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To put my own heart in motion, I know that there are things I will have to overcome. St. Rose Phillipine had a great love for the poor and that is something I too want to develop more of in these times of need. With so many people falling into poverty, I know that I can do something. I find strength in the fact that they never gave up. I want to be a change agent, heal all problems of poverty that are glaring so strongly at America. There are other problems that I believe are wrong as well. With all this division between people based on the smallest things like the color of their skin or the way they think, I want to help. I find hope in the fact that Rose Phillipine and Madeleine Sophie never gave up her dreams and I can achieve this if I try. All of America should walk on the same ground, no matter what. As Amanda Gorman said, 'It's the Hill We Climb.' If we can smooth the ground then we can all walk the same. My heart can come to motion only if I stride to make it move. I find inspiration in all of the values of these to Saints, in the way they thought and the way they acted. I can try too to change all of these issues with our America.

I also know that I can inspire others to do the same. If I can show people that so many of their own are struggling in this great health crisis, then I know they can help me help them. It's not fair how hard small businesses have worked just to be shut down by this virus. I value all of those who have fought through this, and hope that I can do the same. And I know, America will fight these problems and come out stronger, and on top. We've come so far, and we will not be shut down now.

Thank you for reading.