

Divine Madness

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8 x 30-minute TV Series Log Line,
Pitch & Episode Synopses

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Divine Madness: Logline

Pope feels lonely. Pleads with God for a sign. God overdelivers. Pope wakes up pregnant. Cue the Second Coming nobody expected – or wants – as the world’s most famous sixty-five-year-old virgin outwits Vatican conspirators, overcomes his own crippling insecurities and survives an assassin’s bullet before discovering that the love he desperately craves is closer than he thinks.

Tag Lines

'Touched by God. Only not where you think.'

'Careful what you pray for.'

Divine Madness: The Pitch

Divine Madness is the story of POPE JOHN XXIV (FERNANDO MAURA) who, disillusioned by years of God’s silence, pleads for a sign that there’s still love left in their long-dysfunctional partnership.

And wakes up pregnant.

Cue a Second Coming-with-two-Daddies as Fernando navigates CUNNING CARDINALS, the manipulations of his shady THERAPIST, RUSSIAN MOBSTERS seeking vengeance for a forged Canaletto and a Vatican-sanctioned assassination attempt – all while discovering that miracles rarely arrive when, where or how we expect them.

Divine Madness takes a satirical chainsaw to a slew of sacred cows. Tackling personal identity, faith, survival and institutional corruption, this eight-episode TV series is a new-look divine comedy for our troubled times – *Conclave* meets *Fleabag*, with generous dollops of Almodóvar-esque emotion.

Synopses

Episode One: Why Hast Thou Forsaken Me?

In-session with his therapist, Pope John pleads for a sign of God's love and receives a startling response from Archangel Gabriel. A mid-sermon collapse sees him rushed to hospital. Doctors' shocking diagnosis? His Holiness is pregnant.

Episode Two: I Am Fearfully and Wonderfully Made

The Vatican rumour mill goes into overdrive. Pope John's younger sister, Abbess Maria Micaela, visits him in hospital, unearthing the siblings' traumatic past.

Episode Three: The Abomination of Desolation

Vatican Judge, Cardinal Akimbo, declares Pope John's rumoured pregnancy an abomination and hatches a murder plot. Maria Micaela's art-forgery side hustle violently unravels as the Pope summons all cardinals to Rome.

Episode Four: Behold, I Make All Things New

Pope John stuns the Curia by announcing his pregnancy as the Second Coming. The world erupts in equal parts disbelief and joy as Papal inner turmoil deepens and enemies close in.

Episode Five: Vengeance is Mine, Saith the Lord

Pope John is pushed to breaking point as Cardinal Akimbo's assassination plot accelerates and Russian mobster Simeon Lebedev kidnaps Maria Micaela over a forged Canaletto.

Episode Six: The Wages of Sin is Death

Pope John risks everything by making a public appeal for his sister's return. But when the ransom drop goes F.U.B.A.R and an assassin's bullet strikes, he faces his gravest challenge yet.

Episode Seven: I Am That I Am

While bullets fly around his sister, Pope John finds himself at an existential bowling match with God, who forces him to face some uncomfortable truths.

Episode Eight (Final): A New, New Testament

Pope John finally embraces the impossible miracle he once feared, but a final revelation about his therapist threatens to undermine everything.