

WHAT WOULD YOU
SAY ABOUT
SOMEONE WHO...?






...WHO WAS BORN OF
FIRE?

12/12/1779 IN JOIGNY (FRANCE)
SHE WAS THE YOUNGEST OF THREE
SIBLINGS



...WHO GREW UP CONTEMPLATING THE
VINES ON HER LAND, CONSIDERING
HOW THE SHOOTS ADHERE TO THE
VINE?

AND THUS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE SECRET
TO BEARING FRUIT IS IN THE LIFE THAT
IS BORN FROM THE ROOTS



...WHO WAS ONLY 10 YEARS OLD WHEN
THE FRENCH REVOLUTION BROKE OUT
AND CHANGED THE WORLD?

THE FRENCH REVOLUTION
CONVULSED FRANCE AND,
BY EXTENSION, OTHER
EUROPEAN NATIONS OF
EUROPE.
IT BEGAN IN 1789.



*...WHO KNEW HOW TO STRENGTHEN
HER EXPERIENCE OF THE LOVE OF GOD
IN SPITE OF THE DEMANDS THAT
ENVELOPED HER?*

SHE WAS EDUCATED IN HER MOTHER'S JANSENISM
SHE WAS SHAPED BY THE RIGIDITY AND DEMANDS OF
HER BROTHER THE PRIEST



...WHO KNEW HOW TO OPEN HER MIND
AND HER HORIZONS THROUGH
KNOWLEDGE?

SHE LEARNED HISTORY, LITERATURE, PHILOSOPHY,
ASTRONOMY, LATIN, GREEK... SHE WAS ABLE TO READ
ALL KINDS OF CLASSICAL WORKS IN THEIR ORIGINAL
LANGUAGE

...WHO KNEW HOW TO COMBINE HER
CONTEMPLATIVE AND ACTIVE
VOCATION, THUS CHANGING THE
SOCIETY OF HER TIME?

READING SAINT TERESA, SHE PROGRESSED IN HER LIFE
OF PRAYER, WITH SAINT IGNATIUS AND SAINT FRANCISCO
JAVIER, SHE BECAME PASSIONATE ABOUT TRANSFORMING
THE WORLD ACCORDING TO THE HEART OF CHRIST



...WHO UNWITTINGLY BECAME THE CORNERSTONE OF A NEW COMMUNITY THAT SOUGHT TO PROMOTE THE ENCOUNTER OF OTHERS WITH THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST?

THE NEW SOCIETY WAS ESTABLISHED ON NOVEMBER 21, 1800.

IN THE MIDST OF OPPOSITION AND CRITICISM, SOPHIE CHOSE SILENCE, WAITING PATIENTLY AND FORGIVENESS. SHE REMAINED FAITHFUL TO THE CHURCH.



...WHO WAS ABLE TO BRING HER PROJECT TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH?

IN 1804, SHE OPENED A SECOND BOARDING SCHOOL IN GRENOBLE. IN 1818, PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE LEFT FOR AMERICA, AND THE FIRST FOUNDATIONS IN LOUISIANA, FROM 1800 TO 1830, 31 BOARDING SCHOOLS WERE OPENED. FROM 1830 TO 1850, 51 OTHER FOUNDATIONS. IN 1865, AT THE TIME OF THE FOUNDER'S DEATH, THE INSTITUTE HAD 89 BOARDING SCHOOLS LOCATED IN WESTERN AND EASTERN EUROPE, NORTH AMERICA, AND CHILE.



...WHO FOUNDED SCHOOLS FOR
ALL IN THE HOPE THAT HER
STUDENTS WOULD TRANSFORM
THE WORLD?



SHE WAS ALWAYS CONCERNED THAT THE EDUCATION OF THE SACRED
HEART SHOULD ALSO REACH DISADVANTAGED GIRLS: WHEREVER
THERE WERE GIRLS' BOARDING SCHOOLS, FREE SCHOOLS WERE
OPENED.



SUCH A PERSON EXISTED AND
WE ARE HER LEGACY.

St. Madeleine Sophie, "A
woman ready to change the
world".



