



To Promote the Canonization of Mother Seton

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## SETON CAUSE POSTULATOR, VICE POSTULATOR NAMED

*Vincentian Fathers Lapalorcia and Taggart  
To Promote Canonization of Mother Seton*



Left: Pope Paul VI receives Father Lucio Giuseppe Lapalorcia, C.M., after his appointment as Postulator. Right: Father Sylvester A. Taggart, C.M.

THE Sacred Congregation of Rites has confirmed, on October 2, 1968, the appointment of Very Rev. Lucio Giuseppe Lapalorcia, C.M., as Postulator of the Cause of Blessed Elizabeth Ann Seton. Father Lapalorcia has been acting Postulator of the Cause since the death of Very Rev. Luigi Bisoglio, C.M., in February 1967.

Born in Candela (Foggia), Italy, on December 13, 1909, the new Postulator of the Cause entered the novitiate of the Congregation of the Mission (Vincen-  
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REV. SYLVESTER A. TAGGART, C.M., has been named Vice Postulator of the Cause for Canonization of Blessed Elizabeth Ann Seton. He succeeds in the post the late Rev. John P. McGowan, C.M., who died suddenly last June while in Rome on matters pertaining to the Cause.

The appointment places Father Taggart in charge of all efforts in the United States to promote the Cause.

It also makes him Director of the Mother Seton Guild which was estab-  
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Christmas is the Gift  
of Christ to man.  
May He give this Gift  
which is Himself  
in full measure  
to you  
and to your dear ones.

REV. SYLVESTER A. TAGGART, C.M.  
Vice Postulator

## Former Mothers General Die At St. Elizabeth and Seton Hill Sisters' Motherhouses

MOTHER ELLEN MARIE MCCAULEY, 77, former Superior General of the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth, died on June 25 at Saint Joseph Hospital, Paterson, N. J. A solemn requiem Mass was concelebrated at Holy Family Chapel at Convent, N. J., on June 28 with Rt. Rev. Msgr. Christian D. Haag, Pastor of St. Margaret's Church, Morristown, N. J., as principal concelebrant. Most of the other concelebrants were former students of Mother Ellen Marie. Interment followed in Holy Family Cemetery, Convent, N. J.

Mother Ellen was elected the seventh  
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## Apostolic Postulation

FOR THE CAUSE OF  
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OF THE BLESSED

### Elizabeth Ann Seton

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IN AMERICA

HIS EMINENCE

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REV. SYLVESTER A. TAGGART, C.M.

Vice Postulator

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# FAVORS ACKNOWLEDGED

ORANGE, N. J.—I would like to acknowledge with gratitude Mother Seton's intercession for my daughter, Cynthia, a second grade student who has cancer. An operation was performed and I have been assured that the cancer is arrested, at least for the time being. I feel confident that, if it is God's will and with the continued intercession of Mother Seton, we may hope for a complete cure. I am grateful, and trust that we may share in the prayers of the members of the Mother Seton Guild.

Mrs. R.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.—My husband enjoyed a complete return to health after a very serious illness. A relic of Blessed Elizabeth Ann Seton had been pinned to his clothes and a novena made for his recovery. During the last years of his life we were most grateful to Mother Seton for his continued good health.

I wish, however, to thank her especially for the very remarkable favors she obtained at the time of his sudden death from a heart attack. While driving home from work on the afternoon of March 8, 1968, he suddenly slumped down dead. His foot was on the pedal, and he was alone in the car.

The car went through a red light and struck another car badly damaging it, but the driver, also alone, was entirely uninjured. My husband's car then went into reverse into another car driven by a lone woman, demolished her car, but she, too, escaped injury. His car next struck two pickup trucks, tearing the rear axle from one, rolled fifty feet, and stopped. The car was a complete wreck, except in the area of the driver's seat.

An autopsy showed that my husband had died just before his car rammmed into the first vehicle. His body was without injury except for a scratch so small that it did not even draw blood. Mario had his relic of Blessed Mother Seton with him, for he never went without it. Had either the man or woman in the first cars struck been injured, the sorrow and loss to their families would have been without remedy.

How can we thank dear Mother sufficiently? We will be ever grateful to her, and continue to pray for her Cause.

L. F.

PATERSON, N. J.—My friend's sister was in a tragic accident a few months ago. Three were killed and five injured, his sister the most seriously. She was unconscious for six weeks, then regained

her hearing and speech, but not her eyesight. I gave the family a relic of Blessed Elizabeth Seton and a copy of the novena prayer and wrote to the Mother Seton Guild for prayers for this young woman's recovery and return to her family. She is now home able to do small tasks, and her last examination certified that she had suffered no brain damage.

Her wonderful progress is another flower in the bouquet of Mother Seton's favors.

L. A. D.

WATERBURY, CONN. — Mother Seton never lets me down. This latest time, back surgery was avoided for a daughter who lives 1,500 miles from us and has two small children to care for. Through my prayers to Blessed Mother Seton, a back brace and therapy are helping her condition. We are so grateful for the avoidance of an operation!

Mrs. J. F. M.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—I made a special trip nine days ago to attend Mass at Mother Seton's Shrine on State Street in New York. I asked for help for my son, who had to find a larger home for his wife and five children. The next day he called me to say that they had heard of a likely prospect "yesterday." It was exactly what they wanted and was reasonably priced. It is now theirs. I was in Rome for Mother Seton's Beatification, and her Shrine is a haven to me when I am upset.

A. L. D.

ARCHIBALD, PA.—I would like to report a favor received through the intercession of Blessed Elizabeth Ann Seton. My sister was very ill and we were afraid of a malignancy, which the doctors also suspected. Thanks to Blessed Elizabeth Ann the tests were negative. My sister is now on the road to recovery.

Mrs. J. M.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Many years ago a cousin of mine, a Vincentian priest, told me about Mother Seton. I started saying a daily prayer to her at that time and have been faithful to it ever since. I was granted many favors—mostly promotions in those days. Now that I am retired, I pray to her more than ever. I have just been granted a big temporal favor, something I wanted badly. I promised Mother Seton I would acknowledge it by writing to the Guild.

J. M. C.



## Father Lapalorcía

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tian Fathers) at the historic motherhouse—founded in 1668, only eight years after the death of St. Vincent de Paul—of the Naples Province of the Congregation on July 18, 1928. Two years later he pronounced his perpetual vows in the Congregation on July 19, St. Vincent's feast day. He pursued his philosophical and theological studies at the same motherhouse, and was ordained to the holy priesthood on August 2, 1936.

His first appointment was to Orío (Brindisi) where he was spiritual director and professor of philosophy in the diocesan seminary.

Two years later he was appointed director of the Congregation's apostolic school or minor seminary at Lecce, a post he held for ten years.

In 1946 he became procurator or treasurer of the Naples Province and a consultant to the provincial, with residence in Naples. The following year, he was appointed, in addition to these posts, superior of the motherhouse.

Very Rev. William M. Slattery, C.M., then Superior General of the Vincentian Fathers and the Daughters of Charity, named him, in 1951, Provincial of the Congregation's Naples Province and Director of the Daughters of Charity of the same Province.

In 1955 the members of the General Assembly meeting in Paris elected Father Lapalorcía to the post of Assistant General of the Congregation. He held this post for thirteen years, first at Paris and later at Rome when the General Curia moved there a few years ago.

He resigned his office of Assistant General on October 2, 1968, at the first session of the Extraordinary General Assembly meeting then in Rome, and on the same day he was confirmed in the posts of Procurator General at the Holy See and Postulator General for the Congregation. It is in his latter post that he will direct the progress of the Cause of Blessed Mother Seton.



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## Mothers General Die

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Emmitsburg, Md., on January 4, 1968.

Mother Ellen Marie is survived by two sisters, Mary McCauley, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Mrs. Edward Snyder, of Lantana, Fla.

Mother M. Claudia Glenn, former Mother General of the Sisters of Charity of Greensburg, Pa., from 1939 to 1963, also died this past summer.

Born in Morgan, Fayette County, Pa., in 1884, she taught in the county schools before entering the novitiate of the Sisters of Charity of Greensburg on the feast of the Sacred Heart in 1903. After her profession she taught in the following parochial schools in Pennsylvania: St. Joseph's, Sharpsburg; St. Luke's, Carnegie; St. Benedict's, Greensburg; and Immaculate Conception, Irwin.

She held the degree of master of arts in English from the University of Pittsburgh, and taught this subject at Sacred Heart High School, East Liberty, and the School for Boys at Seton Hill. From 1919 to 1921 she was directress of Seton Hill Academy.

In 1927 she was appointed Dean of Residents at Seton Hill College, a post she held until 1939.

Mother Claudia was elected Mother General of the Community for a three-year term in 1939 and reelected for another three-year term in 1942. In 1952 she was elected for a six-year term, and reelected to another six-year term in 1958.

She was noted for her spirit of prayer and charity. She considered her establishment in 1932 of the Mother Seton Clubs as the activity which gave her the deepest satisfaction. These clubs are dedicated to the promotion of Mother

## Father Taggart

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lished in 1939 for the purpose of introducing the Cause in Rome in 1940. The Guild is charged with establishing the validity of data relative to the Cause.

Father Taggart will work in the United States directly under Very Rev. Luigi G. Lapalorcía, C.M., Postulator General of the Cause. Father Lapalorcía is resident in Rome.

Born and raised in Brooklyn, N. Y., where he attended St. John the Baptist Parochial School, Father Taggart entered St. Joseph's College, Princeton, N. J., minor seminary of the Vincentian Fathers, in 1925 to study for the priesthood. After receiving his bachelor of arts degree in 1933, he entered the Vincentian novitiate at St. Vincent's Seminary, Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa., where he pronounced his perpetual vows in the Community on June 16, 1935. He was ordained to the priesthood by the late Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia, in the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul there on May 26, 1938.

Following ordination he was sent to Rome where he obtained a baccalaureate in Sacred Scripture before being forced to return home by the outbreak of World War II. After serving at Mary Immaculate Seminary, Northampton, Pa., as professor of theology, Scripture, and catechetics, and Director of Students, he became Rector of the Seminary and Religious Superior in 1951.

In 1955 he was appointed Provincial of the Vincentian Fathers' Eastern United States Province, a post he held until 1967.

In addition to his post as Vice Postulator of the Cause, Father Taggart will continue his duties as an instructor in theology at St. Joseph Provincial House, Emmitsburg, Md.

Seton's Cause for Canonization through prayer and through the charitable works of young people and to making Mother Seton known to the world. It is estimated that these clubs reach a hundred thousand people each year.





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Mother General of the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth on November 28, 1953, and served in this office until the expiration of her term in 1959.

Born in Elizabeth, N. J., she entered the Sisters of Charity in 1917. She taught in St. Charles Borromeo School, Newark, N. J., from 1918 to 1929, and St. Cecilia School, Kearny, N. J., from 1929 to 1932. She served as superior and principal at St. Vincent School, Madison, N. J., from 1932 to 1942. She held the same posts at Sacred Heart School, Vailsburg, N. J., from 1942 to 1946.

In 1946 Mother Ellen was named Assistant Superior General, a post to which she was reelected in 1948. She served as acting superior for two months before her election as Mother General in 1953.

Mother Marie was a graduate of Fordham University, and while Superior General received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from the College of Saint Elizabeth.

After the expiration of her term as Superior General Mother Ellen served as one of the five regional superiors of the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth. In 1966 she was appointed superior of the convent at Saint Joseph Hospital, Paterson, N. J.

On August 26, 1967, a concelebrated Mass was offered in Holy Family Chapel, Convent, N. J., to mark the Golden Jubilee of Mother Ellen Marie as a Sister of Charity. Most Rev. Lawrence B. Casey, D.D., Bishop of Paterson, was chief concelebrant.

During her years as a Sister of Charity, and especially as Superior General, Mother Ellen worked with enthusiasm and zeal for the canonization of Blessed

## FAVORS REQUESTED

through the intercession of

### BLESSED ELIZABETH ANN SETON



"Cure of alcoholism"—*Floral Park, N. Y.; Lombard, Ill.; Huntington, N. Y.; Miami, Fla.* "Cure of cancer"—*North Quincy, Mass.; Orange, N. J.; Waterville, Maine; Mount Saint Joseph, Ohio.* "Cure of Parkinson's Disease"—*Delanco, N. J.* "Cure of leukemia"—*Alden, N. Y.* "Cure of brain tumor"—*Bronx, N. Y.* "Mental health"—*Yonkers, N. Y.* "Recovery from war wounds"—*Chicago, Ill.* "To walk again"—*Cleveland, Ohio.* "The gift of speech for grandson"—*Staten Island, N. Y.* "Health"—*Slidell, La.; Dumont, N. J.; Darby, Pa.; Dearborn, Mich.; Delanco, N. J.; St. Catherine's, Ont.; Bloomfield, N. J.; Silver Spring, Md.; Mount Vernon, N. Y.; Lakewood, Ohio.* "Sale of home"—*Leominster, Mass.; Slidell, La.* "Financial help"—*New York, N. Y.* "Return of daughter"—*New Orleans, La.* "Return to the sacraments"—*Hoboken, N. J.* "A Catholic marriage"—*Yonkers, N. Y.* "Family reconciliation"—*Farmington, Minn.* "Validation of marriage"—*Yarmouth, Nova Scotia.* "Success in business"—*Sligo County, Ireland.* "Special Intention"—*Newark, N. J.; Westchester, Ill.; Bronx, N. Y.; Madison, N. J.; Maple Heights, Ohio; Brooklyn, N. Y.; Detroit, Mich.; New Kensington, Pa.; Pittsburgh, Pa.; Glen Ridge, N. J.; Augusta, Ga.; Westerly, R. I.; Crestwood, N. J.; Jersey City, N. J.*

Mother Seton. As one of her last official acts, Mother Ellen represented the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth at the

translation of the remains of Mother Seton to the Provincial House Chapel in  
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## Mother Seton Guild

Emmitsburg, Maryland 21727

Address Correction Requested

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.

Guild members not only share in the noble work of making Mother Seton better known and loved by means of literature, etc., but their membership subscriptions and donations make possible this promotion.

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

**PRAY FOR THE CANONIZATION OF BLESSED ELIZABETH ANN SETON**