038 JESUS
There is a solution that will suit both you and your parents.

THE MAGICAL TWINKLE FADES OUT.

QUIET FOOTSTEPS APPROACH.

039 MARTIN
(quietly)
Hello, Rose. Did you enjoy Holy Hour?

040 ROSE
Martin! I mean, Fray Martin. Very much, Jesus and I always have such beautiful conversations.

041 MARTIN
If you don't mind my asking, what were you conversing about just now?

042 ROSE
My mama wants me to marry, but I cannot help but long to be wedded to Jesus. What can I do?

043 MARTIN
Before I became a Dominican brother, I was a Third Order Dominican. You could become one. It would give you a community, a way to serve the poor, and pray with friars and nuns, but still live at home with your family.

044 ROSE
I haven't thought of that before. Perhaps Mami and Papi would be open to the idea... I must ask Jesus about it!

TRANSITION WITH MUSIC

8 INT. CHURCH - DAY 8

CHURCH BELLS ECHO IN THE DISTANCE.

Side 1
START >>>

045 FR. MATEO
So, Rose. You are interested in joining the Dominican tertiaries?

046 ROSE
Sí, Padre Mateo. I believe God is calling me to it.

047 FR. MATEO
What do your parents have to say?

048 ROSE
Nothing yet. They are occupied with our debts. The Lord has promised to repay them, but my mama does not trust in Him. She wants me to get married, but that's impossible.

049 FR. MATEO
You can join the Dominican tertiaries and still wed, Rose.

050 ROSE
I know, Padre.

A beat.

051 FR. MATEO
I can introduce you to a few of the Third Order Dominicans in Lima. Teresa and Maricela come to mind. You might involve them in your abuela's gardening and apothecary work.

052 ROSE
I could take care of many more people if I had friends to help me!

053 FR. MATEO
Sí, sí... I will introduce you.

054 ROSE
But Padre, I came to you because I would like to make a vow. Today.

055 FR. MATEO
What kind of vow?

056 ROSE
I do not wish to have an earthly husband. I want my whole self, mind, body and soul, to be for Jesus alone.

Beat

057 FR. MATEO
I take it you have been thinking about this for quite some time?

058 ROSE
Si, Padre. I want to vow myself to Jesus Christ as his spouse.

059 FR. MATEO
As your spiritual director, I know your heart well, Rose. If you have already made the vow in your heart, I know that you have taken this as your obligation. I wonder if it might be wise if you spoke to your parents about this first?

060 ROSE
(firmly)
Sweet Jesus will take care of Papi's debts. They have nothing to fear. This vow is my decision. It is the call on my heart.

061 FR. MATEO
Alright. Go ahead then, Rose. <<< END

A MAGICAL SOUND SWELLS.

062 ROSE
I vow to my Lord Jesus Christ to remain unmarried so that I may be wholly wedded to him.

TRANSITION WITH MUSIC

9 INT. FLORES HOUSE - DAY 9

BIRDS CHIRP AND A BREEZE BLOWS.

FOOTSTEPS ENTER THE HOUSE.

063 MARÍA
Rose?
(calling)
Rose!

FOOTSTEPS APPROACH.

064 ROSE
Si, Mami.