

THEY ARE RATHER
BOISTEROUS!!

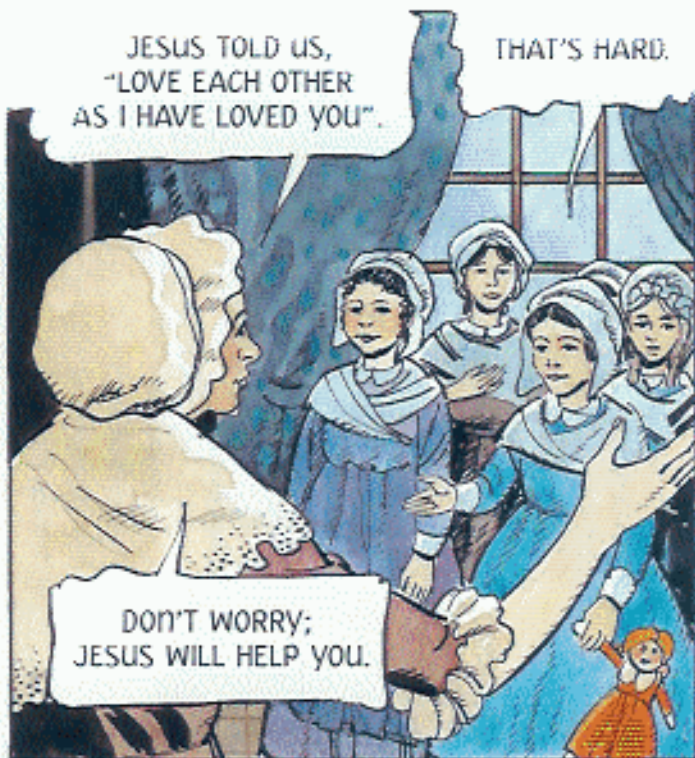
YOU CAN'T DISCIPLINE
CHILDREN IN ONE DAY...
DON'T BE IN MORE OF
A HURRY THAN THE
GOOD GOD, WHO IS SO
PATIENT WITH US ALL.



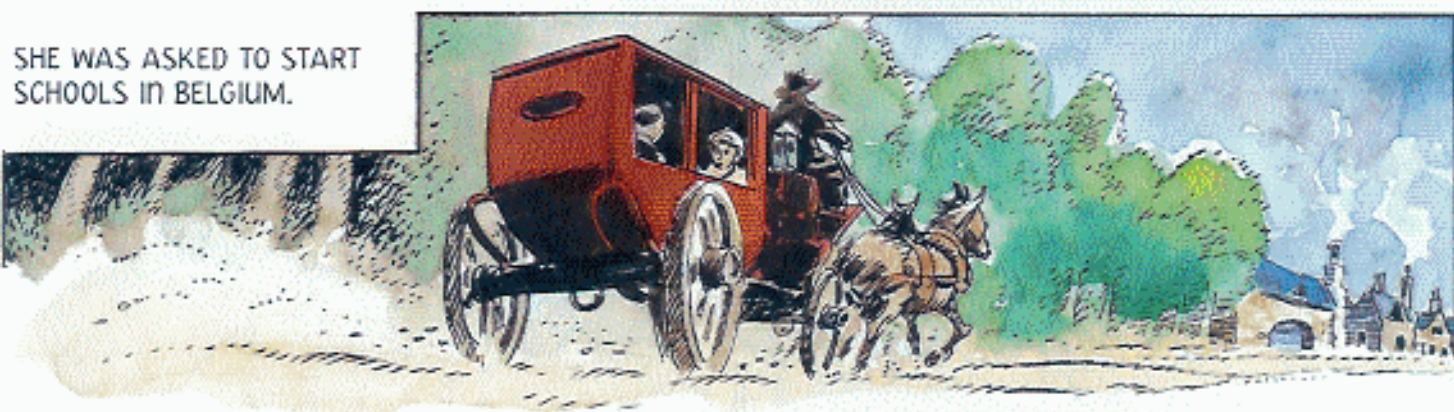
JESUS TOLD US,
"LOVE EACH OTHER
AS I HAVE LOVED YOU".

THAT'S HARD.

DON'T WORRY;
JESUS WILL HELP YOU.



SHE WAS ASKED TO START
SCHOOLS IN BELGIUM.



GHENT.



WITH MONSIGNOR FALLOT DE BEAUMONT,
BISHOP OF GHENT.

I WOULD BE GLAD TO
HAVE SISTERS OF NOTRE
DAME IN MY DIOCESE.

YES, BUT WE WOULD
NEED SISTERS WHO
SPEAK FLEMISH.



SOME TIME LATER.

MARIE STEENHAUT IS PREPARED TO FOLLOW YOU. ALL YOU NEED IS HER PARENTS' PERMISSION.

LATER, MARIE STEENHAUT AND A NUMBER OF OTHER GIRLS JOINED MOTHER JULIE IN AMIENS.

A SCHOOL WAS STARTED AT SAINT-NICOLAS, IN THE WAES REGION.

WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO WELCOME THE SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME.

EVEN POOR CHILDREN ARE WELCOME AT THE SCHOOL.

EVERYTHING WAS GOING WELL IN AMIENS. THEN FATHER SAMBUCY DE SAINT-ESTÈVE ARRIVED.

I WANT TO HEAR NO MORE OF A MOTHER SUPERIOR GENERAL. MOTHER JULIE MUST STAY WITHIN ONE SINGLE DIOCESE.

YOU KNOW
FATHER DE SAMBUCY'S
PLANS. IT WILL BE
THE END OF
OUR INSTITUTE.

FATHER DE SAMBUCY
IS A WORTHY MAN,
BUT HE IS NOT
THE RIGHT MAN
FOR THE JOB.



A LITTLE LATER.

MONSIGNOR PISANI DE
LA GAUDE HAS ASKED
ME TO START A SCHOOL
IN HIS TOWN,
IN NAMUR.



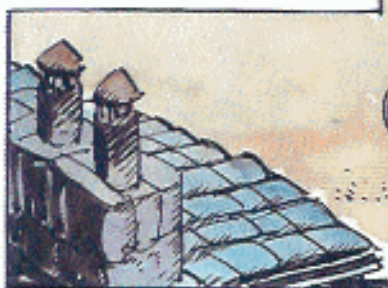
WITH THE BISHOP OF AMIENS,
MONSIGNOR DEMANDOLX.

MONSIGNOR D'AVIAU, THE
ARCHBISHOP OF BORDEAUX HAS
WRITTEN TO ME... HE WOULD LIKE
TO JOIN ON TO THE SISTERS OF
NOTRE DAME AN ASSOCIATION
WITH THE SAME AIMS.

WELL THEN, LET MOTHER JULIE
GO TO NAMUR AS PLANNED,
AND FROM THERE TO BOR-
DEAUX. WE MUST NOT MISS
THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET HER
AWAY FROM THE DIOCESE.



FATHER DE SAMBUCY
WAS THERE
AS SHE LEFT.



MOTHER JULIE,
YOU HAVE DONE YOUR
BUSINESS HERE;
YOU WILL GO AND DO IT
ELSEWHERE.

ON THE WAY
TO NAMUR...



MONSIGNOR PISANI, BISHOP OF NAMUR,
WELCOMED THEM WARMLY.



IT IS A GREAT JOY
TO WELCOME YOU
IN OUR DIOCESE.
I NEED THE SISTERS
FOR A GIRL'S SCHOOL.

MOTHER SAINT-JOSEPH (FRANÇOISE BLIN'S RELIGIOUS NAME) WAS THE SUPERIOR OF THE CONVENT IN NAMUR.

MOTHER JULIE LEFT FOR BORDEAUX.



IN BORDEAUX,
MOTHER JULIE
STARTED SCHOOLS
FOR 700 CHILDREN.



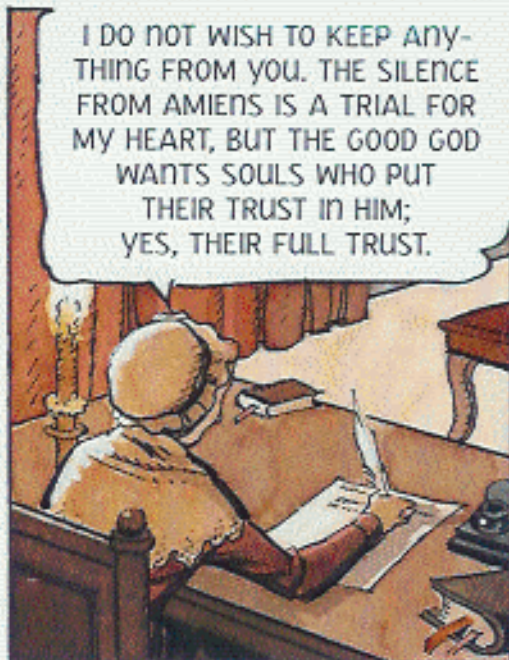
HAVING SEEN SO MANY
CHILDREN IN BORDEAUX,
I WOULD LIKE TO GO EVERY-
WHERE IN THE WHOLE UNIVERSE
TO TELL OF GOD'S GOODNESS.



I HAVE HAD NO NEWS FROM
AMIENS FOR A MONTH.



I DO NOT WISH TO KEEP ANY-
THING FROM YOU. THE SILENCE
FROM AMIENS IS A TRIAL FOR
MY HEART, BUT THE GOOD GOD
WANTS SOULS WHO PUT
THEIR TRUST IN HIM;
YES, THEIR FULL TRUST.



EVENTUALLY SHE RECEIVED
A LETTER FROM THE BISHOP
OF AMIENS.

COME BACK; COME BACK AS
SOON AS YOU CAN.



HER RETURN WENT AGAINST THE PLANS OF FATHER DE SAMBUCY, WHO HAD MANAGED TO AROUSE DISTRUST IN EVERYONE WHO HAD KNOWN MOTHER JULIE.



IN AMIENS, SHE HAD TO HIDE TO BE ABLE TO ENTER HER OWN COMMUNITY.

HOW CAN YOU STAY SERENE IN THE MIDST OF SO MANY DIFFICULTIES?

GOD WANTS US TO PUT OUR FULL TRUST IN HIM.



YOU ARE FREE TO LEAVE MY DIOCESE AND TAKE ALL THE SISTERS WITH YOU.*



*THIS WAS A WAY OF GETTING RID OF HER.

I LEAVE YOU PERFECTLY FREE TO FOLLOW US. I WILL NOT HOLD IT AGAINST ANY WHO WISH TO STAY.



WE WILL ALL FOLLOW YOU.

ON 16 JANUARY 1809, SHE LEFT AMIENS WITH FIVE SISTERS. OTHERS WERE TO FOLLOW.

IT WAS A DIFFICULT JOURNEY.



LATER.

BUT HOW CAN WE TELL
CHILDREN ABOUT GOD?

FIRST OF ALL,
THE JOY OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT MUST
SHOW IN OUR FACES.

ABOVE ALL, SPEAK TO YOUR
CHILDREN WITH RESPECT
IF YOU WANT THEM TO
RESPECT AND LOVE YOU.

WHAT JOY
TO SEE YOU
BACK.

ONE DAY.

I WOULD LIKE MY DAUGHTER TO
GO TO SCHOOL, BUT IT'S NOT
FOR US - WE'RE TOO POOR.

OUR SCHOOLS ARE SPECIALLY
FOR YOUR CHILDREN.

I'D LIKE TO SEE THAT.

A LITTLE
LATER.

I WOULD NEVER
HAVE BELIEVED
THAT COULD
EVER HAPPEN.