

# Mother Duchesne will be honored with star on St. Louis Walk of Fame

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The Delmar Loop will elevate to a heavenly plane when [St. Philippine Duchesne](#) is inducted next week into the [St. Louis Walk of Fame](#).

The ceremony will be held at 11:30 a.m. June 23 at 6241 Delmar Boulevard.

The French-born Duchesne came to the U.S. in 1818, when she was 49. Months after her arrival, she opened the Academy of the Sacred Heart in St. Charles. It was the first free school west of the Mississippi and the first Catholic school in the St. Louis archdiocese. She died in 1852 and was canonized in 1988.

Accepting the honor will be [Sister Maureen Glavin](#), head of school at the [Academy of the Sacred Heart](#) in St. Charles, which was St. Philippine's first school in America; and Sister Sheila Hammond, provincial in the U.S. and Canada for the Society of the Sacred Heart.



A depiction of Mother Rose Philippine Duchesne, of the Sacred Heart order of nuns, late in life. Mother Duchesne, a native of France, moved to America to serve Indians but didn't get that wish until she was 72. Meanwhile, she helped to found free schools for girls in the St. Louis area. She died in 1852 at age 83 in St. Charles.

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