



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.