



To Promote the Canonization of Mother Seton



To Mother Seton

*This is the substance of a dream: no June shall pass,
Misting the flowers of some untrampled lane
Of meadow-sweet and filigree of blue,
But hold as sweet the chalcid mountain dew;
And sweeter yet the music of her name.
Here glowed her star; here where the soundless night
Pledges anew to count no wayward hour,
Her tryst was made with the unchanging years
And as they passed, so grew this fragile flower,
Nurtured by love that knows a woman's tears.
Oh, little House, how many hours shall miss
The sum of love, divinely blest as this!*

*Since first she came, Spring with her trel-lised shrines
A hundred times and more has come and gone;
She loved this vale—this little sphere that binds
All that she knew of poverty and prayer.
What glowing fires, unstirred, had ever been
To Francis, seemed to her so wondrous fair—
That pilgrims all, her little band remained,
Sweetly refreshed, marvelously comforted.
Their wine of joy, their dear, ennobled bread
Of love and hope, gave to the Master's poor.
And when the shadows came, she smiled and said,
"As Love to Love I go." She is not dead—
Tender as mother's prayers, She shelters even
All the known paths that lead to Light and Heaven.*

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*Upon the old Stone House, her dwelling place,
First in the vale, God's tiny stars look down;
Then North to where the tides that fret the shore
Of Halifax repeat their endless sound;
And southward then to Florida and West
Where Spanish padres trod the holy dale.
Oh, heavenly spheres, where latent fires have been,
Sing of the love immense, that folds all joy within!*

Fragments of a poem by
JULIA HANSON GRIMES '37
SAINT JOSEPH COLLEGE



A Letter to Our Members From the Vice Postulator

Dear Guild Members,

I call you to a new apostolic effort for the Cause of Blessed Elizabeth Ann Seton. I am well aware of, and grateful for, your continued interest and efforts over many years. But we have reached a new and encouraging plateau, if you will, in our ever-upward climb to win for our beloved Mother Seton the ultimate honor of canonization. With an extra push and by God's grace victory could be ours.

As I have told you, we have high hopes that Rome will accept the cure of Carl Kalin as one of the two miracles needed for canonization, and are deeply encouraged that the second will be found among the reports pouring in of literally hundreds of favors being granted every day through Blessed Mother Seton's intercession. We are publishing as many of the more recent favors reported as we can in this issue of the BULLETIN.

What I ask of you now is a concerted missionary effort for new members for our Mother Seton Guild. New members can help the Cause enormously: 1) by the increased financial support of the Guild their membership fees will bring; 2) by spreading the knowledge of Mother Seton among their acquaintances and friends; and 3) by their prayers for her canonization.

Won't you make a special effort to secure at least one new member? If every Guild member would obtain just one new member, the Cause of Mother Seton would receive a mighty impetus.

As you know, the Mother Seton Guild is the official organization for the promotion of the Cause under the jurisdiction of the Sacred Congregation of the Causes of Saints. Besides sharing in the noble work of honoring one of God's chosen ones—and Blessed Mother Seton will surely remember her special friends before God—members of the Guild receive the GUILD BULLETIN four times a year. The yearly membership fee is only \$1.00; the perpetual membership fee is \$10.00.

I am confident that you will respond gladly and with your usual enthusiasm to this plea to do "one more thing" for our beloved Mother Seton.

Begging God to bless you and Mother Seton to cherish you, I remain,

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Sylvester A. Taggart, C. M.
Vice Postulator

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.—I prayed to Blessed Elizabeth Ann Seton for my husband who had a growth removed from his vocal chord. The operation was successful and there was no malignancy.

Mrs. C. J.

BALTIMORE, MD.—Recently my brother had a very serious operation complicated with a ruptured esophagus, ulcer, kidney infection, heart block and emphysema. I asked Mother Seton to intercede to Almighty God to bring him through. Thank God, he is home and doing very well.

M. L. F.

PITTSBURGH, PA.—This letter of acknowledgment fulfills a promise to Blessed Mother Seton. On New Year's Day my father was stricken with severe lower back pains. It was feared he might have to go to the hospital, but he passed two kidney stones without hospitalization or an operation. I thank Mother Seton for answering my prayers and aiding his speedy recovery.

R. M.

HO-HO-KUS, N. J.—I promised to thank Blessed Mother Seton publicly for aiding us in the sale of our house and finding another of equal value. I have asked her for many favors and she has always come to my assistance.

Mrs. D. S.

QUINCY, MASS.—We are deeply grateful to Blessed Mother Seton for favors granted through her intercession. We call them "little miracles" because they bring comfort, relief and hope especially at times when we are much in need of them. At the present time we are praying for our emotionally disturbed grandchild and are confident that Mother Seton will help him.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. R.

NANUET, N. Y.—My brother-in-law was operated on for hernia and bladder trouble. I promised publication if he recovered through Blessed Elizabeth Seton's intercession. Thank God, he is improving. This favor meant so much at this time when his wife was recovering from a broken collarbone and injured right hand. They hope to celebrate their golden anniversary this year. With a grateful heart we thank God and Blessed Elizabeth Ann.

Sister M. V.

AMITYVILLE, N. Y.—I started a novena to Blessed Mother Seton and promised publication if a solution could be found whereby a nephew could be with some member of his family last Christmas. Before the novena was ended my prayers were answered.

Miss E. M.

BALTIMORE, MD.—I am of the young generation and have found a friend in my prayers to Mother Seton. My grandmother has dedicated most of her life (she is over 90) to praying for the canonization of Mother Seton. Recently I asked Mother Seton's help and my prayers were answered.

Anon.

WEST ORANGE, N. J.—I promised publication in the BULLETIN if Mother Seton obtained my request. I was about to lose my position but, thanks to Mother Seton, I was kept on.

Mrs. J. K.

INVERNESS, FLA.—In the past I have asked Blessed Mother Seton to take many petitions to God and He has always granted them. Recently I prayed for three special favors, all of which have been granted.

Mrs. J. N.

BALTIMORE, MD. — A small thank-you to Mother Seton is enclosed for helping my nephew, just out of the Army, obtain a good position.

Miss M. V. D.

ORANGE, N. J.—Enclosed is a check in way of thanksgiving to Blessed Elizabeth Ann Seton for answering a special request. High winds were blowing the roof off the building in which I work on the top floor. I began to pray to Mother Seton for the safety of all and I included my little daughter, that she might get home safe from school. My prayers were answered. On another occasion recently I was shopping in a supermarket when two holdup men entered with drawn shotguns. I prayed to Mother Seton for the safety of all and my prayers were answered swiftly.

Mrs. W. D.

STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.—My cousin received a severe head injury in Vietnam. I prayed to Mother Seton for his recovery without brain damage or

blindness. She has answered my prayers and I am writing to fulfill my promise of acknowledgment.

C. D. M.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—I prayed to Mother Seton asking her for two very important favors which meant everything to me. When my prayers were answered I promised her that I would write to the Guild about her wonderful help.

Miss L. B.

NEWARK, N. J.—I want to thank Mother Seton for a favor received. My husband found work after three months of unemployment.

Mrs. H. R.

NEW YORK, N. Y.—My daughter was taken very ill and X rays showed a spot on her lung. I placed Mother Seton's relic on her and prayed for her intercession. After three weeks new X rays showed the spot was gone.

Mrs. H. L.

TENAFLY, N. J.—Recently I asked Blessed Mother Seton to intercede for a young friend who was dangerously ill. Through her intercession this girl regained her health.

Mrs. D. T.

ANNAPOLIS, MD.—A visitor to the Mother Seton House in Baltimore related that her son-in-law had been out of work for a long time and that she and others had been praying that he would find work. At length she felt a strong desire to ask Mother Seton to intercede for him. Within a week he had secured a very good position, and the following week he became a Catholic. She believes that it was through Mother Seton's intercession that it all came about.

Mrs. R. M.

NORTH PLAINFIELD, N. J.—For three years I was estranged from my son and daughter-in-law. A friend gave me a prayer to Mother Seton which I said faithfully. Through an unusual circumstance I have been to see my son and, while things are not as they used to be, I feel a reconciliation has been made. I am most grateful to Blessed Mother Seton.

Mrs. H. H.

BEDFORD VILLAGE, N. Y.—I am the mother of five young children, and when I discovered a lump in my breast, I was quite worried and began a novena to Blessed Elizabeth Ann Seton and wore her medal constantly. The

lump was benign, but the doctors became concerned over the laboratory tests of the tissue removed during the operation. Further tests taken two days later proved much more reassuring. The doctor said this was unusual, that 96% of follow-up tests follow the pattern of the first results. I am deeply grateful to Blessed Elizabeth Ann for her intercession.

Mrs. E. F.

KATONAH, N. Y.—During a snow-storm a very large branch from an evergreen fell across the road, just missing my youngest child. We prayed to Mother Seton that the tree would ride out the storm and remain standing until we could get it cut down professionally,

for it was close to our house. Mother Seton heard our prayers.

Mrs. M. J. T.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.—I promised a letter of acknowledgment if my son should pass his placement test for high school. He did pass, and I want to thank Elizabeth Ann Seton for helping him.

Mrs. W. C.

SANTA BARBARA, CALIF.—Several weeks ago I had a bad fall in which I injured my foot. I was about to enter upon an eight-day retreat, but it seemed that I would not be able to walk and therefore would have to forego my re-

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treat. I begged Mother Seton to intercede for recovery enough to be able to make the retreat and promised to have it published in the BULLETIN if she obtained my request. Through her intercession everything turned out fine. I am very grateful.

Sister M. L.

HUNTINGTON STATION, N. Y.—I am enclosing a check in thanksgiving for a favor granted through our novena to Mother Seton. We asked her to intercede with Our dear Lord for my husband and my daughter who were in poor health. Both have improved, and we pray that they continue to do so. They are badly needed.

Mrs. R. A. C.

PASSAIC, N. J.—The enclosed is a thanksgiving offering to Blessed Mother Seton for interceding in our behalf for a great favor which has been granted in God's own way.

J. J. C.

TRUMBULL, CONN.—I prayed to Mother Seton and my petition was granted through her intercession. I am writing to show my appreciation for her help.

V. C.

BALTIMORE, MD.—A member of my family had been laid off from work at age 50. I prayed to Blessed Mother Seton for help in finding employment for him. After about ten days my prayers were answered and he obtained a job. I am most grateful to Blessed

Mother Seton and will continue to pray daily for her elevation to sainthood.

E. G. M.

MARATHON, FLA.—I am very happy to write that our business has been sold through prayers to Blessed Mother Seton. I promised publication of this favor. Mother Seton has answered so many of my prayers that I am most grateful.

Mrs. M. C.

FINKSBURG, MD.—Although this favor was granted several years ago, I have a deep feeling that I should tell you the story. My seven-year-old son fell from his bicycle and was seriously injured internally. When the surgeon operated to stop the bleeding he discovered that the liver was badly lacerated. After the operation he told us that he had almost lost our son. After a few months the boy was able to resume his normal activities and return to school. Not long before the accident we had visited Mother Seton's shrine at Emmitsburg and had been very impressed. During the operation I recalled what I had read about prayers being answered through Mother Seton's intercession and began praying to her. While I do not feel that our son's recovery could be considered miraculous, I do attribute it to my prayers to our Blessed.

Mrs. M. E. S.

BURLINGAME, CALIF.—I had recourse to Blessed Elizabeth Ann Seton in a time of need and she heard my prayer. My younger sister was driving when a young boy darted in front of her. The boy suffered a fractured hip and concussion. His mother witnessed

the accident and was very cruel in her words to my sister. I made a special prayer to Blessed Elizabeth Ann Seton. The little boy recovered, but his parents brought an enormous law suit against my sister and my father. They had insurance but not enough to cover the quarter of a million dollars they asked. We all continued to pray to Mother Seton and just recently received word that the case was settled out of court within the amount of insurance coverage. I believe that Mother Seton's intercession played a vital role in this decision.

M. E. P.

PITTSBURGH, PA.—I am enclosing a donation in thanksgiving for a favor received through the intercession of Blessed Mother Seton. I pray to her every day.

H. M. H.

HOBOKEN, N. J.—Please accept this donation toward the Cause of Mother Seton. I had a severe backache and prayed to her for relief, which came. This is my way of saying "thank you" to her.

K. G. B.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA. — When I sent my petition in for the August Novena of Masses I was desperately in need of two instructors for our School of Nursing. The day I mailed the petition I hired one instructor. On the closing day of the Novena Mother Seton came through and I was able to hire another. I pray daily for the canonization of Elizabeth Ann Seton and hope that it will soon come to pass.

M. C. K.

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