

# SAINT LOUIS MARIE DE MONTFORT

When Louis was twenty, he decided to become a priest.

Very well Son, I've never seen you so determined. I will give you money and a horse so that you can travel to Paris to study and become a priest.

Thank you Father, but I won't need a horse, I want to walk to Paris.

But, Louie, its 200 miles away.

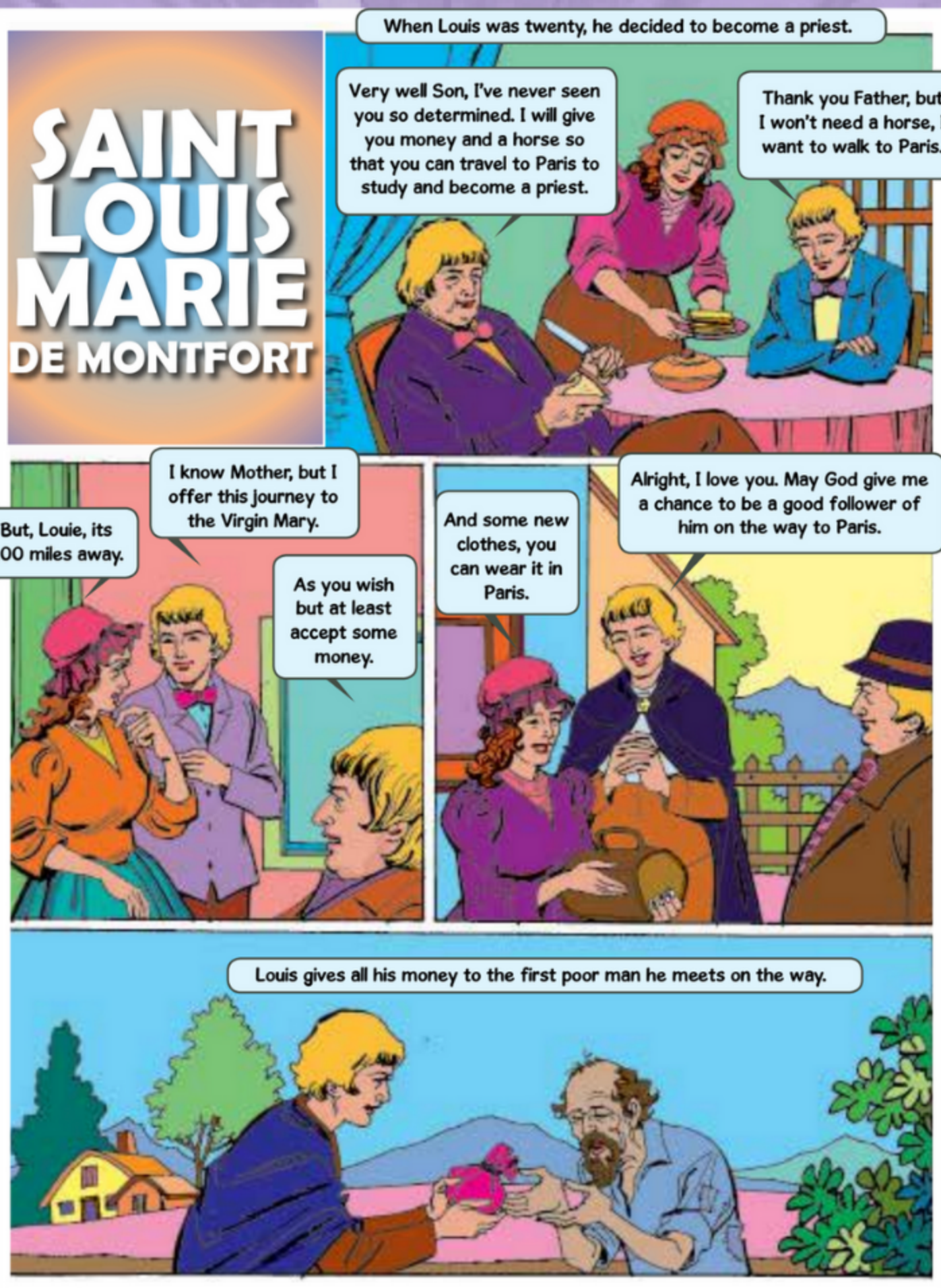
I know Mother, but I offer this journey to the Virgin Mary.

As you wish but at least accept some money.

And some new clothes, you can wear it in Paris.

Alright, I love you. May God give me a chance to be a good follower of him on the way to Paris.

Louis gives all his money to the first poor man he meets on the way.



Wearing the beggar's clothes, Montfort walks to Paris happily

Young Sir, please can you spare me some money.

Dear Brother, I don't have any. But I can exchange my new clothes with yours.

You would do that?

He reached the seminary looking like a poor beggar.

As a priest, Louis Marie Montfort travelled by foot to Rome to seek counsel of Pope Clement XI regarding going to foreign lands as a missionary.

The Pope advises him to preach in France instead. Louis Montfort began preaching in missions through France.

St. Louis Marie Montfort had a tremendous love for Our Lady. His book, *Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary* is his greatest contribution to the Church.

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