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## Mother Seton at Emmitsburg: Part Five

WITH the passing days the strength of Cecilia slowly ebbed. There was no doubt now but the hour of death was near at hand. Everything possible was done for the comfort and convenience of the beloved patient. At times it seemed that the dear one had really departed this life so quietly and serenely she rested on the pillow which tender and affectionate hands had so often smoothed and rearranged. When the heart had appeared to cease its beat, when the labored breathing was not longer present, when the last moment of the last hour seemed to be at hand, the parched and bloodless lips would move once more in prayer and the bright eyes of Cecilia would open full to fix their loving gaze on Mother Seton as she knelt by the side of the bed praying with a sorrowful but resigned heart for her whom she loved as she loved her very soul.

### ANGEL OF DEATH

At last the day dawned which would bring with it the summons of the Master. Cecilia was ready for her heavenly bridegroom. How long and how ardently she had desired His coming! How befitting that the Angel of Death should come for her on the Sunday after Easter, the Sunday in White as it is called in the liturgy of the Church.

On that day, appropriately enough, the day when according to the practice of the ancient Church, the catechumens received their stainless baptismal robes, the pure soul of the saintly Cecilia Seton was given its eternal robe of salvation, the spotless robe that it will forever wear in the celestial courts where it will be privileged to follow *"withsoever He goeth, the Lamb without stain."* With mingled joy and sadness in her heart Mother Seton with her eldest daughter, Annina, and Sister Susan Clossy, knelt at the bedside of their darling Cecilia to pray with all the fervor of their loving hearts while this *"Spotless Dove of Jesus,"* to use the words of her spiritual director, winged its flight to its heavenly home and the bosom of her Divine Spouse. The final words of Father Babad's recent letter

to Cecilia must have echoed and reechoed in Mother Seton's heart: *"I trust that before long your union with Him will be perfect; and then, you will adore Him, Oh, how you will adore Him."*

### SEMINARY CHAPEL

The precious remains of the much beloved Cecilia were borne tenderly to the Seminary chapel on Paca Street and there, with the beauty of the impressive ritual of the Church,

the final tribute of affection was paid by the seminarians and priests to her whom they all had learned to admire and love. A High Mass of requiem was chanted, no doubt, by Father Babad, her spiritual father during the days and months of her long illness. The Seminary sang the plaintive notes of the responses and of the majestic Dies Irae. It was in the same chapel that one year previous, on the Feast of Corpus Christi, the occasion of her arrival in Baltimore from New York, that Mother Seton had heard in an almost ecstasy of delight that same choir chanting in triumphant music the glories of the eucharistic Body of Christ. That was a day of Allelujas but now it is a day of sorrow, but a sorrow that was relieved by the greater spiritual joy that filled her heart. Her little Cecilia she felt certain was now enjoying the eternal happiness of the kingdom of heaven. Strong in her faith in sorrow as well as in joy, Mother Seton offered her dearly beloved Cecilia as a pure sacrifice to the Eternal Father and in her heart there rang out again and again the words she delighted to repeat in all her trials and troubles: *"Eternity, Eternity, Eternity."* She was always accustomed to say to her Sisters: *"The things of this life are momentary and light,"* (Continued on Page 2)



Mother Seton at Deathbed of Cecilia.

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## Mother Seton Guild

Emmitsburg, Md.



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## Mother Seton at Emmitsburg

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*it is Eternity, Eternity, that matters."*

### JOURNEY HOME

At the conclusion of the High Mass and the final prayers, the plain casket in which all that remained of the patient sufferer had been placed was gently raised to the carriage for the final journey to its peaceful resting place in the Valley. Mother Seton and Sister Susan accompanied the remains but Annina stayed in Baltimore for a while at the home of Mrs. Barry, a member of the well-known Barry family who had so generously befriended Mother Seton while she lived in New York following her return from Italy and her conversion. One of the Sulpician Fathers from St. Mary's Seminary, Father Cloriviere, rode ahead of the funeral carriage and arrived in Emmitsburg the next day about an hour and a half before the others. The Sisters already acquainted with sorrowful news went out in procession to meet the remains which they escorted first to the hall and then to the choir to wait the hour for the burial services which were doubtless read by Father Du Bois from Mount St. Mary's. "That same evening," writes Mother Rose in her Journal, "Cecilia was placed in the little woods next to her beloved sister, Madeleine Seton. (Harriet Seton was called Madeleine after her entrance into the Church.) These were the first interred in our burying ground, in the places they had selected a few months before when Madeleine was in perfect health. Our dear Mother Seton was deeply grieved, yet much consoled by the angelic life and the happy, edifying death of Cecilia."

### MOTHER SETON'S SORROW

A few days after the death of Cecilia, Mother Seton wrote to her dear friend, Mrs. Sadler, the following touching words: "My Own Dear Eliza: I have just returned from Baltimore where I carried the darling Cecilia, with a distant hope that she might be benefited by the ride, change of air and consultation of physicians; but He said no, and that is enough. A happier, more consoling departure than she took, you can not imagine. She was innocence and peace itself. The precious sisters lie in a wood inclosed hard by our dwelling. Every day the hands of affection and love do something to adorn the sacred solitude." Thus the second of the devoted band which had come to Emmitsburg the first months of the previous summer was laid to rest before the seasons had completed their full cycle. Could Mother Seton look into the future, she would see that, before two more years had come and gone, an-

other painful sacrifice would be demanded of her, another of her earthly ties would be severed, for besides the two sisters now slumbering in peace in the shadow of the trees which they had chosen as the shelter of their graves, she would place in the same spot, in the eternal sleep of death, her own darling daughter, the eldest of her five children, her dearest Annina.

### THE GROWING SCHOOL

Amid her sorrows and trials, amid the privations that were on all sides, Mother Seton had the happiness of seeing her Community expand with surprising rapidity. The school, her first work, was growing apace. About the middle of March, five paying students, the first of that category, had come to her from Frederick and Frederick County. The town of Frederick is about twenty-five miles to the south of Emmitsburg and even at this period showed signs of developing into one of the richest centers of the State of Maryland. The soil in that neighborhood was especially fertile, enabling the farmers to raise crops that soon made them quite independent financially. By the end of the year there were about thirty paying students at St. Joseph's and about forty who were given free instruction. There were then about twelve Sisters to take care of the school and perform the domestic duties which in those days were considerable. The applicants for admission into the Community were many, so many that Mother Seton was obliged to advise delay in cases that were most promising. Only one building was erected and that was incomplete. In fact, the winter was about to descend upon the Valley before the plasterers and carpenters had finished their task. The family at St. Joseph's, the Sisters and their pupils, numbered about ninety, all accommodated somehow in what was known as Mother Seton's House and now referred to as the White House.

### SPRING WITH ITS HOPE

The long trying winter of Mother Seton's first year in the Valley had passed, however, and the spring with its beauty and promise had come to gladden the hearts of the Sisters. Before another winter came with its cold and storms and inevitable sickness, the Community would be well organized to meet the onslaught. The White House would be finished and made more comfortable and the financial situation of the growing family would have improved immeasurably. The spring of the year 1810 was, indeed, welcomed in the Valley.

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## School Activities

Since the first Conference of the Superiors of several Communities which stem from the Community founded by Mother Seton at Baltimore and afterwards transferred to Emmitsburg, the number of school activities reported to the Guild office have shown a surprising increase. We feel certain that many more programs were carried on by the various schools which were not made known to the office. We would deeply appreciate the cooperation of the Sisters in sending the reports on their school activities. Much information that will prove helpful can thus be given to the various schools.

PIKESVILLE, MD.: The Daughters of Charity of St. Charles' School have successfully carried on a drive for memberships and subscriptions to the BULLETIN. Sister writes the following letter: "Dear Father: I thought that you would be interested in what our children are doing to help the Cause of Mother Seton. Our children of Mary have launched a Crusade of Prayer for this intention in addition to having a monthly Mass offered for this same intention. One of our children reported a favor obtained through the intercession of Mother Seton, the conversion of her father. I asked her to report this favor to the Guild."

BALTIMORE, MD.: The Sisters at St. Martin's School have fostered many activities in recent weeks as the secretary's letter informs us: "Our unit of the Mother Seton Guild was organized last January. A meeting was called to elect officers and to choose representatives. James Allenbaugh was elected president; John Buppert, vice-president; Carolyn Noll, secretary; and Margaret Walsh, treasurer. Last week we had a very enjoyable play staged by the sixth grade group of boys and girls. . . . At present a poster contest is under way. Many beautiful and inspiring posters have been submitted in this contest for which prizes are being offered to stimulate interest. An essay contest was proposed at the last meeting and we hope that this is received with the same enthusiasm as the poster contest enjoyed. The prize winning essay will be printed in the parish journal. We are planning more plays and a radio skit that will stir up our devotion to Mother

Seton." This letter was written by Carolyn Noll, Secretary of the Unit.

NORFOLK, VA.: The pupils of the Sacred Heart School have busied themselves with many projects relating to the life of Mother Seton. A play was presented to an interested audience on Sunday, the ninth of February, and much literature on Mother Seton was distributed among the audience. The play made a deep impression on the mothers and fathers of the children. The school paper for February featured the life of Mother Seton and gave additional news about the recently organized Sacred Heart Unit of the Mother Seton Guild. The prize winning essay on Mother Seton was also published in the February issue. Although the school is not large and has many non-Catholic pupils a great number of memberships and subscriptions have been ob-



Scene of Play Presented by Students of Sacred Heart School, Norfolk, Va.

tained by the boys and girls of the grades. The unit organization has functioned extremely well because of the enthusiasm of the members. It is hoped that many new projects will be developed during the coming months.

JERSEY CITY, N. J.: The Sisters of St. Cecilia's School have sent programs and pamphlets telling of the many activities undertaken by the pupils of their fine school. This school for several years has been among the leaders in activities relating to the Cause. It was not surprising to learn that recently they have stepped up the number of their projects. "The Cecilian," the official magazine of the parish, contained a large ad appealing for membership in the Mother Seton Guild in the March issue. "Arcade," the student publication which is issued monthly, carried a well-written article on Mother Seton telling of her heroic life

and urging all the readers of the publication to pray for her Beatification and Canonization. We thank the Sisters for sending us the information about their activities that have been carried on so successfully.

GREENSBORO, N. C.: The little colored school down in the heart of the South has for years been active in the Cause of Mother Seton. The following letter tells us of the continuation of the devotion of the pupils, many of whom are non-Catholic. The fact that Mother Seton during her first year at Emmitsburg took special interest in the colored children of the locality has endeared her to the hearts of the simple and affectionate children. The Sister in charge of the Mother Seton activities in St. Mary's Mission School writes us: "Our pupils prayed much to Mother Seton that our organist would win a scholarship for Manhattanville College. As the girl's name is Elizabeth Bailey and she is to be confirmed, Ann, we felt that Mother Seton would certainly hear our petition, and she did in a most generous way. Elizabeth Ann received a full scholarship at Manhattanville College. We are extremely grateful."

A number of schools have sent in information about projects which their units of the Mother Seton Guild have carried on during the past few months, but it is impossible at this time to give them space in the columns of the BULLETIN. For example, the pupils of St. Aloysius High School of Jersey City has sent its program which was arranged by the "Seton Forensic League" which has been organized by the school. This program, entitled: "Racial Discrimination and Catholic Action," was dedicated to Mother Seton, a pioneer in the education of Catholic youth. St. Peter's High School, New Brunswick, has sent its program of a play in three acts written by Monsignor Blunt of Cambridge, Mass. This play is entitled "Mother Seton." Appropriately enough this play was presented in connection with Mother's Day celebrations.

"My God, my faithful God, my Heaven, my Eternity!"

—Mother Seton



## Second Conference of the Sisters Communities

The Second Conference of the Sisters' Communities was held to coordinate the various activities of the Sisters in advancing the Cause of their beloved American Foundress. The first Conference held at St. Joseph's Central House last fall was reported fully in the previous issue of the BULLETIN. We regret that as we go to press the completed minutes of the meeting are not yet available. We are, therefore, able to present only the circumstances of the Conference and the activities outside the executive meetings themselves.

### MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE

The evening of Friday, April the ninth, brought together at Mount St. Vincent-on-Hudson the Mothers General of the Sisters of Halifax, the Sisters of Convent Station, the Sisters of Seton Hill, the Sisters of Cincinnati, the Visitatrix of the Sisters of the Eastern Province of the Daughters of Charity and the representative of the Sisters of the Western Province. Sister Visitatrix from the West was physically unable to be present. The Reverend Mother Josephine of Mount St. Vincent-on-Hudson was the gracious and delighted hostess for the occasion. Most Reverend John M. McNamara, Auxiliary Bishop and Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Washington, presided over the meetings of the Conference. It was, it will be recalled, his amiable disposition and charming personality that contributed so much to the complete success of the previous Conference held at Emmitsburg. His efforts were attended by the same success at the Mount-on-the-Hudson.

### PLACES OF INTEREST

Over the week-end and until Tuesday, April the thirteenth, the officials of the several Communities were entertained most cordially by all the Sisters of the Mount. Though the business meeting took up a great deal of the time of the Superiors, yet there had to be sufficient relaxation to permit the Mothers and their companions to visit some of the points of interest connected with Mother Seton and her life in New York as well as some of the features that are closely associated with the first years of the labors of Mother Seton in the city of her birth. The Sisters were taken to old St. Peter's where Mrs. Seton pronounced her profession of faith, where she made her first confession, received her First Communion, was confirmed by Bishop Carroll and fervently followed all the devotions of the parish during the several years of her life in New York until she

set sail on the packet, "Grand Sachem," for Baltimore.

### FIRST MISSION IN NEW YORK

Other places of interest were visited also among which were the site of the Seton home on State Street where Mr. William Seton and his young bride, Eliz-

establish a home for indigent and parentless children. From this tiny seed has grown the gigantic undertakings of the Sisters of Charity of New York with their world famous foundling homes, the social centers, their hospitals and their numerous schools from pre-grade schools to colleges. The opportunity to see these sites sacred to the memory of Mother Seton and her spiritual daughters was a treasured enjoyment for the visitors.

### MASS AND SERMON

On Sunday morning His Eminence, Cardinal Spellman, celebrated Mass in the College Chapel. Present on this occasion were a number of the clergy among whom were twelve or more Monsignori. The sermon during the Holy Sacrifice was given by His Excellency, Bishop McNamara. It was to be expected that Bishop McNamara would speak as he did. Always a fervent talker, when his topic is Mother Seton there is a warmth to his delivery that impresses upon his hearers the fact that he himself is a most devoted client of the saintly Elizabeth Ann Seton. They who heard Bishop McNamara address the students of Mount St. Vincent's, the Sisters and the members of the clergy on this occasion say that they never listened to the Most Reverend Bishop with greater pleasure and inspiration. So touching was the Bishop's address that the congregation was visibly moved and His Eminence, Cardinal Spellman, was so delighted that he made the Bishop's sermon the topic of his own fervent talk at the conclusion of the Mass. "It is hoped, the Cardinal said, "that Bishop McNamara's words on Mother Seton will be printed and widely publicized." "I promise," His Eminence continued, "my full cooperation to the Cause."

### DRAMATIC PRESENTATION

In the afternoon the members of the dramatic society of Mount St. Vincent's College presented a play based on Mother Seton's life. The characters of the play were chosen with greatest skill and their portrayal of the roles assigned them was delightful. The distinguished audience to whom the girls played were most appreciative of their splendid efforts. The Cardinal characterized the play as delightful and very instructive.

### The Convent Station Plan

*About a year ago the Sisters of Charity of Convent Station, New Jersey, introduced in their schools a plan to interest their pupils and through their students their relatives and friends in the Cause of Mother Seton. The plan proposed by the Superiors at Convent Station seemed very practical because of its great simplicity. At the time it was introduced it was thought that great success would attend the efforts of the Sisters and their assistants in spreading devotion to Mother Seton. The plan has surpassed the highest hopes of its promoters. From the time of the very first meetings of the Sisters its success was assured. Thousands upon thousands of new members were obtained for the Guild, who not only supported the Cause financially, but also promised to pray faithfully for the advancement of the process. During the past few months, that is, since the beginning of the present year, about twenty-five hundred additional members have been secured through the efforts of the regional directors and promoters of the Convent Station plans. Besides this sizable increase more than ninety per cent of last year's members have renewed their membership pledge. The office staff has at times been almost swamped by the increasing number of requests which have come from the directors and promoters throughout the eastern States and even in Puerto Rico. As the months went by the tempo of the activities seemed to increase rather than slow down. The promoters of the plan have well deserved the commendations that have been given them in the pages of the BULLETIN.*

abeth, took residence shortly after the year 1800. Another interesting visit was paid to Prince Street in lower Manhattan. There where now stands the parochial school of the old Cathedral parish Mother Seton's Sisters came on the occasion of their first visit to New York to

*"Blessed, blessed Lord, keep us always in Thy company and press our weak hearts forever in Thy service."*

—Mother Seton



## Cardinal Dougherty Promotes Cause in Mexico

**D**URING the month of February His Eminence, Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia, visited Mexico City where he was cordially received by dignitaries of the Church and highest officials representing the United States in Mexico. The press hailed his visit with expressions of the highest satisfaction. All clergy as well as laity were greatly pleased that a Prince of the Church had favored them with his presence. Cardinal Dougherty's visit marked the second time only that a member of the Sacred College of Cardinals had visited this historic land where the Church has been flourishing for centuries, although at times she has been subject to bitter and prolonged persecution. One of the very pleasant features of the Cardinal's visit was favorable impression made upon him by the very much improved relations existing between the Church and State. The Cardinal commented several times on the changed attitude towards the Church which he had noted on several of the occasions that presented them-

selves. He was quite optimistic about the future development of the Church in Mexico, despite the fact that there is still room for bettering the relations between the Church and the established government.

### CARDINAL'S INTEREST IN CAUSE

His Eminence took occasion of this widely publicized visit to promote the Cause of Mother Seton among the Catholics of Mexico. Many in the City of Mexico had already become acquainted with the life and works of Mother Seton so that the Cardinal's visit gave the movement established there several years ago an added impetus. The prestige of a Prince of the Church is, indeed, paramount among the clergy and laity of a Catholic country. For many years Cardinal Dougherty has been an ardent champion of Mother Seton's Cause. On occasions too numerous to mention he has used his great influence to further activities that would advance the process of Beatification and Canonization. Reciting

daily in his own private prayers the prayer for Mother Seton's Beatification, he has ever been eager to speak to others about Mother Seton and her Cause that they, too, might join him in this devotion.

### SUCCESSFUL CATHOLIC ACTION

While in Mexico City the Cardinal was the honored guest of one of the finest of Mexico's advanced schools for young women. The Instituto Superior Cultural Feminina was founded and is directed by Miss Sofia del Valle who has an outstanding reputation as an educator among the leaders of Mexico. So successful has she been in the administration of her school that the Holy Father himself has taken cognizance of her splendid achievements. Recently, Pope Pius the Twelfth has bestowed upon her with great praise the Papal medal "*Pro Pontifice et Ecclesia*." The school under the direction of Miss del Valle has carried on with almost unhopd for success an elaborate program of Catholic Action. It is the success of this program that has



*His Eminence With Students at Mexico City.*



attracted the attention of the highest dignitaries of the Church in Mexico and even in far away Rome. With the passing of time the Catholic Action activities will be greatly expanded by the organized group of the school.

#### ADDRESS TO STUDENTS

It pleased His Eminence after the very gracious introduction given him by Miss Del Valle to speak warmly and enthusiastically about the necessity of Catholic Action in the Church today. The Cardinal stressed its great possibilities and congratulated the young ladies on the success that they had already achieved. Deftly turning the thoughts of his address to Mother Seton and her Cause, His Eminence told his hearers about the life and sacrifices of this valiant Servant of God, recounted the many examples of Catholic Action in her extraordinary life and urged the young ladies not only to pray for the success of the Cause, but also to imitate in their own lives the life of this heroic soul and to follow in her footsteps as valiant champions of Catholic Action.

#### OUR LADY OF GUADALOUPE

The address given by His Eminence met with enthusiastic response. The young ladies gave Cardinal Dougherty a real ovation with all the fervor that their hearts could supply. His words surely won to Mother Seton new clients who promised that they would by prayer, by word and work do all in their power to hasten the day that Mother Seton would be given the honors of the altar. After the ovation given the Cardinal had subsided, His Eminence introduced Father Burgio, the Vice-Postulator, who had accompanied the Cardinal to Mexico City. Among his apt remarks on this occasion, Father Burgio told the young ladies that one of the great devotions of Mother Seton was her love for Our Lady of Guadalupe, the national devotion of Mexico. During Mother Seton's time at Emmitsburg, Father Burgio reminded them, a much honored picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe hung above the altar in the simple chapel of the Sisters. The young ladies were most appreciative of this feature of the devotional life of Mother Seton because the shrine of

As we go to press we have received the welcome news from Mexico City that several favors have already been received by the clients of Mother Seton. We regret that we have neither the time nor the space to include a detailed description of these favors in the present issue of the BULLETIN.

## Favors Acknowledged

The following favors have been selected from the large number reported to the Guild office since the last issue of the BULLETIN. We wish to thank the clients of Mother Seton who have been pleased to show their gratitude by sending the office an acknowledgment of the favors received. Letters reporting favors should be as brief as possible but some details of the favors should be included. We are especially pleased when we have the testimony of doctors in support of reported cures.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS: "We wish to report several favors that have been granted lately because of our devotion to Mother Seton. Perhaps you have already read the previous letter sent to you by Father O'B. of our house. The intercession of Mother Seton has proven efficacious, yea, astounding in maternity cases." (Rev. T. K.)

LA SALLE, ILL.: "I am a non-Catholic but I took my training course in a Catholic hospital. Because of my experience as a nurse I worried greatly about all the imperfectly formed babies I had seen come into the world and about all the things that I know can go wrong at the time of delivery. So I faithfully prayed to Mother Seton right up to the time that they took me to the hospital. I had a very successful delivery and a perfect baby girl. I have passed on to a friend of mine the prayer slip that was given to me by the Sister. I know that she will be helped if she reads this prayer every day. Gratefully." (Mrs. D. Z.)

HAVANA, CUBA: "Having received a great favor from our Blessed Lord through, I feel sure, the intercession of Mother Seton, I am writing to you to express my gratitude. I wish to help as far as I can the Cause of her Beatification. I asked Mother Seton to obtain for me the solution of a difficult financial problem. The problem was so difficult that I consider its solution a real miracle. If you wish further information on this subject, please do not hesitate to write to me." (Mrs. I. H.)

PORT JERVIS, N. Y.: "I have been requested to make a speech before some college girls at a Communion breakfast. I have chosen as my topic Mother Seton. The reason is my gratitude to this saintly woman. My infant daughter was seri-

ously ill last August. The doctor said there was no hope for her recovery. Two friends of mine, Sisters of Charity, visited me to offer their consolation. They placed a relic of Mother Seton on my daughter and in about twenty minutes she sat up for the first time in three days. The doctor had been keeping her under morphine to prevent the too frequent recurrence of convulsions. Our doctor, a non-Catholic, was greatly surprised by her recovery. He thought as we did that only the power of the good God could save our little child. I feel that I should do whatever I can to promote Mother Seton's Cause." (Mrs. C. B. C.)

DALLAS, TEXAS: "The purpose of this letter is to tell you of two favors which we believe we received through the intercession of Mother Seton. My nephew, a little boy from Chihuahua, Mexico, was brought to the hospital with a gangrenous appendix. Doctors stated he could not get well. He had three operations, each one less promising than the one before. A large portion of the intestines had to be removed. After the third operation it was thought that the boy could not live through the night. His family kept praying, imploring the help of Mother Seton. During the night an unexpected change took place and when morning came the doctors were astounded at the recovery. The second favor was granted to my sister who came from Mexico to the hospital in Temple for a lung operation. The doctors found her in such a poor condition that they would not operate. They refused to consent to her return home because they feared she would die on the way. I prayed through the intercession of Mother Seton that she be able to return to her home in Mexico. Shortly after this the doctor much to our surprise reversed his decision and permitted her son to take his mother on the thirty hour bus and train trip back to her home. She is home now and is feeling better." (Sister C.)

PHILADELPHIA, PA.: "I have been desperately in need of a place to live and prayed Mother Seton to help me. I had been looking for a place for over a year but without being able to find anything suitable. The way I found this new place to live was so strange that I consider it a miracle. This is not the first favor that I have received from Mother Seton. I prayed that I would pass a test on a night course that I am taking and this prayer was also answered. Therefore, I am most grateful to Mother Seton for having assisted me and I will continue to ask her help." (E. M. L.)

Our Lady of Guadalupe is in the suburbs of Mexico City. When later His Eminence said Mass at this world famous shrine, his special intention was for the success of Mother Seton's Cause and for the Benefactors who were helping to advance the day of her Canonization.