

Et la plus grande gloire des sacrés cœurs de Jésus et Marie

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revenue à St Ferdinand et à St Louis pour la Société  
Du Sacré-Cœur (Commencé 3 Janvier 1819)

Les premières religieuses Du sacré-Cœur, venues en Amérique  
sont Mesdames Philippine Duchesne Supérieure, Octavie Berthod  
assistante, Eugénie Audi' admodoratrice et les sœurs Marguerite  
Marteau et Catherine Lamare: Marguerite fut prise à Lodi  
Les autres partirent de Paris le 8 février 1818, étant toutes  
professes. Elles reçurent à leur départ l'obédience de leur vénérable  
mère Générale du vénérable Monsieur Lerran confesseur de la maison  
et faisant les fonctions de Supérieur général pour Monseigneur  
De Leryend archevêque de Paris et grand aumônier de France,  
Le Père Varin auteur des Constitutions de la Société et plusieurs  
autres Pères Jésuites les bienheureux aussi. Elles eurent pour  
compagnon de voyage jusqu'à Bordeaux M<sup>r</sup> Exremont (Palissot)  
(Depuis évêque). Madame Vincent Supérieure d'une maison religieuse  
(Depuis une autre) dans la maison jusqu'à St Louis  
Leurs sœurs de leur Mère Générale  
Leur premier voyage se fit à Mobile par Dubourg évêque  
de Mobile. Elles partirent de Bordeaux le 14 Mars 1818, à bord  
du navire de la benedictine Du saint  
sacrement qui se rendait à la Nouvelle-Orléans, dans  
la chapelle de ce navire se trouvaient M<sup>r</sup> Exremont et M<sup>r</sup> Lerran  
pour les accompagner. M<sup>r</sup> Dubourg évêque et M<sup>r</sup> Exremont firent  
et leur de Monseigneur Lerran les accompagna jusqu'à  
la Garonne d'où elles furent conduites au vaisseau  
D'où s'agit de M<sup>r</sup> Lerran le curé procura un logement  
dans un bâtiment de la ville de St Louis qui s'appelait  
lecca et avait pour capitaine M<sup>r</sup> Le Bourgeois.  
Monsieur Marthat grand vicaire de Monseigneur Dubourg  
et M<sup>r</sup> Exremont entrèrent avec elles dans le bâtiment  
le jeudi. Saint 19 Mars consacré à St Joseph. Elles éprouvèrent  
eurent toutes sortes d'égards de la part du capitaine et des  
passagers. La nourriture était saine et abondante, on les servait  
en un aigre tous les vendredis, elles pouvoient se confesser  
communier avoir la messe les dimanches et dans la semaine  
quelques fois, quand le temps le permettait.



Philippine Duchesne





## *Introduction*

**I**t may surprise you to know that Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne often wrote in a journal, keeping track of the events of the day, the people who visited, important moments and celebrations – in a word, providing a record of the life of the community. In fact, the cover of this journal is the opening page of one of her “House Journals,” a recording – for posterity – of the significant life events in the earliest days of the St. Charles foundation, Philippine’s first home in the New World.

There are many other uses of a journal, such as recording a noteworthy travel experience, accumulating favorite quotations or establishing and tracking life goals. A journal may also be adopted as a spiritual practice. In this case, journaling is an intentional discipline: a way to identify and remember important insights; a powerful tool to nurture one’s interior life; a way to ponder the word, noticing patterns and movements of the Spirit and whatever wisdom bubbles to the surface.

This journal accompanies the Bicentennial Year of Prayer in honor of Philippine Duchesne.

For a full year prior to her feast in 2018, a reflection and image will be posted on [www.rscj.org](http://www.rscj.org) every Monday. These reflections have come from all over the world, introducing Philippine to those who do not know her well; deepening the love and appreciation of those who do. While reading, consider “frontiers” in her life and ours – issues, challenges, dreams, questions worth pondering. All of this is an attempt to tease out Philippine’s relevance for our lives today.

The subjects of these reflections are as varied as the background of the writers: friendship, suffering, loss, courage, boundaries, failure, perseverance, hope, mission.

As we embark on the Year of Prayer, use this journal in a way most congenial to your own interest and experience. Perhaps you would want to trace a single question throughout the year: What about Philippine appeals to me? How do the reflection and/or the image illuminate my life? How does the image enhance the writer's reflection? Perhaps, on the other hand, you simply want to jot a few thoughts or remember a random intuition.

However the journal is used, let it become a powerful tool. Take time to dwell in stillness, to learn mindfulness and, for a few moments, to focus your mind and heart.

Finally, because the whole family of the Sacred Heart has been invited on this journey, the Year of Prayer offers the possibility of shared conversation. Twitter, Facebook, Instagram – choose your favorite social platform – provide the possibility of talking with others about a particular posting that touched you.

Let this Year of Prayer bind us together as one Body, connected across the world in prayer and praise. ✨





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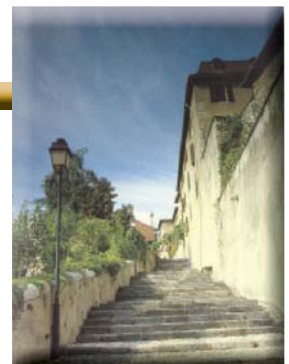
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