

Follow Philippine's Example & Cultivate Your Own Small Field

Resources: Lesson 7 Prayer & Philippine's English translated letter 103 (see Student Activities and Documents column), Archdiocesan and DESE listing of school districts

1. Project or copy the Lesson 7 Prayer. Allow students time to read and meditate on Philippine's Prayer.

2. Reference/read the 4th paragraph of Philippine's letter 103,

“The bishop encourages us by his example; he says we are the mustard seed, that great good works are being prepared.”

3. Search the internet for Archdiocesan, independent and DESE school listings to find an approximate total number of schools in Missouri. Some students may want to further the investigation to find the number of schools west of the Mississippi.

4. Consider: Philippine planted the seed of zeal for Christ's heart and formal education in the frontier town of St. Charles. Just a week after her arrival, she started the first free school west of the Mississippi. How has that seed taken root?

5. Use the reflection (see Student Activities and Document column) as a student response tool for journaling.