

Intrepid Philippine, we come to you today to celebrate your spirit,

A spirit of longing and generosity,

A spirit of learning and tenderness,

A spirit of courage and selflessness.

You left a life of privilege early to serve the poor and called others to follow you

In the footsteps of the Lord who had nowhere to lay His head.

Let us honor you today by remembering your mighty deeds and your simple hours of prayer,

Your months of waiting for letters which never came, and your nights of silent adoration,

Your single year at Sugar Creek and the hundreds of places which now bear your name,

And – challenge to us all – your legacy to do the very thing you knew best:

Pray and serve, pray and teach, pray and see who is most in need, pray and give it all away,

Be the ones who pray always.

Saint Philippine Duchesne, pray for us.