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Right now, during these hard times, a world-wide pandemic and racial injustice, we need to look up to people who helped the world during similar times. St. Madeleine Sophie Barat and St. Rose Philippine Duchesne are some of these people. As a girl and a Sacred Heart student, these are the people who I look up to the most.

St. Madeleine Sophie and St. Rose Philippine changed the world during hard times. In a way, everyone is doing that right now. They really inspire me in many ways, as with millions of people who know their story. They stayed strong and true to the Bible, even when times were hard.

St. Rose Philippine Duchesne always prayed when she was with the Padowatomi. They sometimes put leaves or other things on her while she prayed and left. After hours, they came back and she still was praying with leaves on her. This is why they called her “the woman who always prays”

St Madeleine Sophie Barat was a very good student. Her older brother, Louis, was a scholar and tutored her until he became a priest. The only problem was, girls weren’t able to go to school. She always followed Louis’ example, all the way to becoming a nun just like Louis became a priest. It was no surprise when she decided to start a school for girls like her, interested in everything. The Msgr accepted, as long as she taught the girls about God. This, and many other things show that she stayed true to the bible, even when times were hard, while she also stood up for what she believed in.

I think St. Rose Phillipine and St. Madeleine Sophie should be big role models to everyone, including other Christians and other religions during this time. They spark lots of inspiration and hope that this pandemic and racial injustice will end.

Right now, the poor and homeless need people like this the most. They have next to nothing, yet they still believe that they are taken care of by God. Still, they need us to help them, and that is where I will come in. I like to sew and crochet, and with the help of my friends and family, I can make masks and other things to help. I also started a business called Craftastic for Charity, which I sell things I make, and give the money to charities like Cradles to Crayons and Care for Real. Care for Real takes things like clothes, food and money for the poor and homeless. Cradles to Crayons does similar things, but for kids under 12. I know that they need all the help they can get, and it’s something that I really want to help.