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The play is set at Mass, and it begins once the gospel has been read. Without microphone and without comment, the celebrant goes to the altar. With the aid of the servers, he simulates the preparation of the gifts. (It is best to do this without the use of anything resembling bread and wine.) This is done in silence, and the celebrant tries to avoid doing anything that might bring about a response from the congregation. For this reason he omits the “Pray Brethren,” the “Prayer Over the Gifts,” and the “Preface.” Instead, he goes directly to the Roman Canon which he will begin saying in a slow but natural way—without being amplified—omitting any words or actions that might bring about a response. It will be the celebrant’s goal to keep talking for approximately three and a half minutes, the time it should take to read the Roman Canon out loud. Once he is two or three lines into this prayer, the people should hear a well-amplified voice that, in fact, is coming from the sacristy. In case it is not already obvious, this is God.

God: Hey... you.

Yes, I mean you.

Don't look around. You know who it is.

That's right.

Don't be so surprised.

I had to do something to get your attention, didn't I?

You weren't really paying attention to my man, were you?

Come on. Admit it.

I understand. You have a lot on your mind. I know sometimes you come to church tired. Listen, I'm happy you come.

But I need you to get the message. I know sometimes it sounds like just a lot of words, but it really isn't.

Maybe sometimes it sounds too good to be true, but if it isn't that good, how could it be true of Me?

I made you. I made *you*—to be you. I really did.

And I put my whole self into the project. I really did. Everything about you was planned by Me with absolute care, and you have my attention all the time.

I need you. I need you TO BE YOU. Your family won't make it to Me unless you are. Things won't happen the way they need to happen, and no one will ever see—NO ONE WILL EVER SEE—the side of Me that you were meant to show them.

I talking about heaven, in case you didn't get it.

You are going to see Me. You are going to share My life. You are going to have all that you were made to want *and more*, and you are going to have it forever!

Get this! I did not make you for anything less. Why would I do that? *How* could I do that?

Worrying about worldly things is just silly. Haven't you heard that before? Please, try to understand how silly it is. The best life in *this* world is nothing compared to what is coming.

And it's coming quicker than you think. I'm giving no details, but surely you realize that you'll be done before you know it.

And then you'll see! You'll see Me. You'll understand the "why" of everything. And you'll be glad, so glad, for all you went through to get to here.

Get this! The greatest life that you might have is coming. It is coming.

But you are still in a position to make it better.

Live for life with Me!

Live your faith and make it grow. Make choices for this purpose.

Don't be afraid of sacrifice. You have *nothing* to lose—and everything to gain.

Love people—you need them like they need you.

And most of all... please... please... accept *My* love.

Accept the love I try show you, in countless ways, every single day.

I accepted the cross to show you how much I mean it.

I left you the Mass so you could the cross again and again.

Accept My love, please! Believe in it! Receive it! Receive it in this Mass today.

And if you will do this, when my man gets to the part where you are supposed to say “Amen,” do what you can to let Me hear it. Can you do that?!

Please.

The Roman canon concludes. At the top of his voice the celebrant says “Through Him with Him in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are Yours Almighty Father, forever and ever...”