

Please read or memorize for audition video for Saint Luke Productions

## GENERAL MALE AUDITION PIECES

Below you will find three selections, which cover some of the qualities we are looking for in actors who can take on various roles in our touring theatrical company. These three passages are taken from our live dramas on the Gospel of Luke, Maximilian Kolbe, and Saint Augustine, currently on tour.

Please memorize at least one of these pieces, and if the other pieces are not memorized, prepare and film them as dramatic readings.

The first passage (Gospel of Luke) will demonstrate your ability to connect with an audience in dramatizing a story. It incorporates a few characters, and we encourage you to differentiate these characters in your reading, to bring the story to life.

The second passage (Max) is spoken directly to the audience. It would be great if you could prepare these with the camera being only one of many “audience members” to whom you direct your words. We would like to get the feel for your ability to talk to a room full of people, so direct your attention to several different points in the room where you perform. Treat it as a theatrical (if intimate) performance, rather than a film one. A one person show is unique in that the audience really does play a role in the drama, and much of your performance is directed to them, since there are no other characters on stage. Show us how you connect with people in telling a story.

The third passage is a prayer. What we are looking at here is your ability to capture the sincerity and intimacy of Saint Augustine’s relationship with God, along with the ability to express complex philosophical thought in an accessible manner.

Thanks again for taking the time to prepare these pieces. We pray that it will be a contemplative spiritual experience for you to perform them for this audition.

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### 1. From The Passion According to Saint Luke:

They led him away under arrest and brought him to the house of the high priest, while Peter followed at a distance. Later they lighted a fire in the middle of the courtyard and were sitting beside it, and Peter sat among them. A servant girl saw him sitting in the light of the fire.

She gazed at him intently, then said, "This man was with him."

He denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him."

A little while later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them."

But Peter said, "No sir, not I!"

About an hour after that another spoke more insistently: "This man was certainly with him, for he is Galilean."

Peter responded, " My friend, I do not know what you are talking about."

At the very moment he was saying this, a cock crowed. The Lord turned around and looked at Peter, and Peter remembered the word that the Lord had spoken to him,

"Before the cock crows today you will deny me three times".

He went out and wept bitterly.

## **2. From Maximilian Kolbe:**

My young brothers, our adversaries have made a shrewd resolution! They have said we will not overcome the Catholic religion by reasoning, only by the corruption of morals.

We hear people say, and even ourselves at times, "What can I do?" Look. They have such a strong organization, money, and the backing of the mass media and so on." Perhaps it has been forgotten that St. Paul said, "I can do all things in Him who strengthens me."

"They have said that Satan will reign from Vatican Hill. The Supreme Pontiff will be his servant." These wild movements of hatred against the Church of Christ and His temporal vicar on earth were not made by men mentally deranged, but by men who acted according to a determined plan, way and purpose."

Because of this, wise and strong men are weakened, families torn apart, hearts corrupted, and an insane bitterness grows up. Such souls, when they are unable to throw off the infamous burden they carry will avoid the Church, or even rise up against her. Brothers, this is so sad because I don't believe that a single human being can be found under God's sun who would not long for happiness, the greatest possible happiness, happiness without limit - namely God. Let Mary lead us to her Son.

## **3. From Augustine:**

You are great, O Lord, and greatly to be praised: great is your power and to your wisdom there is no limit. And man, who is a part of your creation, wishes to praise you, man who bears about within himself his mortality, who bears about within himself testimony to his sin and testimony that you resist the proud. Yet man, this part of your creation, wishes to praise you. You arouse him to take joy in praising you, for you have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you.

How shall I call upon my God, my God and my Lord, since, in truth, when I call upon him, I call him into myself? What place is there within me where my God can come? How can God come into me, God who made heaven and earth? O Lord my God, is there anything in me that can contain you? In truth, can heaven and earth, which you have made and in which you have made me, contain you? Or because without you whatever is would not be, does it hold that whatever exists contains you? Since I do indeed exist, and yet would not be unless you were me, why do I beg that you come to me? Therefore, my God, I would not be, I would in no wise be, unless you were in me, "from whom, by whom, and in whom are all things."