

THE GIRLS CLAP AS EVERYONE HEADS FOR THE DOOR.

CROSSFADE

8 INT. SAINTE MARIE AUDITORIUM - MOMENTS LATER

FADE IN ON FATHER JEAN-BAPTISTE ADDRESSING THE CLASS IN AN AUDITORIUM

**START >>>**

076 FATHER JEAN-BAPTISTE

When my Jesuit superior sent me off as a missionary to the Indians of the New World, I had to cross a very great ocean. Who knows its name?

077 YOUNG PHILIPPINE

The Atlantic Ocean!

078 FATHER JEAN-BAPTISTE

Very good, Mademoiselle! Yes, we crossed the Atlantic Ocean on a voyage that took us nearly two months, during which several ferocious storms nearly sank our ship.

THE CLASS, AWESTRUCK, SPELLBOUND, GOES "OHHHH!"

079 FATHER JEAN-BAPTISTE (CONT'D)

But, thanks be to God, we survived. Then, after landing on American soil, we took another boat up a mighty river called the Mississippi. Can you all say "Mississippi?"

080 CLASS

Missi-sippi!

081 FATHER JEAN-BAPTISTE

Very good! The Indians call this river the "Father of all waters." After traveling this river for many hours we finally landed at place called Kaskaskia, where our mission is located. Can you all say "Kaskaskia"?

082 CLASS

Kas - kas - kia!

083 **FATHER JEAN-BAPTISTE**

At first glance, the natives look quite fearsome, as they paint their faces and wear feathers in their hair.

THE CLASS "OHHS" IN WONDERMENT AT THIS

084 **FATHER JEAN-BAPTISTE (CONT'D)**

But, in fact, they are the children of God, just as we are. And today, many of these Indians are Catholics, thanks to our forefathers in the Society who braved everything to bring them the Good News of Christ. Even sometimes at the cost of their lives.

(the class is silent as he looks around at their faces)

Dear students, we need more missionaries to the New World. Who among you is willing to follow the call of God? Who among you is brave enough to bring these Indians the Good News?

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TRANSITION MUSIC - PHILIPPINE IS INSPIRED!

9 **INT. REFECTORY, SAINTE MARIE - DAY**

THE CLINKING OF FORKS AND KNIVES AGAINST PLATES AS THE STUDENTS HAVE LUNCH

085 **YOUNG PHILIPPINE**

I want to go! I want to be a missionary to the Indians!

086 **YOUNG JOSEPHINE**

Oh, Philippine, I can't imagine leaving our families, leaving our beloved France behind and crossing that big ocean...

(shudders)

They say the New World is a wild country filled with dangers!

087 **YOUNG PHILIPPINE**

I know! Doesn't it sound exciting?

088 **YOUNG JOSEPHINE**

No. I wouldn't dream of going!