

JAVIER RAT



BLESSED  
JUAN  
MARÍA  
DE LA  
CRUZ,  
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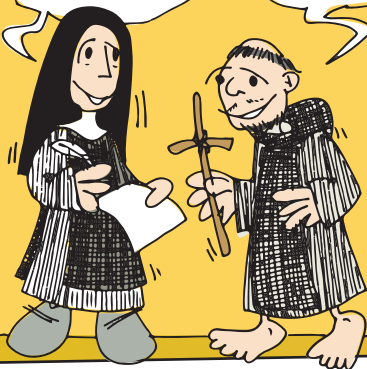


Sacerdotes del Sagrado  
Corazón de Jesús  
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...THAT'S IT,  
JUAN, THIS  
CHILD WILL  
END UP BEING  
CALLED  
LIKE YOU

... IF YOU  
SAY SO,  
TERESA

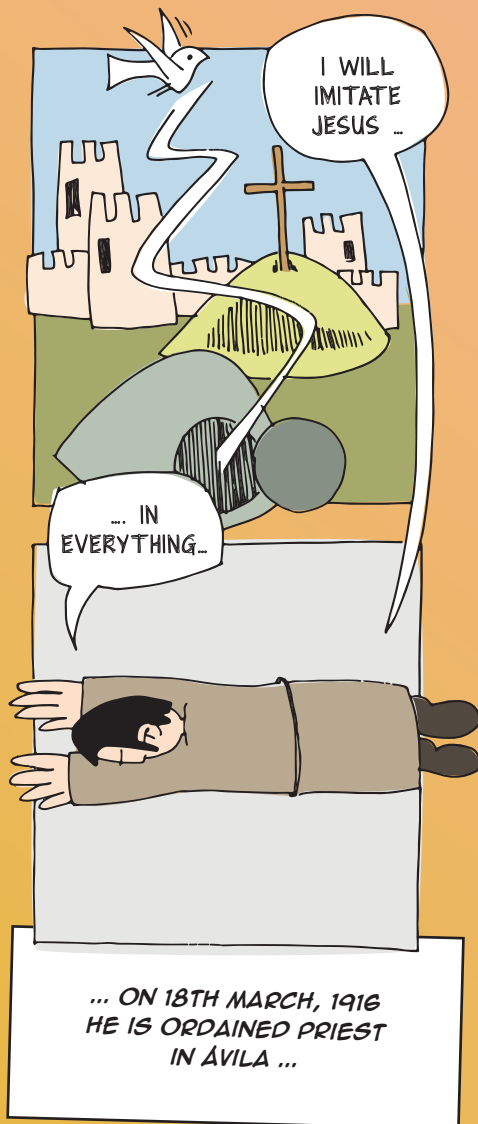


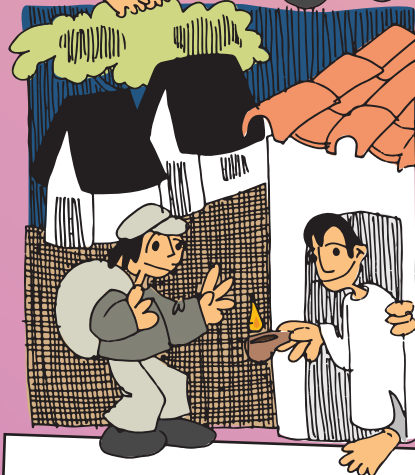
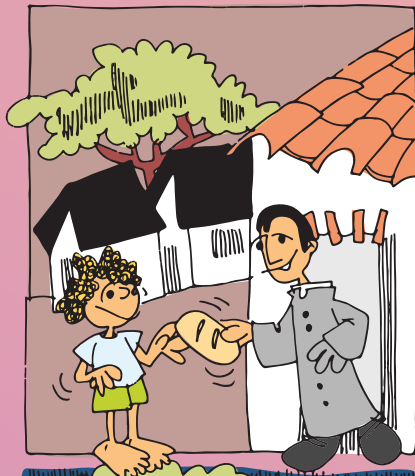
... IN SAN ESTEBAN DE  
LOS PATOS, ÁVILA, MARIANO  
WAS BORN, THE FIRST SON  
OUT OF FIFTEEN CHILDREN,  
ON 25TH SEPTEMBER, 1891.



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.

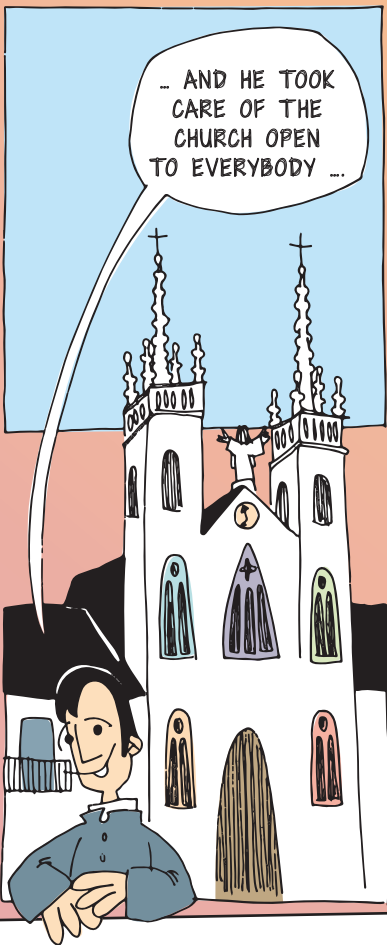


... IN 1925, IN MADRID HE MET  
F. ZICKET, FOUNDER OF THE  
DEHONIAN FATHERS IN SPAIN.



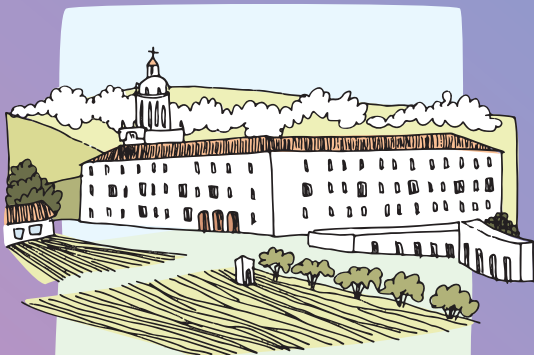
... LOVE,  
OBLATION,  
REPARATION...

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



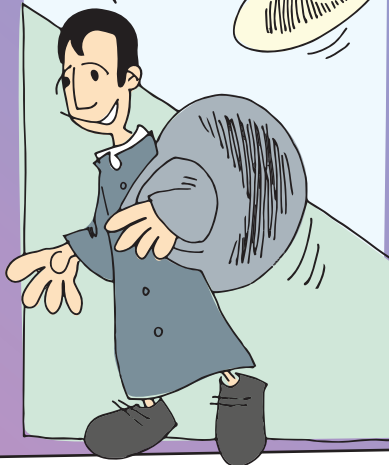
... AND HE TOOK  
CARE OF THE  
CHURCH OPEN  
TO EVERYBODY ...

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

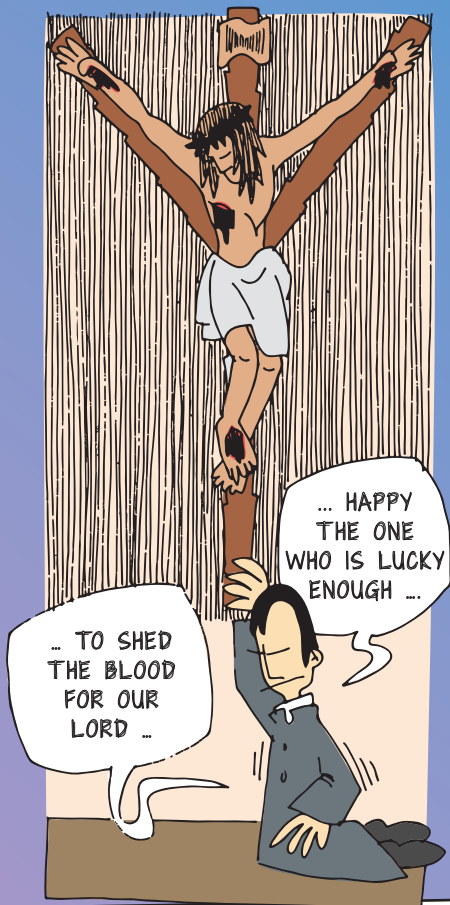


... HIS SECOND DESTINATION  
WAS THE SEMINARY OF PUENTE  
LA REINA, IN NAVARRE, WITH  
A LOT OF SEMINARIANS AND  
VERY FEW RESOURCES ...

... 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 ...

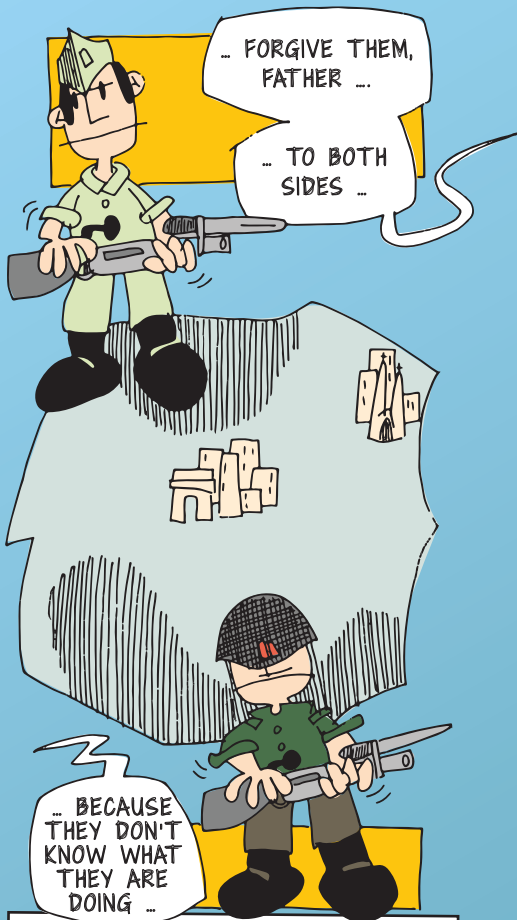


... HIS LIFE OF PRAYER WAS VERY INTENSE. FATHER JUAN USED TO ASK THE REST TO BE LEFT ALONE WITH GOD ...



... 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...

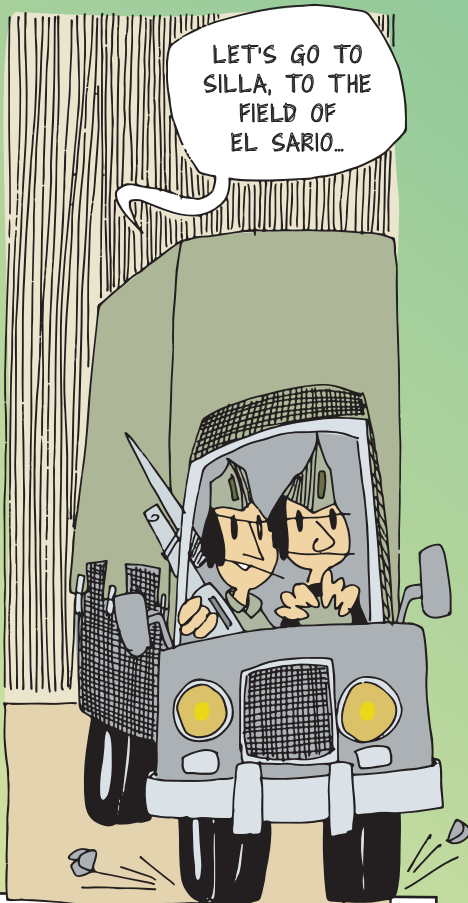




... THE CHURCH OF LOS SANTOS JUANES WAS BURNING, THE RELIGIOUS STATUES AND OBJECTS WERE BEING SACKED...



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



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



... 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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