007 BERNARD
I am not expecting anyone, Hombeline.

008 HOMBELINE
It is the Grand Prior of Cluny.

009 BERNARD
(Standing up)
The Grand Prior? To see me?

010 HOMBELINE
He asked for you specifically. He's waiting for you in the parlor.

011 BERNARD
Dear Blessed Mother, I may need some heavenly reinforcements for this conversation.

6 **INT. BERNARD'S HOME, PARLOR - DAY**

WINE POURED INTO A GLASS.

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012 BERNARD
Grand Prior, this is quite a surprise.

013 GRAND PRIOR BERNARD
Well I had to meet the man that everyone is talking about! Word has spread, Bernard. Your desire to take the habit has attracted quite a following.

014 BERNARD
The Lord has moved my heart and the hearts of many others.

015 GRAND PRIOR BERNARD
So how many men have you recruited?

016 BERNARD
There are 15 of us, Grand Prior.

017 GRAND PRIOR BERNARD
15! My, with so many, you could found your very own order.

018 BERNARD
No, Grand Prior.

019 GRAND PRIOR BERNARD
But Bernard, you'd be a brilliant founder. And having convinced so many nobles to renounce their riches, you'd have plenty of wealth to sustain a fledgling order.

020 BERNARD
I fear that if I took that route it would only serve to feed my pride and not the Lord.

021 GRAND PRIOR BERNARD
Humility. A good sign for one seeking a religious vocation. At Cluny, we highly value men who have a genuine desire to seek God and a robust intellect, as I've heard you possess, Bernard.

022 BERNARD
You flatter me, Grand Prior. Cluny has an illustrious reputation...

023 GRAND PRIOR BERNARD
Our sacred music elevates the soul. And our monks spend much time transcribing ancient manuscripts. That surely would appeal to you.

024 BERNARD
But I desire a more simple life.

025 GRAND PRIOR BERNARD
We live in a monastic community. How much more simple could you get?

026 BERNARD
Citeaux.

027 GRAND PRIOR BERNARD
No one is joining Citeaux. Even their original founder left. To return to Cluny of course. And the plague has now fully isolated them.

028 BERNARD
Well, I will be joining Citeaux. And so will the rest of my men.

029 GRAND PRIOR BERNARD
It is very admirable that you want to give your life to God.
(MORE)

GRAND PRIOR BERNARD (CONT'D)
But Citeaux is a self-righteous novelty that has ignored the spiritual benefits of the splendor of Cluny's liturgy.

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030 BERNARD
Cluny needed pruning like a garden plant. Citeaux was clipped from the branch of Cluny and planted in fresh soil. It has taken some time to acclimate, but the new plant is about to bear much fruit.

ROBERT KNOCKS AND CREAKS THE DOOR OPEN.

031 ROBERT
Uncle Bernard, I'm sorry to interrupt-

032 GRAND PRIOR BERNARD
Ah, this is your nephew, Robert?

033 ROBERT
Yes, Grand Prior.

034 GRAND PRIOR BERNARD
My how big you've grown! I last saw you when you were just a baby.

035 ROBERT
Oh?

036 GRAND PRIOR BERNARD
When your parents promised you to Cluny. That was quite a heroic thing, to promise their son to the service of the Lord.

037 ROBERT
The story has been recounted to me.

038 GRAND PRIOR BERNARD
But you are not excited?

039 ROBERT
I wanted to be a knight, but now-

040 GRAND PRIOR BERNARD
As does every young boy! You will see, in a couple of years, a life at Cluny will seem very appealing to you. It is a great honor to receive such an elevated calling.