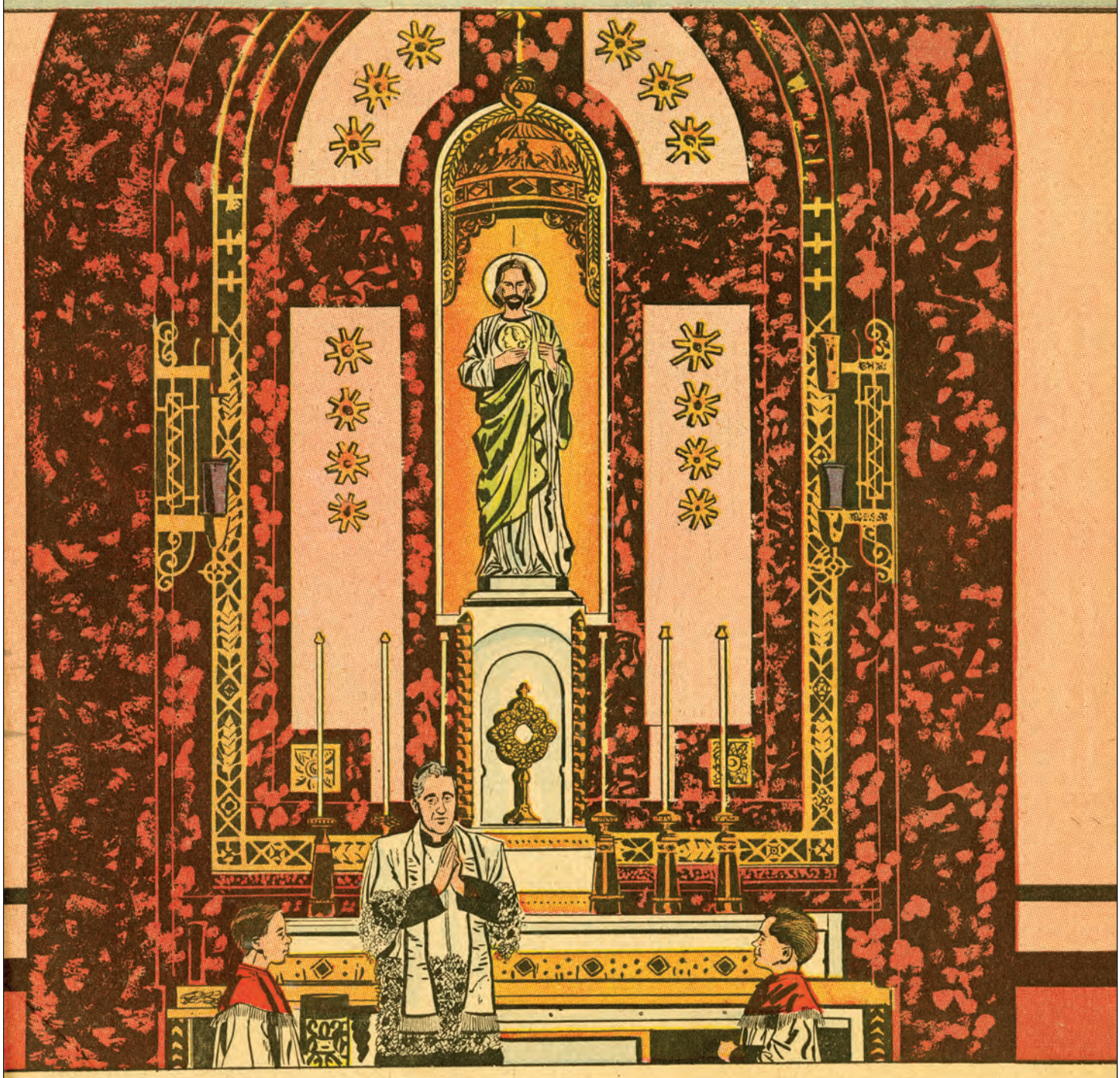
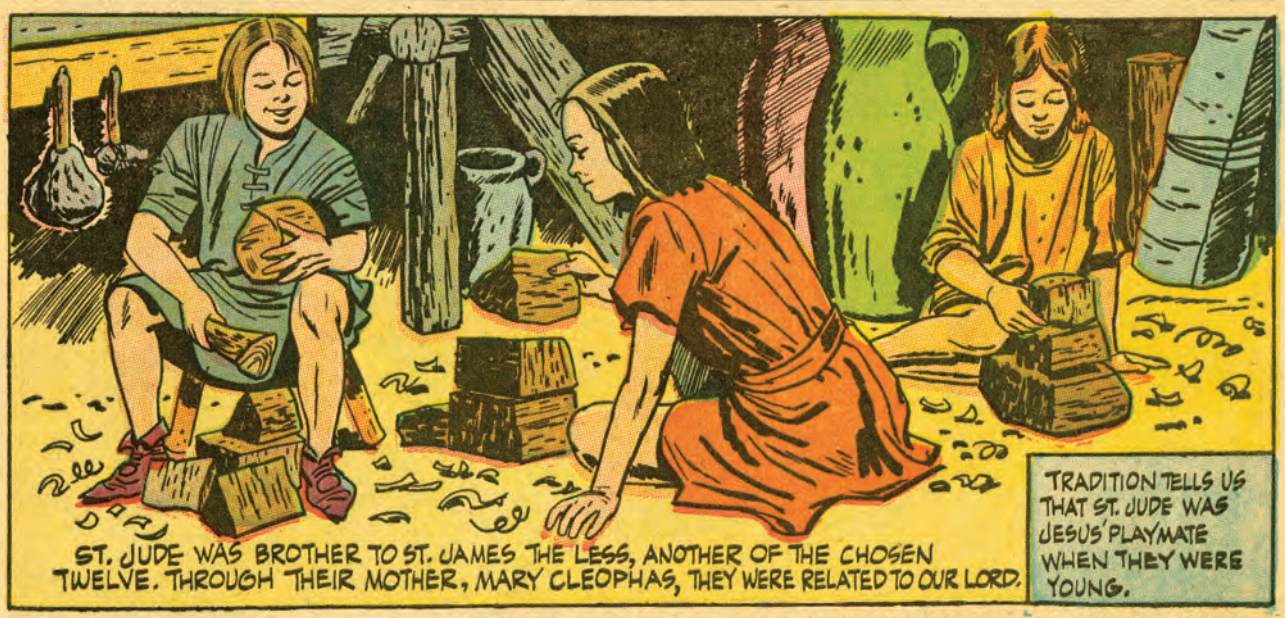
# JUDE THE FORGOTTEN SAINT



THAT'S ALL RIGHT, COME IN. YOU AREN'T DISTURBING ME; I'M FATHER DE PRADA, A CLARETIAN FATHER. I'M DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF ST. JUDE. I WAS JUST THINKING TO MYSELF. IT'S PECULIAR ISN'T IT, THE ODD, SEEMINGLY DISCONNECTED FRAGMENTS THAT MAKE UP OUR THOUGHTS? FOR INSTANCE JUST NOW I WAS THINKING OF...
... A KING WHO ALMOST LOST HIS LIFE...
...AN APOSTLE WHO ALMOST LOST HIS IDENTITY...
... A VISION WHICH PROMISED FULFILLMENT...
THEY SEEM QUITE UNRELATED, AND YET THEY ARE ALL PART OF THE STORY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF ST. JUDE BY THE CLARETIAN FATHERS. LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT IT.
... AND A PRIEST WHO HELPED FULFILL A PROMISE

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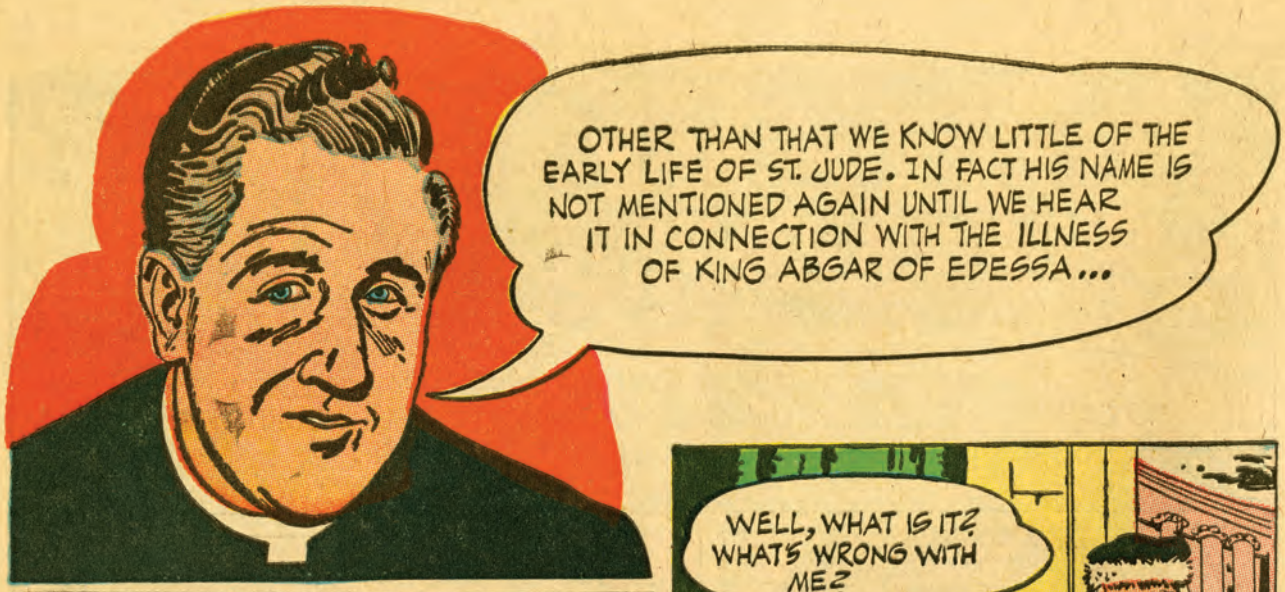

OTHER THAN THAT WE KNOW LITTLE OF THE EARLY LIFE OF ST. JUDE. IN FACT HIS NAME IS NOT MENTIONED AGAIN UNTIL WE HEAR IT IN CONNECTION WITH THE ILLNESS OF KING ABGAR OF EDESSA...

PLEASE, YOUR MAJESTY MUST BE QUIET WHILE I FINISH THE EXAMINATION.
WELL, STOP POKING ABOUT AND GET ON WITH IT!

WELL, WHAT IS IT? WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?
YOUR MAJESTY, I— IT'S LEPROSY!

LEPROSY! WELL, CAN'T YOU CURE ME?
FORGIVE ME. I FEAR IT IS HOPELESS, YOUR MAJESTY.

HOPELESS, NOTHING! GET OUT, AND SEND IN HANNAN, THE ROYAL ARTIST!
YES YOUR MAJESTY.

YOU SENT FOR ME, YOUR MAJESTY?
YES, HANNAN. I HAVE HEARD OF A MAN WHO CALLS HIMSELF JESUS OF NAZARETH. HE IS SAID TO BE THE SON OF GOD AND I BELIEVE HE CAN CURE ME. GO ASK HIM TO COME TO ME.

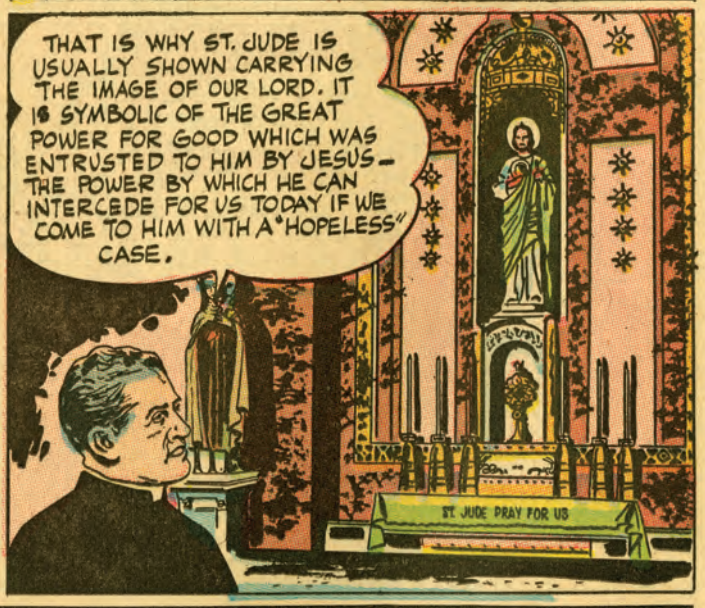
IF HE CANNOT COME WITH YOU, THEN YOU MUST BRING BACK HIS LIKENESS TO ME SO I MAY LOOK UPON HIS FACE AND BE CURED.
IT SHALL BE DONE, YOUR MAJESTY.

SOON-
WHO IS IT, JUDE? IS IT ONE WHO SEEKS HELP?
YES, LORD. HE COMES WITH A MESSAGE FROM KING ABGAR OF EDESSA.

WHAT IS IT YOU WISH?
MY MASTER, KING ABGAR, IS DYING OF LEPROSY. HE BIDS ME ASK YOU TO COME TO HIM.

OR, IF YOU CANNOT COME, HE BIDS ME BRING BACK YOUR LIKENESS THAT HE MAY LOOK UPON IT AND BE MADE WELL.
YOUR MASTER HAS GREAT FAITH IN ME.

HE SHALL HAVE MY LIKENESS.



IT IS KNOWN THAT ST. JUDE WAS PRESENT AT THE LAST SUPPER OF OUR LORD HERE ON EARTH, FOR IT IS RECORDED THAT HE ASKED OF JESUS...

LORD, HOW IS IT THAT THOU WILT MANIFEST THYSELF TO US AND NOT TO THE WORLD?
IF ANYONE LOVE ME, HE WILL KEEP MY WORD, AND MY FATHER WILL LOVE HIM, AND WE WILL COME TO HIM AND MAKE OUR ABODE WITH HIM.

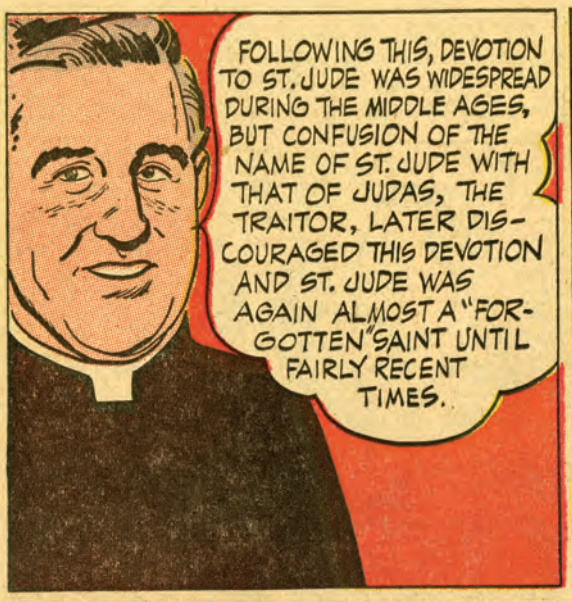
HE WHO DOES NOT LOVE ME DOES NOT KEEP MY WORDS. AND THE WORD THAT YOU HAVE HEARD IS NOT MINE, BUT THE FATHER'S WHO SENT ME.

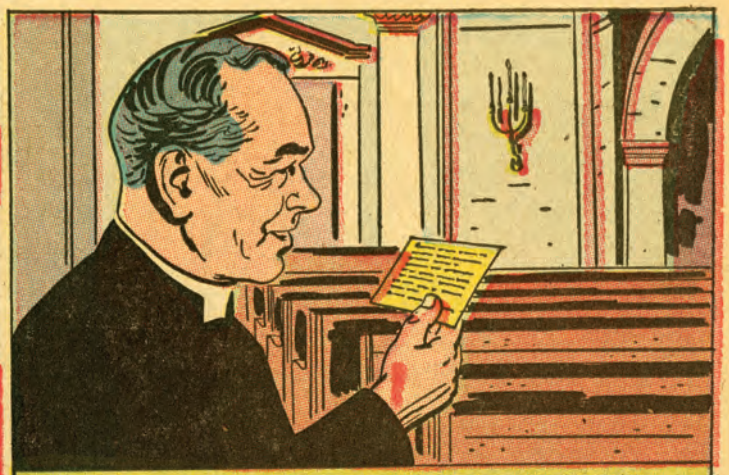
FROM THESE FEW FACTS WHICH WE HAVE, WE BEGIN TO RECOGNIZE THE MAN KNOWN AS ST. JUDE THADDEUS- A COMPASSIONATE MAN, TRUSTED AND BELOVED BY OUR LORD, AND SO LOVING JESUS THAT...
... FOLLOWING THE ASCENSION, AND THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY GHOST, HE WENT FORTH WITH THE OTHER APOSTLES TO MAKE KNOWN JESUS' MESSAGE OF LOVE TO THE WORLD...

... AND PREACHING LOVE, WAS MET WITH FEAR AND HATE ...

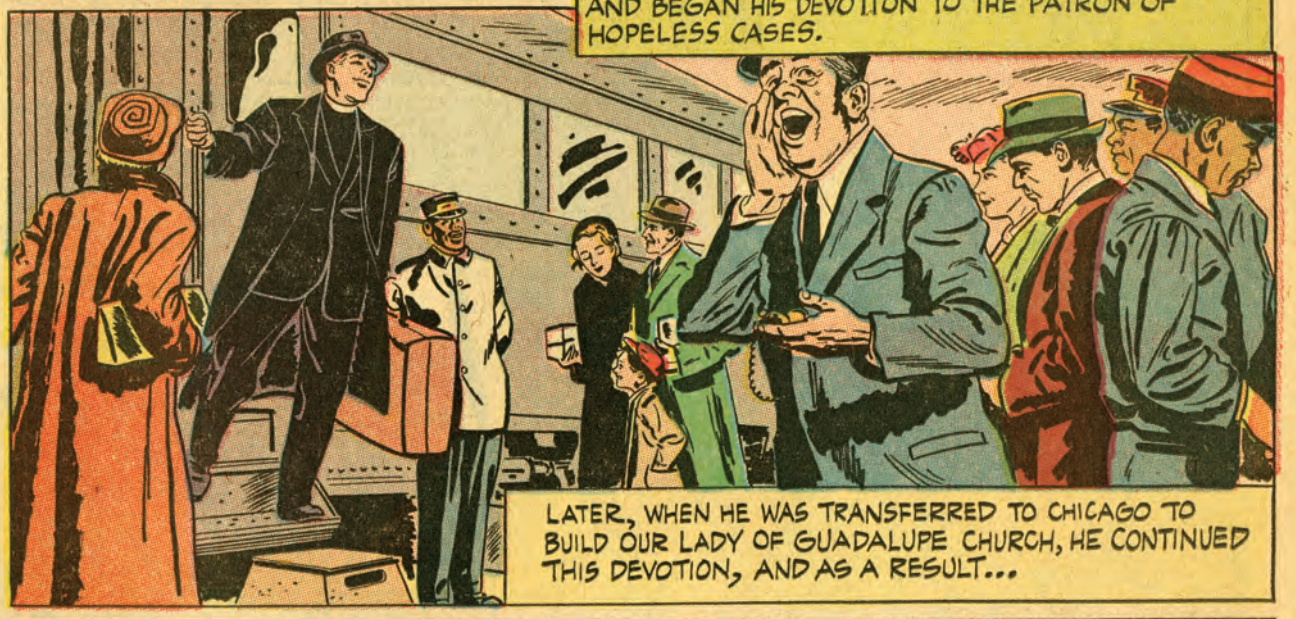
...AND FINALLY WITH DEATH.

ST. JUDE LIVES ETERNALLY IN HEAVEN; BUT HERE ON EARTH HIS BODY HAD DIED, AND FOR MANY CENTURIES HIS MEMORY HAD ALL BUT PERISHED TOO. THEN, IN THE MID-14TH. CENTURY ANOTHER HOLY PERSON, DIVINELY LED, ST. BRIDGET OF SWEDEN, BEHELD A VISION OF OUR LORD.
TURN TO ST. JUDE. HIS SURNAME "THADDEUS" MEANS AMIABLE, LOVING. HE WILL SHOW HIMSELF MOST WILLING TO GIVE HELP.

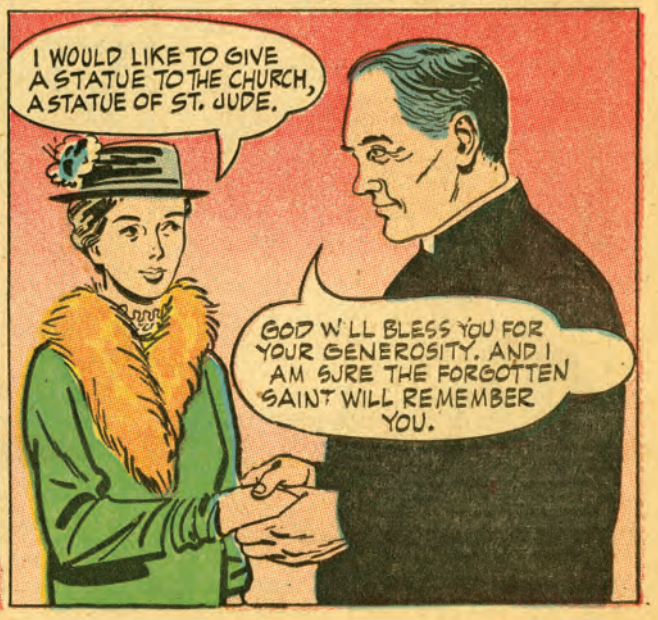


IT WAS IN 1923, WHILE FATHER JAMES TORT OF THE CLARETIAN MISSIONARY FATHERS WAS STATIONED AT THE SACRED HEART CHURCH IN PRESCOTT, ARIZONA, THAT HE FOUND A PRAYER CARD TO ST. JUDE IN A PEW, AND BEGAN HIS DEVOTION TO THE PATRON OF HOPELESS CASES.

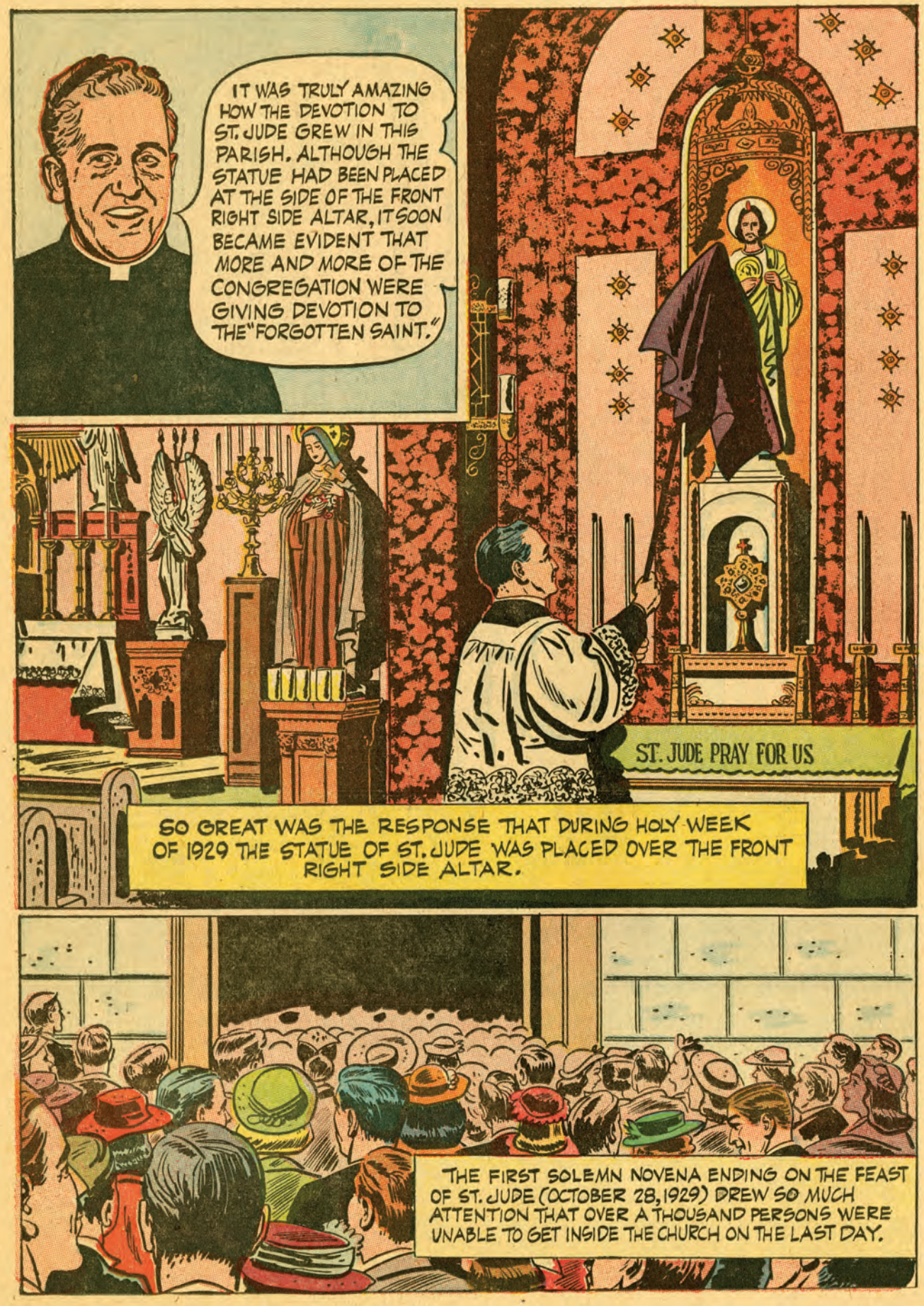


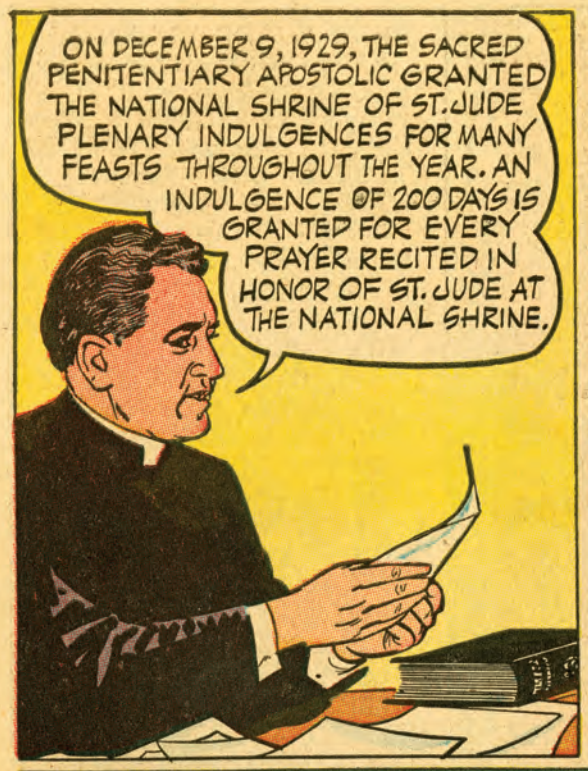
LATER, WHEN HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO CHICAGO TO BUILD OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CHURCH, HE CONTINUED THIS DEVOTION, AND AS A RESULT...



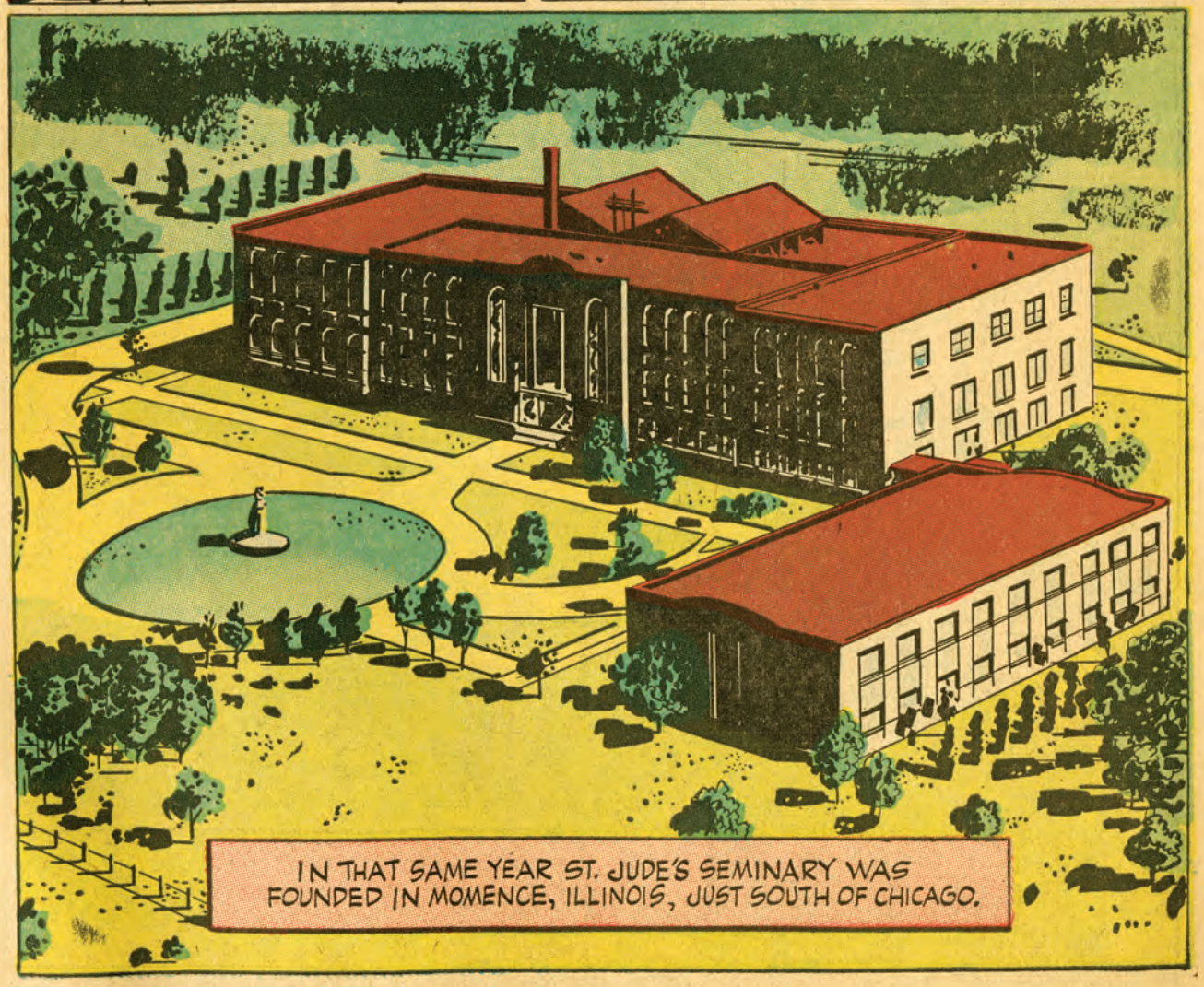
NO, I HAVEN'T SEEN ANYTHING THAT WOULD DO. I WANT A LARGER STATUE, ALMOST LIFE SIZE.
I'M AFRAID WE DON'T HAVE ANYTHING LIKE THAT, FATHER. I DOUBT IF YOU'LL FIND IT ANYWHERE IN THE COUNTRY.
THEN YOU MUST MAKE ME ONE. HERE IS A SPANISH FIGURE OF ST. JUDE. MAKE A LARGE STATUE LIKE THIS.
THAT'S GOOD WORK.
NOTICE THAT THE EYES ARE TENDER AND LOVING, THE HANDS ARE STRONG BUT GENTLE. HE IS A SAINT. HE WAS A MARTYR. REMEMBER THAT WHEN YOU MAKE THE STATUE.
A FEW MONTHS LATER—
YOUR STATUE IS FINISHED, FATHER. WILL YOU COME AND SEE IT?
OF COURSE, RIGHT AWAY.
IS IT WHAT YOU WANTED, FATHER?
YES, IT'S PERFECT. JUST WHAT WE NEEDED.

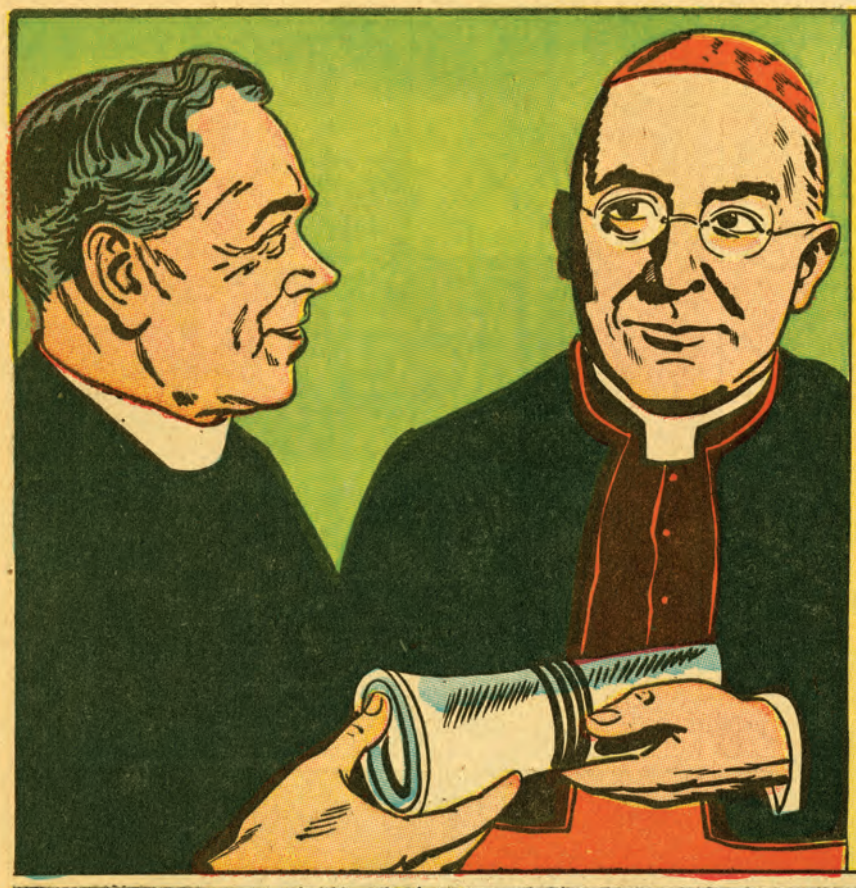
ON FEBRUARY 17, 1929, BISHOP BERNARD J. SHEIL, AUXILIARY BISHOP OF CHICAGO, BLESSED THE STATUE OF ST. JUDE AND ALSO A STATUE OF THE LITTLE FLOWER WHICH HAD BEEN PLACED IN THE CHURCH AT THE SAME TIME. WITH THAT WAS BEGUN THE FIRST NOVENA TO ST. JUDE AT WHAT WAS TO BECOME THE NATIONAL SHRINE, TOGETHER WITH SPECIAL NOVENA PRAYERS TO THE LITTLE FLOWER FOR MISSIONARY VOCATIONS.


IT WAS TRULY AMAZING HOW THE DEVOTION TO ST. JUDE GREW IN THIS PARISH. ALTHOUGH THE STATUE HAD BEEN PLACED AT THE SIDE OF THE FRONT RIGHT SIDE ALTAR, IT SOON BECAME EVIDENT THAT MORE AND MORE OF THE CONGREGATION WERE GIVING DEVOTION TO THE "FORGOTTEN SAINT."
ST. JUDE PRAY FOR US
SO GREAT WAS THE RESPONSE THAT DURING HOLY WEEK OF 1929 THE STATUE OF ST. JUDE WAS PLACED OVER THE FRONT RIGHT SIDE ALTAR.
THE FIRST SOLEMN NOVENA ENDING ON THE FEAST OF ST. JUDE (OCTOBER 28, 1929) DREW SO MUCH ATTENTION THAT OVER A THOUSAND PERSONS WERE UNABLE TO GET INSIDE THE CHURCH ON THE LAST DAY.


ON DECEMBER 9, 1929, THE SACRED PENITENTIARY APOSTOLIC GRANTED THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF ST. JUDE PLENARY INDULGENCES FOR MANY FEASTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. AN INDULGENCE OF 200 DAYS IS GRANTED FOR EVERY PRAYER RECITED IN HONOR OF ST. JUDE AT THE NATIONAL SHRINE.

IN FEBRUARY OF 1932, THE POLICE, WHO OFTEN FACE DESPERATE SITUATIONS, FORMED AN ORGANIZATION UNDER THE PROTECTION OF ST. JUDE, THE PATRON OF HOPELESS CASES. CAPTAIN JOHN STEGE OF THE CHICAGO POLICE WAS ITS FIRST PRESIDENT.

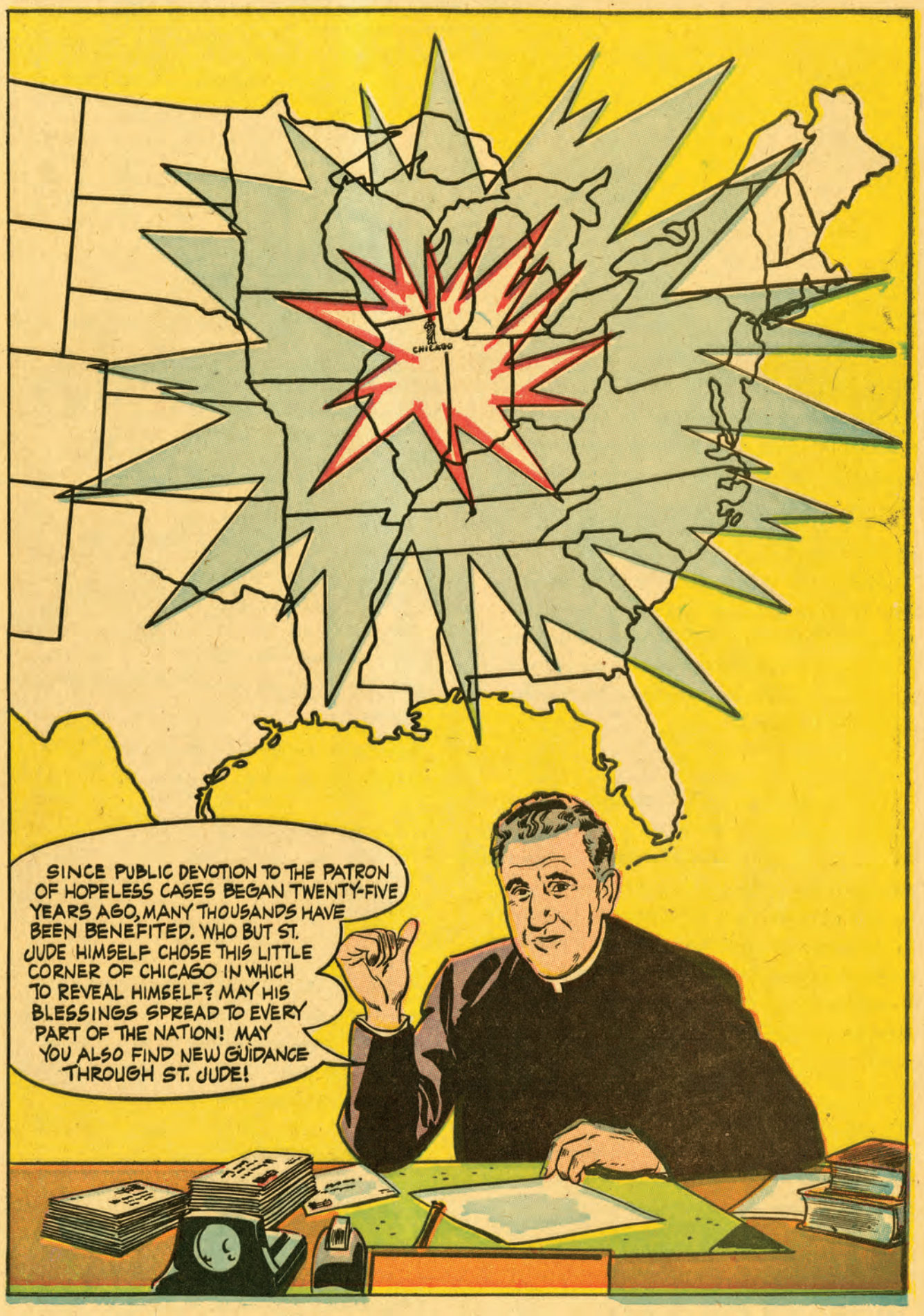

IN THAT SAME YEAR ST. JUDE'S SEMINARY WAS FOUNDED IN MOMENCE, ILLINOIS, JUST SOUTH OF CHICAGO.



SHORTLY AFTER THE FOUNDING OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF ST. JUDE, IN RESPONSE TO NUMEROUS REQUESTS, ST. JUDE'S LEAGUE WAS FOUNDED TO BRING TOGETHER IN A FORMAL WAY THOSE WHO ARE DEVOTED TO ST. JUDE AND INTERESTED IN SPREADING HIS DEVOTION.

APPLICATION WAS MADE WITH ECCLESIASTICAL AUTHORITIES FOR PERMISSION TO FORM SUCH AN ORGANIZATION AND THIS PERMISSION WAS GRANTED BY THE LATE CARDINAL MUNDELEIN, THEN ARCHBISHOP OF CHICAGO. AT THE SAME TIME ECCLESIASTICAL AUTHORITIES APPROVED RICH INDULGENCES WHICH MAY BE GAINED BY MEMBERS OF ST. JUDE'S LEAGUE.

TODAY, ST. JUDE'S LEAGUE NUMBERS HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF MEMBERS IN ALL OF THE FORTY-EIGHT STATES IN THE UNION AND IN A NUMBER OF OTHER COUNTRIES.


CHICAGO
SINCE PUBLIC DEVOTION TO THE PATRON OF HOPELESS CASES BEGAN TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO, MANY THOUSANDS HAVE BEEN BENEFITED. WHO BUT ST. JUDE HIMSELF CHOSE THIS LITTLE CORNER OF CHICAGO IN WHICH TO REVEAL HIMSELF? MAY HIS BLESSINGS SPREAD TO EVERY PART OF THE NATION! MAY YOU ALSO FIND NEW GUIDANCE THROUGH ST. JUDE!

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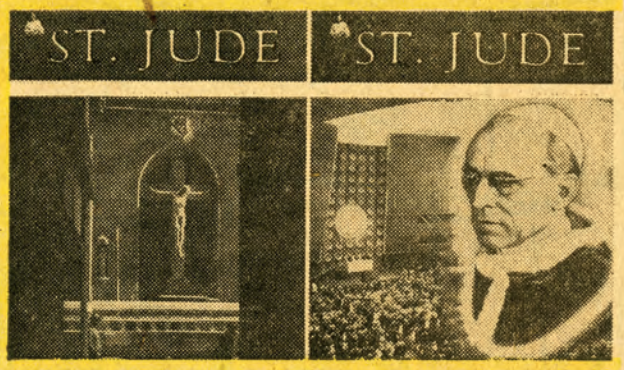


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