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Dear Friends in the Sister Schools of the Sacred Heart all over the world,

Happy Feast of Sr. Madeleine Sophie!

We are 11th grade students of Sapporo Sacred Heart School, Hokkaido, Japan.



It is 200 years since St. Philippine Duchesne set out to the New World in “Rebecca.” We also would like to challenge to carry out a new action.

We went to the United Nations Headquarters in New York for a study tour last February when we were in 10th grade. We would like to share with you what we learnt.

There are about 196 countries in the world, and about 7 billion people are living on this planet. Each one of us has the privilege to live as a human being since birth. But if you look at the reality some are treated as if they have no human rights.

So the United Nations adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948. This Declaration refers mainly to the fundamental privilege of a human being which people and all nations should attain. The Declaration is translated into 576 languages and dialects so that people whose mother language is not English can understand.

This year we are celebrating the 70th year since this Declaration has been adopted. In order to commemorate it, the United Nations is holding a campaign to update an animation to read a part of the Declaration in each language.

Sr. Sheila Smith who is the representative of UN-NGO “Society of the Sacred Heart,” suggested to us to take part in the campaign.

This we did and we thought it would be great to ask you to add your voice in your mother tongue.

Would you like to join and participate in this campaign with us?

In order to take action, please go to the site: <https://www.un.org/en/udhr-video/> and record your own voice reading one of the 30 articles of the Declaration in your mother tongue.

Let us carry out a new action, commemorating Rebecca Moment! May St. Madeleine Sophie and St. Philippine Duchesne bless our big Sacred Heart Family!

With best wishes,

11th grade students from Sapporo Sacred Heart