



To Promote the Canonization of Mother Seton

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BLESSED MOTHER SETON TO BE HONORED AT N. Y. WORLD'S FAIR

Week of Celebrations At Vatican Pavilion Sponsored by Sisters

Blessed Elizabeth Ann Seton, first native born American to attain Beati-fication, will be singularly honored at the New York World's Fair recently opened at Flushing Meadow, N. Y. The entire week beginning Monday, May 11, and ending Sunday, May 17, has been proclaimed Blessed Mother Seton Week, and will be marked by a series of religious ceremonies at the Vatican Pavilion.

Each of the six religious communities which stem from Mother Seton's original foundation have been assigned a day to honor their Foundress.

As the BULLETIN goes to press, plans have not been completed, but the following information is available.

The ceremonies will consist of a low Mass, to be celebrated at noon each day in the Vatican Pavilion, and a sermon.

The Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul of New York will sponsor the ceremonies on Monday, May 11. The sermon at the Mass will be preached by Rt. Rev. Msgr. John T. Doherty, Director of Vocations for the Archdiocese of New York.

The ceremonies on Wednesday, May 13, will be under the auspices of the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, Halifax, N. S. His Excellency, Most Rev. John J. Boardman, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Brooklyn, will be celebrant of the Mass; and Rev. Edward Lodge Curran, Pastor of St. Sebastian Church, Woodside, L. I., N. Y., will preach the sermon.

The Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul will sponsor the ceremonies on Thursday, May 14. Very Rev. Ed-



*Mother Seton in Glory
St. Peter's Basilica, Rome*

ward J. Burke, C.M., President of St. John's University, N. Y., will be celebrant of the Mass. This Mass will be offered in dialogue form, and the responses will be led by Rev. Vincent J. Nugent, C.M., head of the Department of Religion at St. John's University. The sermon will be preached by Rev. Joseph I. Dirvin, C.M., Assistant Director of The Central Association of the Miraculous Medal, Philadelphia, and author of the biography *Mrs. Seton*.

Highlight of the week will be a Solemn Mass to be offered on Saturday, May 16, in which all six communities of Mother Seton's daughters will join. His Excellency, Most Rev. William G. Con-nare, D.D., Bishop of Greensburg, will preach the sermon on this occasion.

The week's festivities will close under the auspices of the Mother Seton Sisters of Greensburg, Pa., with a Mass to be celebrated on Sunday, May 17, by Rt. Rev. Msgr. John B. McDowell, Superintendent of Schools of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. The sermon will be preached by Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Granger Ryan, President of Seton Hill College.

Attractive Tours for School Children and Adults Available

Special tours of the New York World's Fair and New York City have been created especially for Blessed Mother Seton at the Fair. The tours are designed and graded in price for children, teen-agers and adults.

Besides the solemn ceremonies marking Mother Seton Week, the tours include cultural, educational and entertaining visits to the Federal Pavilion-U.S.A., which features the Nation's history-making events in moving pictures and stereophonic sound; Dick Button's Ice Extravaganza; Dinoland, with its full-scale, animated dinosaurs prowling a reconstructed landscape of prehistoric times.

Also, the Hawaiian Pavilion, which tells the 1,000-year-old history of the Hawaiian people; an exact replica of Christopher Columbus' flagship, the *Santa Maria*, which can be boarded and explored from stem to stern; a 1½-hour musical extravaganza, performed on land, under water and in the air, and presented in the Amphitheater; and a ride on the famed Monorail, 40 feet in the air, all around the Fairgrounds.

All tours include admission to the Fair.

Tour A, a one-day visit to the Fair for school groups of students within a 50-mile radius of the Fairgrounds, is priced at \$2.85 for children under 13, and \$3.30 for each adult accompanying a group of 25 children. Saturday and Sunday prices are \$3.25 for children, and \$5.75 for accompanying adults.

Tour B, an expanded one-day visit to the Fair for teen-agers in high school groups within a 50-mile radius of the

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Apostolic Postulation

FOR THE CAUSE OF
CANONIZATION
OF THE SERVANT OF GOD

Elizabeth Ann Seton

Foundress of the
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NEW MILFORD, PA.—My sister was in critical condition due to a brain ailment, and had been in a coma for two weeks. The neurosurgeon said there was no hope whatever for her recovery. A Sister of Charity in the hospital pinned a relic of Blessed Mother Seton on my sister's clothing, and began a novena to the new Blessed for my sister's recovery. The nun was not aware that my sister had always had a special devotion to Mother Seton. My sister came out of the coma, and is now at home, making a slow but sure recovery.

M. H.

ANASCO, PUERTO RICO—A 65-year-old friend of mine fell, breaking a leg in three places and an arm in two places. The doctor told her that it would be impossible for her ever to walk again. Nevertheless, my friend and I began praying to Blessed Elizabeth Ann Seton to obtain for her the use of her legs. My friend has recovered so remarkably that she is walking with the use of a cane.

J. N.

PITTSBURGH, PA.—My son, crippled from a childhood disease, was eligible for a college scholarship. He could attend a Catholic college, but it had to be within the state boundaries. Because his condition made him miss school from time to time, his college board examinations were low, and two colleges he tried turned him down. I prayed hard to Blessed Mother Seton to help him get the education he wanted so badly. My son waited a year, and applied again to another Catholic college. The school—a very good one—has accepted him. And we are earnestly thanking Mother Seton.

J. G.

WEST ORANGE, N. J.—My brother-in-law had such a bad heart defect that medical specialists told him he could not live six months without an operation. At the same time, they admitted that the operation had never been successfully performed. It was a grim choice, but my brother-in-law determined to risk the operation. I began to pray to Blessed Mother Seton for him. It is now four months since the operation, and the specialists have pronounced him fully cured. My heartfelt thanks to Mother Seton!

O. D. P.

LOWELL, MASS.—While I was a teacher at a U. S. Army school in

Germany, I went to board a street car, laying my handbag on the car platform before reaching the handrail to mount. The next instant the car took off without me. The bag contained not only my passport, but a large sum of money and important government papers. The fact that I could not speak German delayed me at least two hours in reaching the end of the car line. All the time I was praying silently to Mother Seton, and kept repeating to a non-Catholic companion, "Mother Seton will intercede for me." I finally reached the trolley terminus, and there—thanks to our Blessed's help—was an American soldier, waiting with my handbag

M. M.

MARKSVILLE, LA.—A serious lung infection kept me bedridden for 2½ years. At the end of that time I was looking for the doctor to discharge me, when he discovered three small holes in my lung and prescribed an operation. While my X rays were being studied by a specialist, I prayed incessantly to Blessed Elizabeth Seton that I might be spared the operation. Thanks to her, the specialist decided against an operation at that time, and the holes subsequently closed of themselves.

V. L. R.

WINONA, MINN.—Our family was stunned to discover that my sister's young husband and father of her 6 small children had been an alcoholic for five years, and had subjected her to every kind of abuse. Now he was threatening suicide. We pleaded with him to seek medical aid, but to no avail. He refused to admit that he was either mentally or bodily ill. We began to storm heaven through Blessed Mother Seton. Within two days he consented to enter the psychiatric ward of a Catholic hospital. After extended treatment he is now at home, apparently a changed person and striving to be the good husband and father he was before. This sudden change could only have been Mother Seton's work.

S. M. S.

BUFFALO, N. Y.—Following an operation for a depressed skull fracture, a young patient in the hospital here suffered serious infection in the incision and, as a result, ran a high fever. The doctors suspected osteomyelitis. A relic of Blessed Elizabeth Ann Seton was pinned on the boy's gown, and a short time later the fever abated, and X rays

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ONE OF MOTHER SETON'S ORIGINAL LETTERS, JULY 1, 1814

To Antonio Filicchi, Leghorn, Italy

99. 1st July 1814

My dear Antonio - - The glad and happy news of the Restoration of our holy father, and the quick thought again I shall hear from my dear Filicchi, all struck at one moment, and the next was to write you also as soon as possible. - - my last to St. Joseph's Valley - indeed but - but

My dear Antonio:

The glad and happy news of the Restoration of OUR HOLY FATHER, and the quick thought again I shall hear from my dear Filicchi, all struck at one moment, and the next was to write you also as soon as possible—my last letter I believe simply stated our removal from Baltimore to the mountains (a part of the blue ridge)—our settlement in our St. Joseph's Valley—Cecilia's and Harriet's death after their most blessed conversion—indeed dear Antonio I hardly know where the thread of the story was broken but—but since that—Annina—the dear darling of her mother—and best example of her sisters and brothers, is gone also. They all lie close together in the little wood nearest our dwelling—Rebecca the youngest fell while playing two winters ago and is now lame with a crutch for life, but by much suffering is preparing and hastening I believe to her happy Eternity. Kitty (my Josephine) is delicate lovely and pious as a little angel. I could give you no idea of her equal to her good and happy character than—the two boys of an age now and strength to gain their own living and turn out in the world are the only objects of pity because boys being less solid in piety than girls can be more easily led astray, especially when drawn by Protestant connections as mine very probably will be—I draw once more your four hundred yearly bounty but have the full hope that it is the last, as William the eldest is now about making his decision to engage in a counting house, or to go to sea—It would be useless, dear Antonio, to attempt to say what my solicitude and care for these poor boys would dictate—one only point in view—their precious souls, and dear Eternity, I have no earthly interest for them but as far as this point is included they are so far children of exemplary conduct as it relates to common behavior, and the simple discharge of highest duties, but they have no striking talents, no remarkable qualifications, nor are their dispositions even unfolded in many points. They can never be brought to express any decided wish, but the only desire to please mother and to do what she thinks best—how much I wish they might have the higher calling to the sanctuary if such a favor could have been bestowed—but our God looks down with pity and knows what is best. I would be afraid to indulge such a wish a moment unless we could see it was in the order of his divine Providence. If they were near you all would be secure, but as it is I must trust as you used to tell me, dear Antonio, to St. Peter or rather to St. Joseph under whose special care I have always placed them, but more than all to Him who has so tenderly fed his orphans, and poor little widow—The first word I believe you ever said to me after the first salute was to trust all to Him who fed the fowls of the air and made the lilies grow—and I have trusted and he has fed and with your own hand in great measure for you may be sure my brother.

Ah, Antonio, many remembrances—I remember every individual at Leghorn the servants even and their names as if but yesterday, and all with gratitude for kindness. Have seen no more of Mr. F. since leaving Baltimore. He told me that Mrs. Marie Filicchi was in unusual good health. Do remember me most gratefully to her—O when I think of her kindness and the love of you all to a poor stranger I could pour out my very heart at your feet.

(Signed) MRS. SETON

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Marillac Medal Goes To Philadelphia Head Of Relief Committee

The annual St. Louise de Marillac Medal for exceptional service in works of charity was awarded by St. Joseph College, Emmitsburg, to Mrs. Sylvester A. Lowrey of Philadelphia, in a special Convocation held on Saturday, March 14, at the College.

Mrs. Lowrey, who is foundress and long-time head of the Philadelphia Archdiocese's Committee for Foreign Relief, was named for the honor, at the College's invitation, by His Excellency, Most Rev. John J. Krol, D.D., Archbishop of Philadelphia.

His Excellency, Most Rev. John J. Graham, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia, presided at the Convocation and delivered the Convocation Address on "The Social Apostolate of St. Louise de Marillac." His Excellency traced the long and fruitful career of the Saint in Christian welfare work, emphasizing her original contributions to the field of sociology. He especially praised her eminent practicality and supernatural motives.

Sister Margaret, Dean of the College, presented Mrs. Lowrey for the annual award. Mrs. Lowrey responded with a witty and forthright review of the work done by the Philadelphia Archdiocesan Committee.

Praising the self-sacrifice of the women who spend long daily hours collecting, crating and dispatching clothing and food to disaster areas throughout the world, she insisted that the St. Louise

de Marillac Medal belonged rightly to them, and that she was receiving it in their name. Forty of Mrs. Lowrey's co-workers journeyed from Philadelphia to be present at the Convocation.

Also present were: Sister Rosemary, President of St. Joseph College; Rt. Rev. Msgrs. Robert R. Kline and William F. Culhane, President and Vice President respectively of Mount St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg; and the Revs. Martin J. Sleasman, C.M., William M. Sheldon, C.M., and Joseph I. Dirvin, C.M.; and Rev. John F. Casey, O.S.A., Mrs. Lowrey's pastor at Mother of Consolation Church, Philadelphia.

The College Glee Club entertained the assembled guests.

Beatification Anniversary Celebrated at Emmitsburg

The first anniversary of the beatification of Blessed Elizabeth Ann Seton was marked in St. Joseph's Valley, where she lived and died, by a special Mass. Rev. Martin J. Sleasman, C.M., Chaplain of St. Joseph College, sang a special votive Mass of the Blessed at the altar in the Daughters of Charity motherhouse chapel where her remains are enshrined.

His Excellency, Most Rev. Lawrence J. Shehan, D.D., Archbishop of Baltimore, had given special permission for the anniversary Mass, and all Masses celebrated in the chapel that day, to be votive Masses of Blessed Mother Seton.

The Mass was attended by the Sisters of the motherhouse and the student body of St. Joseph College.

Attractive Tours Available

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Fairgrounds, is priced at \$4.65 for students, and \$5.95 for accompanying adults. Saturday and Sunday prices are \$6.25 for students, and \$7.95 for accompanying adults.

Special overnight tours for teen-agers in school groups are also being offered. These tours include, according to price: hotels (four in a room, air conditioning, TV, bath)—arrangements designed for better control and chaperoning of teen-agers; transfer by bus from rail terminals or airports to hotels, and round-trip shuttle train to the Fairgrounds; certain meals; sightseeing in New York City.

Tour C (2 days and 1 night) is priced at \$19.75. Tour D (3 days and 2 nights) is priced at \$31.00. Tour E (4 days and 3 nights) is priced at \$40.25.

All tours are arranged and conducted by Fugazy Travel Bureau, Official Travel Agent for the Vatican Pavilion, 488 Madison Avenue, N. Y. 22, N. Y. The Agency's phone number is PLaza 1-3434; the area code is 212.

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showed the skull to be healing well. Surgery to clear away the surface infection proved the X-ray findings to be accurate; and soon afterward the boy was able to return home, completely well. His mother has testified publicly: "Marty wore the relic of Mother Seton all the time he was so seriously ill, and I prayed constantly to the new Blessed. I feel I owe my boy's recovery to her."

S. E. B.

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The Mother Seton Guild, as the Apostolic Postulation, is the official organization for the Cause under the jurisdiction of the Sacred Congregation of Rites, Rome.

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The MOTHER SETON GUILD BULLETIN is issued quarterly to Guild members.

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