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JUAN
MARÍA
DE LA
CRUZ,
SCJ

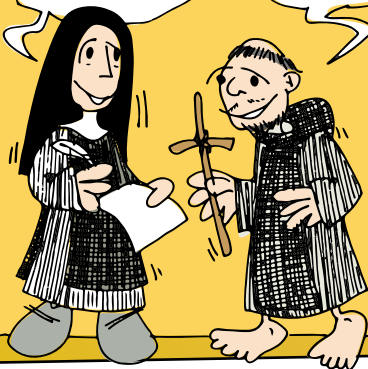


Sacerdotes del Sagrado
Corazón de Jesús
Reparadores | Dehonianos

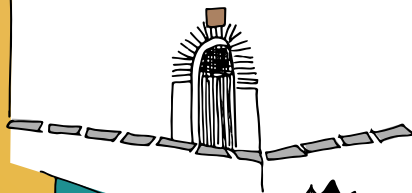
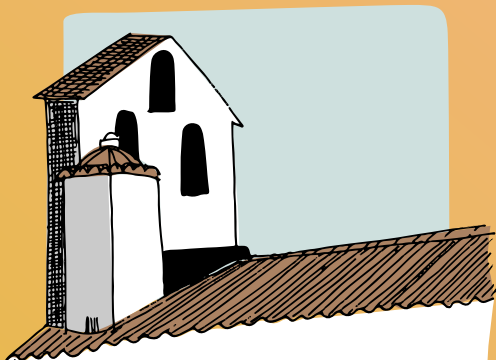


...THAT'S IT,
JUAN, THIS
CHILD WILL
END UP BEING
CALLED
LIKE YOU

... IF YOU
SAY SO,
TERESA



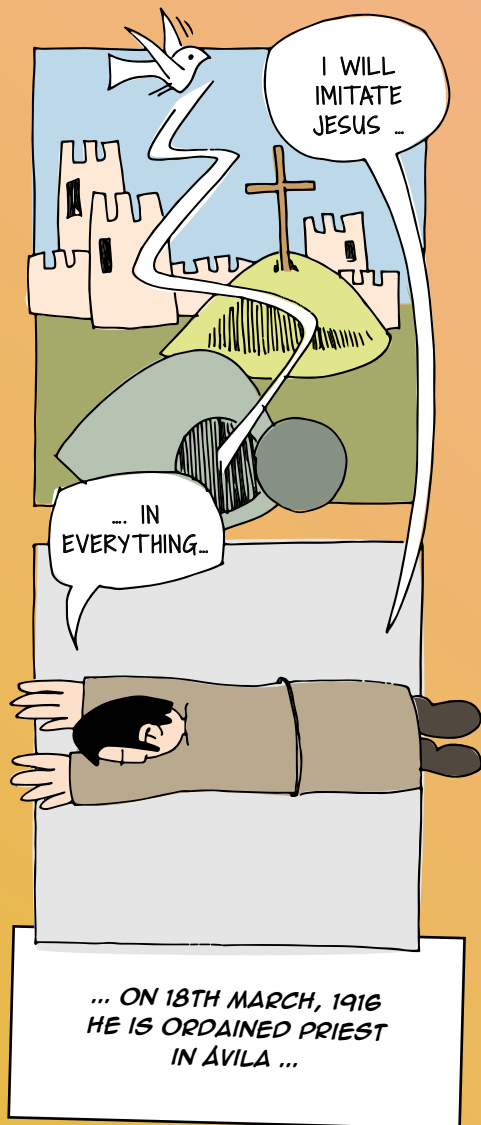
... IN SAN ESTEBAN DE
LOS PATOS, ÁVILA, MARIANO
WAS BORN, THE FIRST SON
OUT OF FIFTEEN CHILDREN,
ON 25TH SEPTEMBER, 1891.

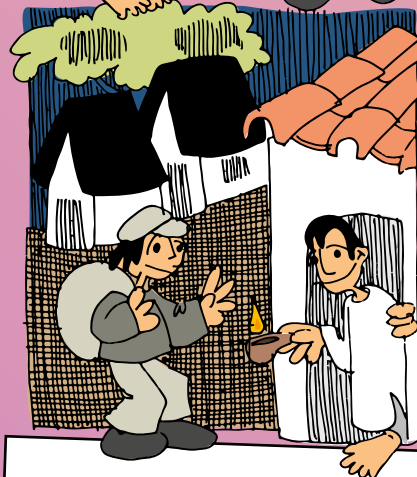
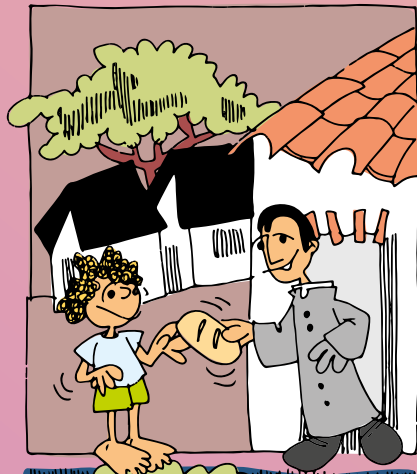


NO ONE IS
BORN AS A SAINT
MARIANILLO,
YOU HAVE TO
BECOME...



WHEN HE WAS TEN HE REALIZED
THAT HE WANTED TO BECOME
A PRIEST. THE PRIEST OF
HIS VILLAGE HELPED HIM
WITH HIS EDUCATION.





... HIS DOOR WAS ALWAYS
OPEN DAY AND NIGHT
FOR EVERYBODY

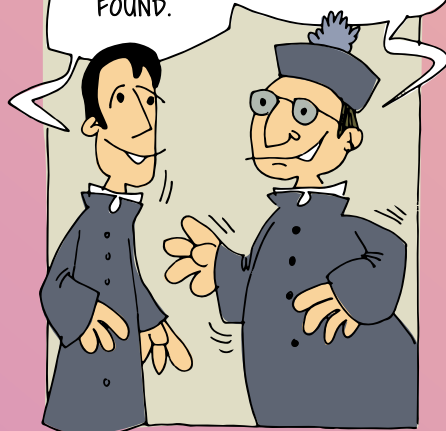
I
WANTED...

... WE ARE PRIESTS
OF THE SACRED
HEART OF JESUS...

... I WAS
LOOKING
FOR...

... FATHER LEON
DEHON WANTS
US TO PAY
ATTENTION TO
THE NEEDS OF
THE SOCIETY...

... I HAVE
FOUND.



... IN 1925, IN MADRID HE MET
F. ZICKET, FOUNDER OF THE
DEHONIAN FATHERS IN SPAIN.



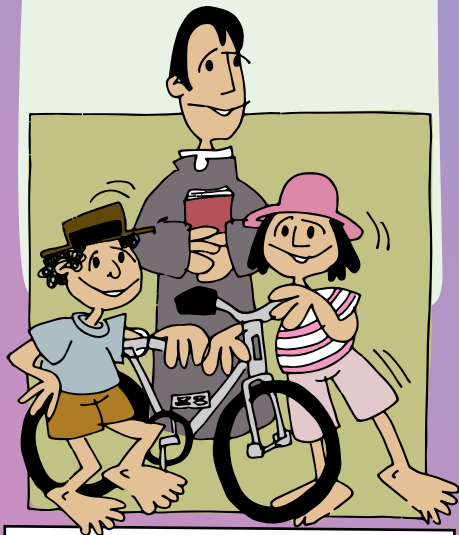
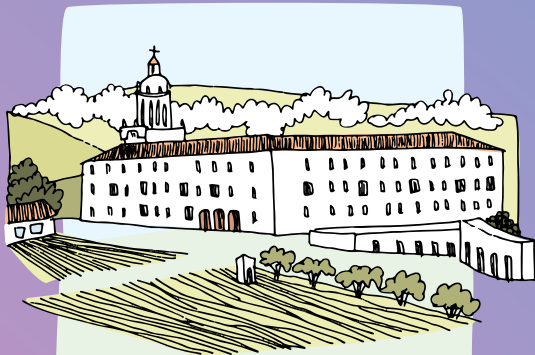
... LOVE,
OBLATION,
REPARATION...

... ON 31ST OCTOBER, 1926
MR MARIANO GARCÍA TOOK
HIS VOWS WITH THE NAME
OF JUAN MARÍA DE LA CRUZ ...



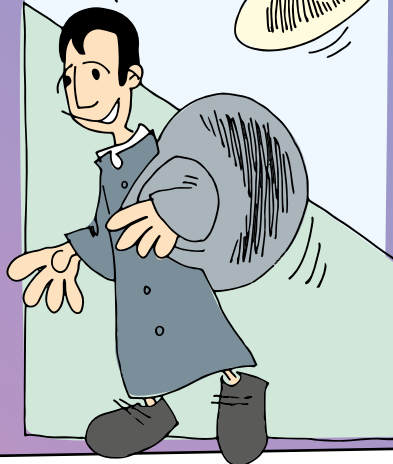
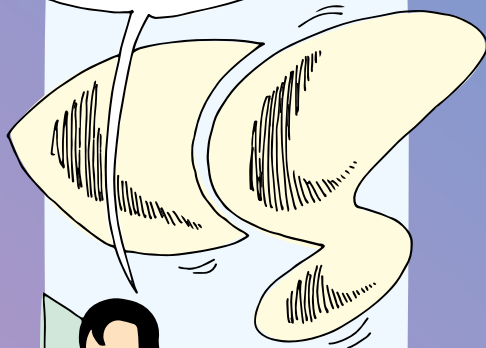
... AND HE TOOK
CARE OF THE
CHURCH OPEN
TO EVERYBODY ...

... THE FIRST DESTINATION
OF FATHER JUAN WAS NOVELDA.
HE TAUGHT RELIGION
IN ITS SCHOOL ...

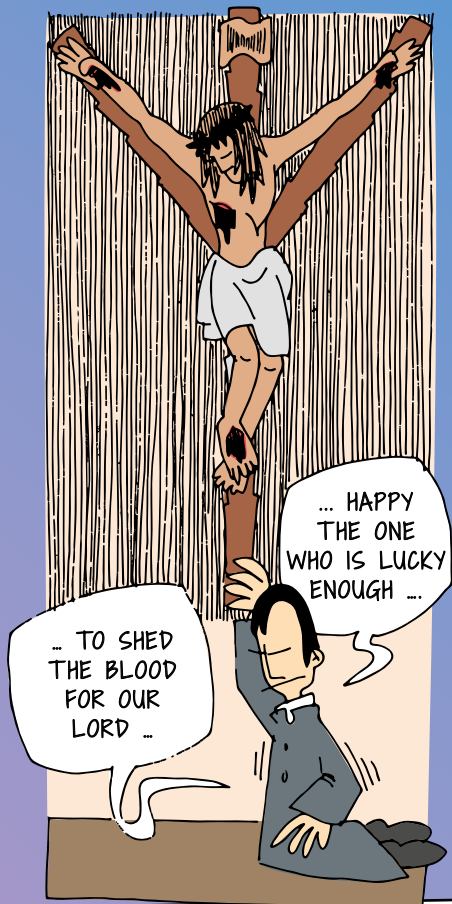


... HIS SECOND DESTINATION
WAS THE SEMINARY OF PUENTE
LA REINA, IN NAVARRE, WITH
A LOT OF SEMINARIANS AND
VERY FEW RESOURCES ...

... TO MAINTAIN
THE SEMINARY AND
THE MISSIONARIES
WHO WERE EDUCATED
THERE ...



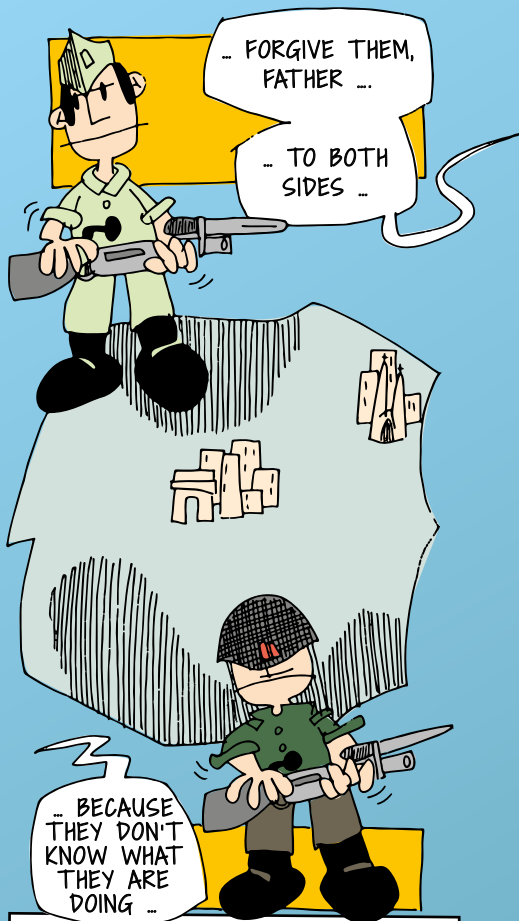
... FATHER JUAN'S MISSION
WAS TO LOOK FOR RESOURCES.
HE WENT ACROSS NAVARRE
AND THE BASQUE COUNTRY
LOOKING FOR FRIENDS AND
COLLABORATORS ...



... HIS LIFE OF PRAYER
WAS VERY INTENSE. FATHER
JUAN USED TO ASK THE REST
TO BE LEFT ALONE WITH GOD ...



... THE SUMMER OF 1936
FATHER JUAN ARRIVED TO
THE NOVIATE OF GARABALLA,
ON THE MOUNTAIN RANGE
OF CUENCA, TO REST AND
RECOVER HIS POOR HEALTH ...



... ON 18TH JULY
THE CIVIL WAR
BEGAN IN SPAIN ...



... FATHER JUAN TRAVELLED
TO VALENCIA WHERE HE THOUGHT
THAT HE WOULD GO UNNOTICED,
NOBODY KNEW HIM THERE...



... THE CHURCH OF LOS SANTOS JUANES WAS BURNING, THE RELIGIOUS STATUES AND OBJECTS WERE BEING SACKED...



... THE MILITIAMEN ARRESTED HIM. UNDER THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES TO BE A PRIEST WAS REGARDED AS CRIME ...



LET'S GO TO
SILLA, TO THE
FIELD OF
EL SARIO..

... THE NIGHT OF 23RD AUGUST,
1936 FATHER JUAN AND OTHER
NINE PRISONERS WERE TAKEN ...



I FORGIVE
YOU

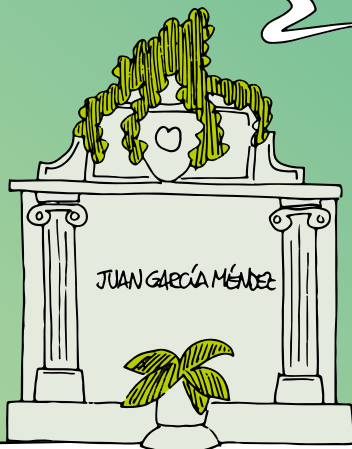
... THERE, IN THE LIGHT
OF THE STREET LAMPS,
CLOSE TO AN IRRIGATION CANAL,
THEY WERE SHOT...

AMONG HIS
CLOTHES IT
WAS FOUND...

... THE CROSS
OF HIS VOWS...

... THE SCAPULAR
OF HIS
CONGREGATION ...

... AND A DIARY
DRILLED
BY A SHOT.



... HIS REMAINS WERE FOUND,
EXHUMED AND MOVED TO
PUENTE DE LA REINA IN 1940....

ON 11TH MARCH,
2001 HE WAS
BEATIFIED BY POPE
JOHN PAUL II.



TODAY FATHER JUAN MARÍA
DE LA CRUZ LIVES IN THE
RESURRECTION OF CHRIST,
AND HE IS A REFERENCE
FOR THE DEHONIANS
AROUND THE WORLD.

Vicepostulation Cause
Canonization Blessed
Juan María de la Cruz



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