA
Oooh -- are we close to Hollywood,
then?

048 MOTHER LUISITA

Sister, I had no idea you were so enamored with the stars.

049 FATHER CALLAHAN

Hollywood is west of Downtown. The cloistered Carmelites of Guadalajara recently found a long-term placement there. With any luck, we can reunite all of you with a visit.

050 MOTHER LUISITA

That would be an incredible blessing, thank you, Father.

051 FATHER CALLAHAN

Until we are able to find a long-term placement for the three of you, you will be staying at a boarding house that is a shelter for Mexican refugees. It is quite crowded, I must admit, but the women living there now are welcoming, and they certainly know how to make a delicious chili.

052 MOTHER LUISITA

We are most grateful for any hospitality, Father. It is enough for now just to be free.

053 SISTER MARGARITA

Father... what do these signs mean? "No Dogs, No Mexicans." I have seen them all over on our walk up from the station-- outside restaurants, shops, theaters...

054 FATHER CALLAHAN

Oh, Sister... I'm ashamed to say that sign is a common one here. The United States is quite divided by race and in California there is a lot of anti-Mexican sentiment.

055 SISTER TERESA

So that is why we were seated in a separate train car on our way up here?

056 FATHER CALLAHAN

You will need to be careful where you go for your own safety.

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FATHER CALLAHAN (CONT'D)

You will not be welcome in all spaces -- even in some Catholic churches, I'm sorry to say.

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057 MOTHER LUISITA

I must admit Father, I did not expect to flee a country divided by religion into a country divided by race.

6 INT. BOARDING HOUSE - DAY

INSIDE THE BOARDING HOUSE IS FILLED TO THE BRIM WITH WOMEN AND ROWDY CHILDREN (ADDENDUM 3).

058 FATHER CALLAHAN

Here we are, sisters! Your new home.

AN INFANT'S WAILS INTERRUPT THE INTRODUCTION.

059 SISTER TERESA

It is... quite crowded here... are we sure there is space for us?

060 FATHER CALLAHAN

Oh yes, the Mexican refugees have been pouring in since the war started, we've hardly been able to keep up. But we've made space for you here, let me show you your room.

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

HE PROPS A CREAKING DOOR OPEN.

061 FATHER CALLAHAN

This room fits a standard twelve. We already have ten women staying here, but if two of you are willing to squeeze into one cot, there should still be plenty of space.

062 SISTER TERESA

We slept in bathtubs when fleeing the president's soldiers in Guadalajara, so any bed at all is an upgrade.

063 MOTHER LUISITA

Father, could I speak to you privately.