

Please come for the second presentation in this second year of our Bicentennial Sacred Heart Spirituality Series

~ **2017-2018 Philippine Duchesne Bicentennial Speakers Series** ~
Villa Duchesne and Oak Hill School

In 2018, we will celebrate the 200th Anniversary of Saint Philippine's arrival and missionary venture in America, signifying 200 years of Sacred Heart education in America, 200 years of Catholic education in the Archdiocese of Saint Louis, and 200 years of the Society of the Sacred Heart's internationality. It is our wish to make the entire two-year "Philippine Duchesne Bicentennial Sacred Heart Spirituality Series" inspiring, informative, memorable, and worthy of our American Founder.

Philippine in Her Own Words

presented by

Lyn Osiek, RSCJ



First Friday, February 2, 2018

9:30 a.m. coffee and goûter in the Parlor Dining Room

9:45 a.m. prayer and presentation in the Global Education Center (GEC)

11:00 a.m. closing

At this second talk in our series this year, Sister Lyn Osiek will present a new view of Philippine through some of her own as yet largely unpublished writings, to see more deeply into her joys, sorrows, challenges, and hopes which still impact us today.

The writings of Saint Philippine – 656 letters, five journals, and a few shorter documents, all in French (except for one letter in English) constitute a rich source of information about her missionary call and sacrifices involved, the primitive life of the first years on the Missouri frontier, and the development of the Catholic Church and the Society of the Sacred Heart in North America during thirty-four years. They depict her heroic life, widely recognized by historians of pioneer American Catholic life, and reveal her holiness, proclaimed by the Catholic Church in 1988. All of her writings have not been available to readers and researchers until now. This collection of Philippine's complete writings, edited by Carolyn Osiek, RSCJ, and Marie-France Carreel, RSCJ, brings them all together.

Carolyn Osiek, RSCJ, is Professor of New Testament *emerita* from Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University, and provincial archivist of the United States-Canada Province. She is the author of *Kathryn Sullivan, RSCJ: Teacher of the Word* (2011), *Louise Callan, RSCJ (1893-1966): Historian and Biographer of Philippine Duchesne* (2015), and *Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne: A Heart on Fire across Frontiers* (2017). She is co-editor of the complete writings of Philippine Duchesne, recently published in French as *Philippine Duchesne, pionnière à la frontière américaine Œuvres complètes (1769-1852)*, with English translation to follow.

An alumna of the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Saint Charles, Sister Osiek has taught at the Sacred Heart Schools at Grand Coteau, LA, Newton Country Day Academy, Newton, MA; and Villa Duchesne. In addition, she has served on the board of trustees at the Sacred Heart Schools at Sheridan Road and the Josephinum, Chicago, IL; Duchesne Academy, Houston, TX; the Academy of the Sacred Heart, Saint Charles; as well as Barat College, Lake Forest, IL; Maryville University; and the University of San Diego, CA.

Final presentation in this year's series:

FIRST FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 2018 ~ Margaret Munch, RSCJ: *An Overview of the Mission of the Society of the Sacred Heart to the Potawatomi in eastern Kansas from 1841-1879*

In addition to Saint Philippine's time with the Potawatomi at Sugar Creek, Sister Munch's talk will include how the Society began the Mission in 1841, some highlights of the Society's years there, and the circumstances of the termination of the Mission in Kansas in 1879.

The Sacred Heart Spirituality Speakers Series is sponsored by the Mums of Alums at Villa Duchesne and Oak Hill School for the benefit of the entire Sacred Heart family. The series represents the Mums' effort to participate in the stewardship of the vision of Saint Madeleine Sophie - a second sowing of the Sacred Heart mission by parents who gave to their children the gift of Sacred Heart education and who continue to cherish Life at the Sacred Heart. For information, please contact Cathie Ott at cathieott365@att.net.

All are most welcome!