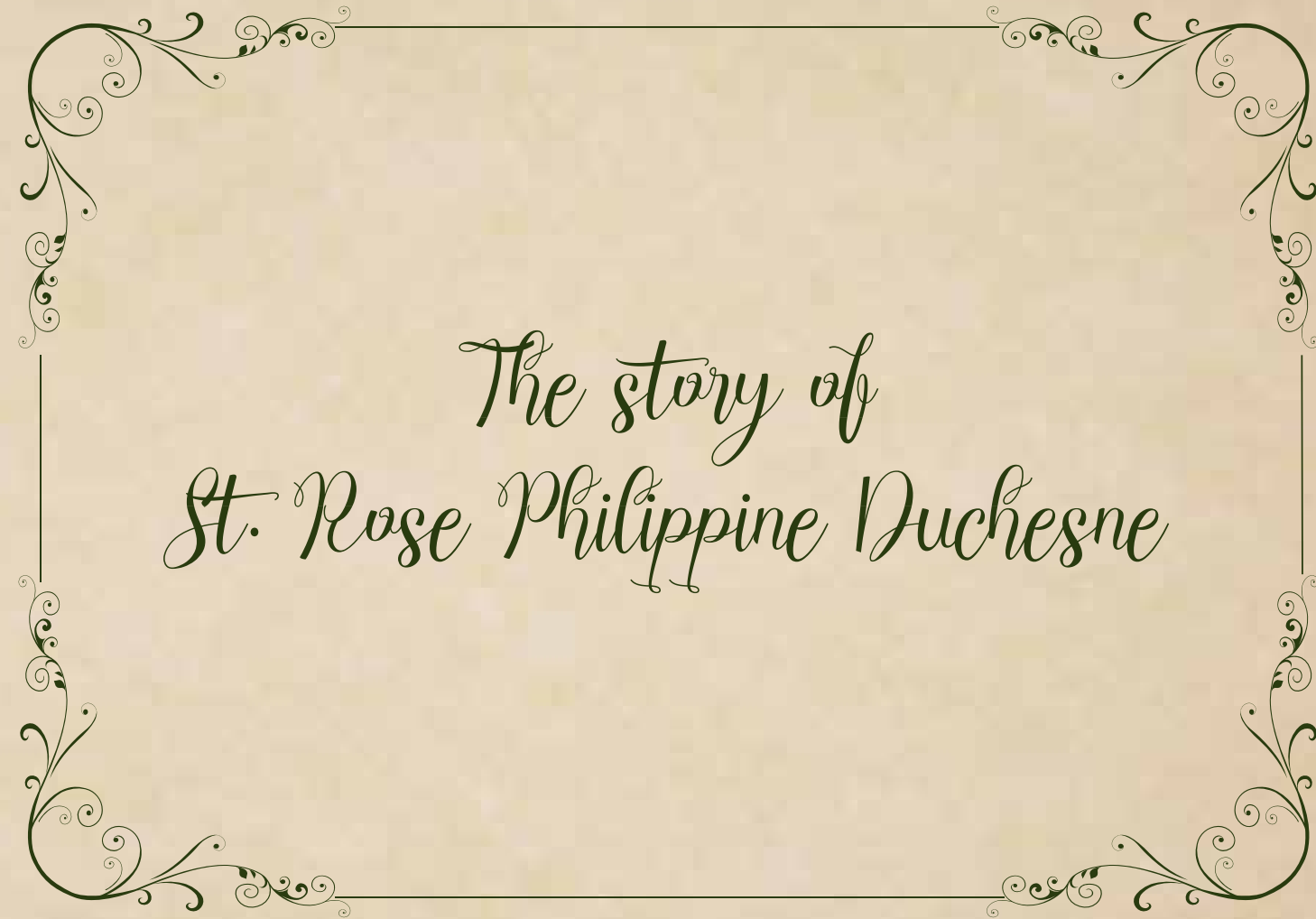
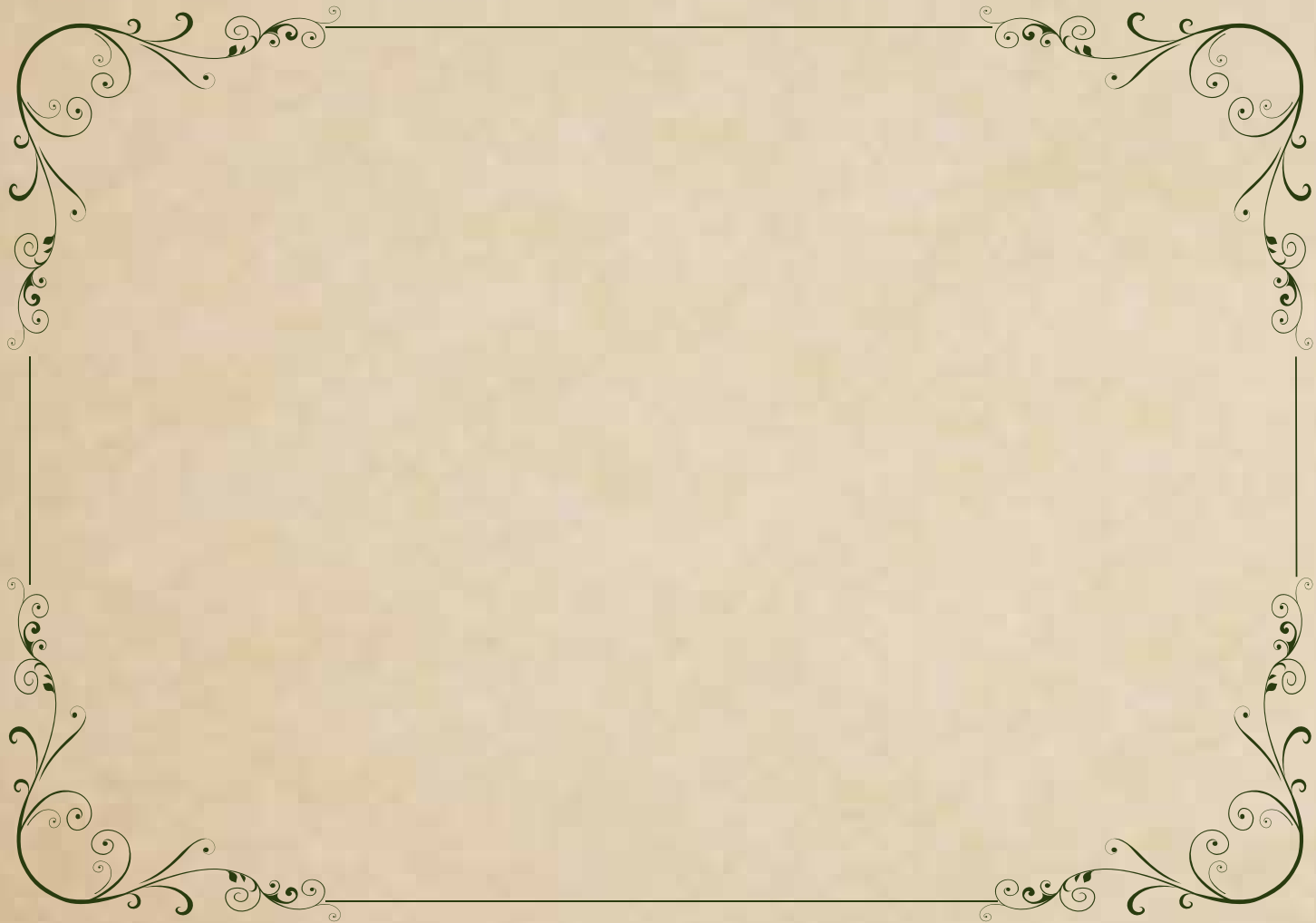




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Rose Philippine Duchesne
was a little girl who grew up in
Grenoble, France.

She was born in 1769.

Everyone who knew her
thought she was very kind.

She loved to help people.






when she was a young girl
at her convent school
she always wanted to become a nun
and dreamed about it.

when her father heard about this
he was angry and removed her
from the school.



An illustration of two women standing in front of a white door. The woman on the left is wearing a red dress and has her hair in a bun. The woman on the right is wearing a blue dress and has long brown hair with a blue bow. They are both looking at the door, which has a black ring handle and a small window. A dark brown sign with the text 'Sainte - Marie' is on the wall to the left of the door.

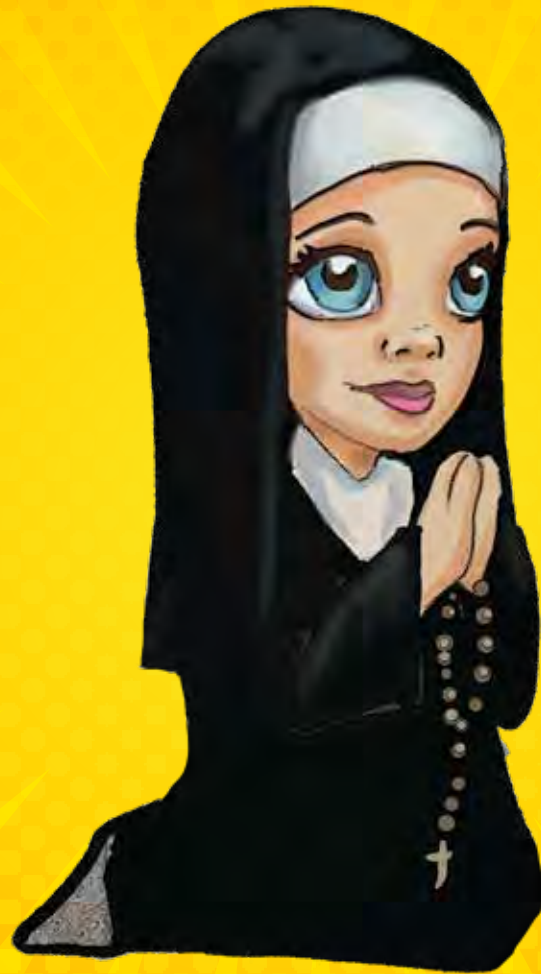
Sainte - Marie

A few years later,
Philippine went on a visit
to the convent with her aunt.

Philippine wanted to stay at the convent
and become a nun so
she refused to leave.

She asked her aunt to
tell her family that she wanted to stay.





Philippine finally realised her dream
of becoming a nun and
joined the visitation Sisters.

Philippine met Madeleine Sophie Barat.
They became great friends
and she joined the
Society of the Sacred Heart
which Sophie had founded.





Philippine went to Paris
to start a convent there.

During that time, and for the rest
of their lives, Sophie and Philippine
continued to write to one another.

For years Philippine had wanted
to open a school in America for the
French people who lived there,
and for the Native Americans.

Eventually, in 1818, she realised her dream
and sailed to America
on a ship called the Rebecca.
It was dangerous and stormy
and the journey took ten weeks.





She opened the first Sacred Heart school
in St. Charles, Missouri.

over the next few years Philippine
and her companions opened
other schools and convents.

Philippine's desire to teach
the Native Americans had stayed with her.
Eventually, she travelled along the
Mississippi to Sugar Creek, Kansas.





When Philippine arrived she was greeted by the Potawatomi, a Native American people.

They were very happy to see her.

She knew that she had arrived in a special place and that her childhood dream had come true.

The children named her 'Quahkahkanumad' which means 'the woman who prays always'.

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