

JOAN is in conference with the GENERALS, preparing for battle. They are arguing over the proper course of action. ST. CATHERINE and ST. MARGARET can only be heard by JOAN.

JOAN

We have no time for delay.

GENERAL

Joan d'Arc, you come from the dauphin of course, but you do not have any experience in the battlefield.

ST. MARGARET

There is no time for delay. You must lift the Siege at Orleans.

JOAN

God's council is the safest council and He calls us to action. Now.

GENERAL

This siege has been going on for seven months now. We aren't going to break it with one, naive attack.

JOAN

We don't have time to fight like cowards, always on the defensive.

GENERAL

Like cowards? You have just arrived. We have been fighting this war for years!

ST. CATHERINE

Softly, Joan. Take everything peacefully. In the end you will come to the Kingdom of Paradise

JOAN

Yes, you have, and God wants to give France the victory, but He cannot do so unless we are aggressive and go on the offensive.

The dauphin has given me the authority to lead the army accordingly.

GENERAL

It will be a disaster.

JOAN

God will grant us victory. Now, I will speak to my men.

JOAN steps out of the council and into the war camp.

ST. CATHERINE
Act boldly, Joan the maid.

JOAN

My soldiers! Today we will attack the English and we will raise the Siege of Orleans. Today, you will fight under my banner. God's banner. You will all go to confession and then Mass this morning. It is sin that loses battles, men! Everyone who fights under my standard must be in a state of grace.

ST. MARGARET
Go, daughter of God, go!