START

MONSIGNOR O'HARA

Mother Superior.

MOTHER SUPERIOR

(flustered)

Bless me, Father, for I have sinned.

MONSIGNOR O'HARA

Yes, yes, I'm sure you have, and that's fine. But Mother Superior, people are hearing the music and coming in off the streets. They are throwing money into the collection. This is a success!

MOTHER SUPERIOR

It is?

MONSIGNOR O'HARA

And that is not all! The people interested in buying the church are now donating the money they were going to use to purchase it to keep our services going! How much longer will Sister Mary Clarence be with us?

MOTHER SUPERIOR

I have spoken with Officer Souther about transferring her to our Reading diocese.

MONSIGNOR O'HARA

Oh, no. I do hope she can stay. I adore this music, Reverend Mother. Sister Mary Clarence is a godsend. You are a visionary.

END

(MOTHER SUPERIOR doesn't move. MONSIGNOR O'HARA exits.)

DELORIS

You are a visionary. I'm a godsend.

MOTHER SUPERIOR

I can hear you smiling.

DELORIS

God has sent me here for a reason, take the hint.

MOTHER SUPERIOR

(a beat, then evenly) One hymn per service.