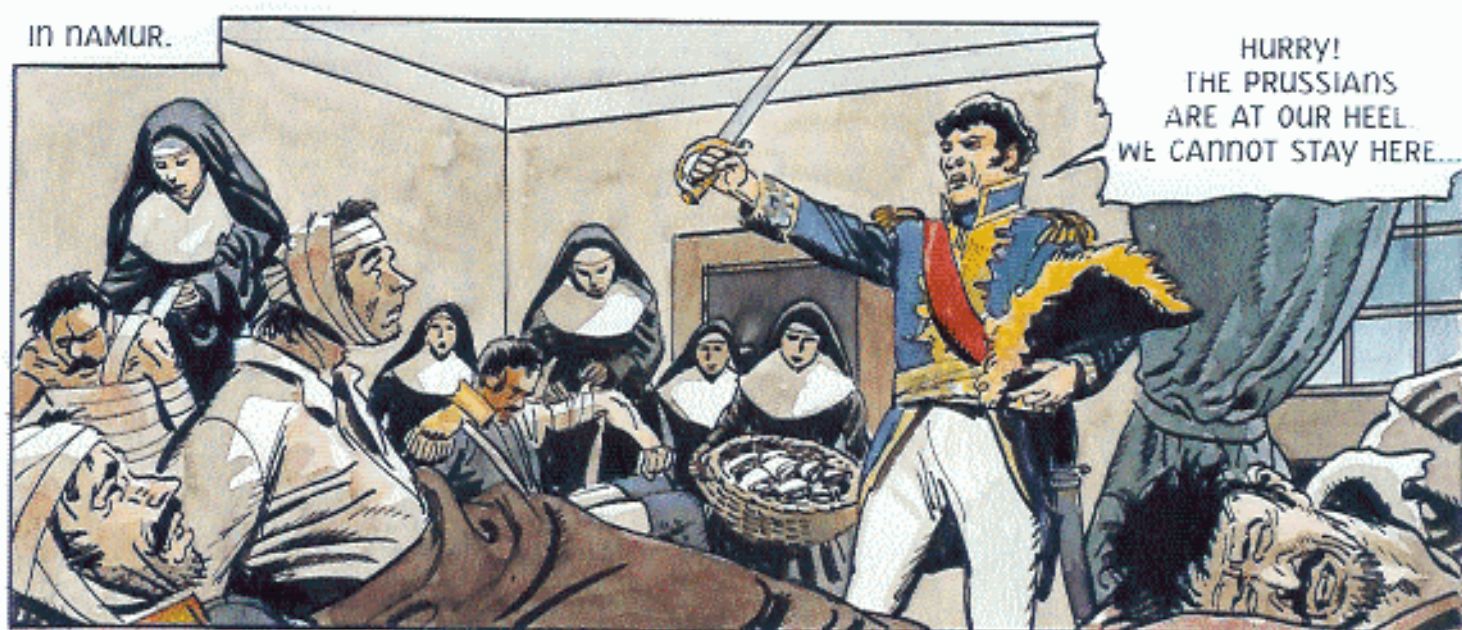


IN NAMUR.



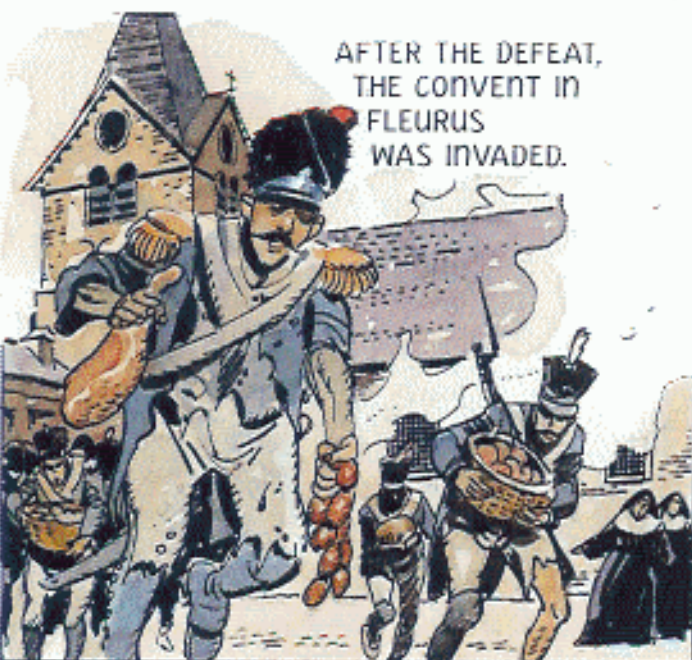
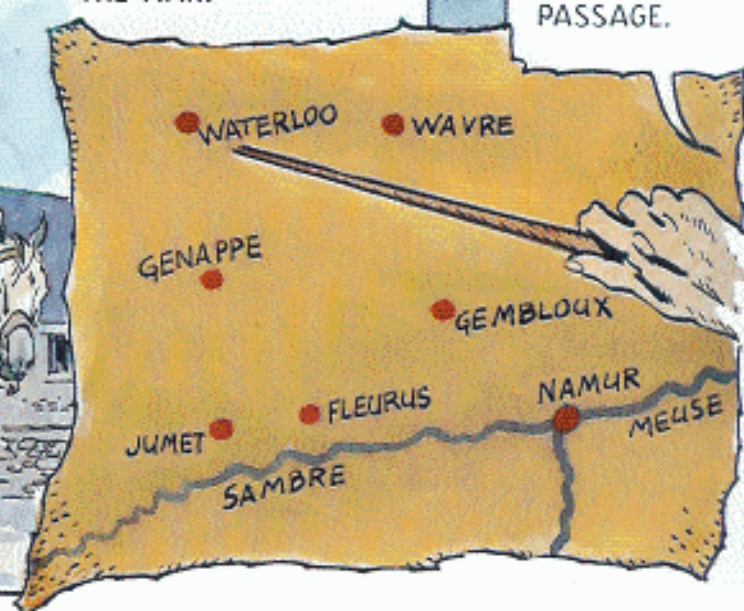
HURRY!
THE PRUSSIAN
ARE AT OUR HEEL.
WE CANNOT STAY HERE...

AND INDEED...



1815. NAPOLEON BACK
FROM ELBA, RESUMED
THE WAR.

WE MUST TAKE
THE WATERLOO
PASSAGE.



AFTER THE DEFEAT,
THE CONVENT IN
FLEURUS
WAS INVADIED.

MOTHER JULIE HAD
A DIFFERENT BATTLE
TO FIGHT...

OUR SISTERS IN GHENT
AND GEMBLOUX SAY
THAT YOU ARE NOT
FOLLOWING OUR RULES
STRICTLY.

ALTHOUGH MOTHER JULIE
WAS PROFOUNDLY HURT,
SHE STAYED SERENE.

I AM NOT STRICTLY
ATTACHED TO OUR RULES
WHEN I SEE THAT
BETTER CAN BE DONE.

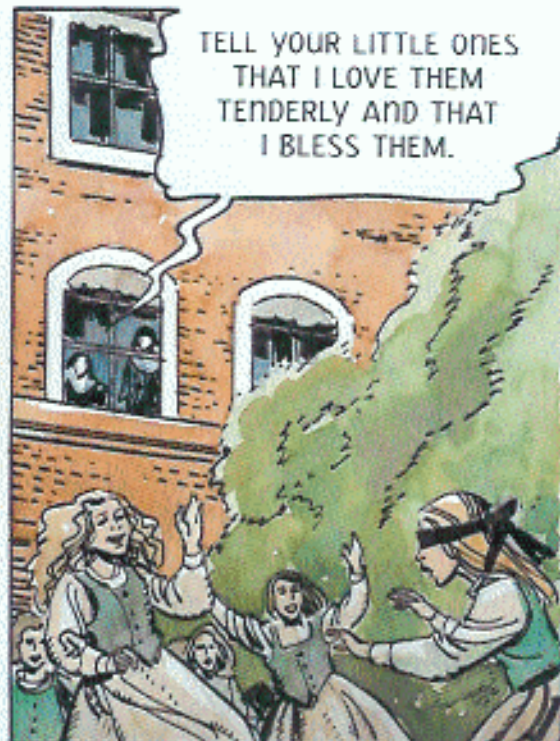


MOTHER JULIE GREW OLDER.
SHE HAD A FALL.

MOTHER SAINT-JOSEPH,
YOU LOOK WORRIED...
WHERE IS
YOUR TRUST?



TELL YOUR LITTLE ONES
THAT I LOVE THEM
TENDERLY AND THAT
I BLESS THEM.



CHARITY AND
CONSIDERATION FOR
OTHERS ARE WHAT
BIND US TOGETHER.

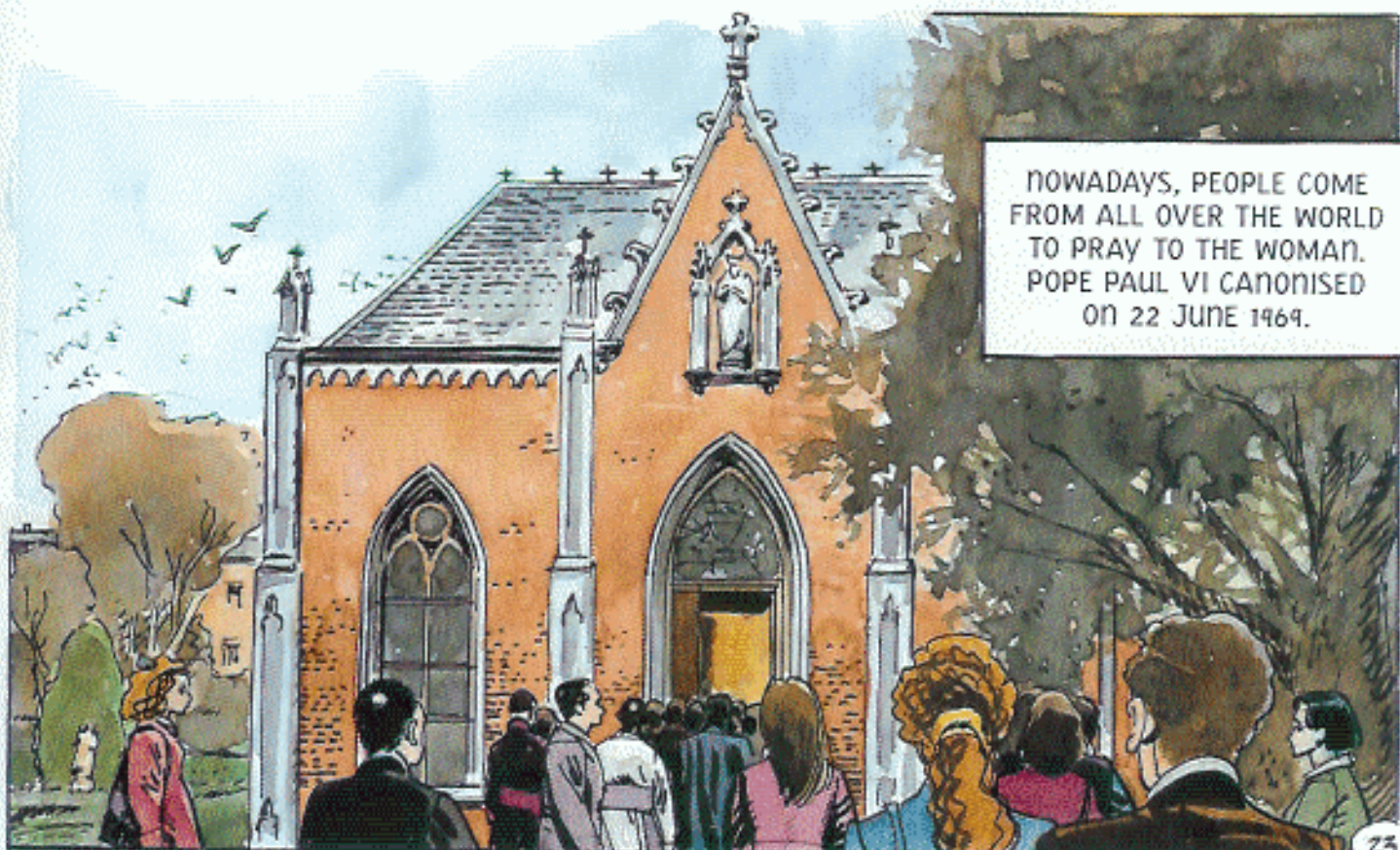


THE SAINT
IS DEAD.



MOTHER
JULIE BILLIART
DIED ON
8 APRIL 1816.

NOWADAYS, PEOPLE COME
FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD
TO PRAY TO THE WOMAN.
POPE PAUL VI CANONISED
ON 22 JUNE 1969.





America

Brasil
United States
Hawai
Nicaragua
Peru

Africa

South
Africa
Congo -
Kinshasa
Nigeria
Kenya
Zimbabwe

Europe

Great Britain
Belgium
France
Italy

Asia

Japan

**"You're not made to stay
in just one diocese.
No, Mother Julie,
your vocation is to travel throughout the world."**

Today the Sisters of Notre Dame strive to live out Mother Julie's vision and to present it in all its richness. Mother Julie wanted to prepare young women to take their place in society and she was particularly concerned about those who were poor. And to this day the Sisters centre their mission on Christian education and formation of women and children in those places that are most abandoned. The way they do this varies according to the way that each society has evolved, and according to the location and the culture.

Wherever school attendance remains something for the privileged few, catechesis and parish social activity take on an ever increasing importance. Preparing people for Communion and Confirmation, helping parents in the Baptism of their children, accompanying young people on their discovery of Jesus Christ, supporting the disabled, those who are elderly, alone or sick, visiting prisoners, welcoming immigrants... surely all this is another way of continuing to tell of God's goodness? This is what fires up the Sisters of Notre Dame all over the world, whether in Europe (Belgium, France, Great Britain and Italy), in America (United States, Nicaragua, Brazil and Peru), in Africa (Congo-Kinshasa, Nigeria, Kenya, Zimbabwe and South Africa), or in Asia (Japan).

The spirit of Julie Billiart shines out in other congregations. For example, there is the congregation at Amersfoort (Holland) from where the first Sisters formed in Gand and at Namur in the days of Mother St Joseph. Their early days were difficult with some Sisters leaving and then regrouping under the name of the Bois le Duc Sisters of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. In 1850 the Amersfoort Sisters were behind the founding of the Coesfeld congregation (in Germany) which due to historical circumstances was autonomous. At the end of the 1970s the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, and those from Amersfoort and Coesfeld joyfully recognised the ties that united them.

In Zele, in Flanders, some Sisters who looked after the hospital broke off in 1831 at the request of Mother St Joseph and other Sisters of Notre Dame and founded the independent congregation of the Sisters of St Vincent.

Since the 1940s the Sisters of St Mary of Kisantu (Congo-Kinshasa) and the congregation from Harare (Zimbabwe), who were formed by the Sisters of Notre Dame, have been responding to particular aspects of African culture. More recently, in the United States and Great Britain, lay men and women have become associates of the congregation by becoming involved in living according to the spirit of Julie Billiart. This great Notre Dame family is continuing the charism of St Julie as the third millennium begins.





SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME DE NAMUR

...making know God's goodness...
...educating for life.

MISSION STATEMENT

Sisters of Notre Dame
women with hearts as wide as the world,
make know God's goodness and love of the poor through
a Gospel way of life, community and prayer.

Continuing a strong educational tradition,
we take a stand with poor people, especially
women and children, in the most abandoned places.

Each of us commits her one and only life
to work with others to create justice and peace for all.



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Cover:
A sketch of the city of Namur

*" I feel something for Namur
that goes right through my heart ".*

Saint Julie