

FR MARIO

SIDE 2

FR MARIO comes to visit CARLO in the hospital. He knows that CARLO is dying. FR MARIO enters Carlo's room.

CARLO

Fr. Mario! How was the presentation? Did they like it?

FR MARIO walks up to Carlo's bed and sits down beside him.

FR MARIO

It was a great success, Carlo.

CARLO

Really?

FR MARIO

Yes. Gio did a beautiful job presenting your work. Afterwards he came and asked me if he could be an altar server.

CARLO

Good. He can take my place.

FR MARIO tries to hold back tears.

FR MARIO

No one can take your place, Carlo.

CARLO

It's okay, Fr. Mario. I'm happy to die because I've lived my life without wasting a minute of it doing things that wouldn't have pleased God.

FR MARIO

Yes, Carlo, my son. The Lord is pleased with you. Would you like to have Confession now? I have brought you the Eucharist for the last time. This is your viaticum - your bread for this journey of death to heaven. Are you ready?

CARLO

Yes, Father! I'm ready.

FR MARIO is struggling to keep his composure.

FR MARIO

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

CARLO  
Amen!

FR MARIO

May the Lord be in your heart, and help you to confess your sins  
with true sorrow.