

---

# The Seton Causeway

To Promote the Canonization of Mother Seton

---

NUMBER 126

EMMITSBURG, MD.

MARCH, 1974

## SETON BICENTENNIAL INAUGURATED



### *1400 Attend Opening Mass at Emmitsburg*

THE SETON Bicentennial Year was officially opened at St. Joseph's Provincial House, Emmitsburg, with a concelebrated Mass and luncheon on January 5. Fourteen hundred attended.

Lawrence Cardinal Shehan, Archbishop of Baltimore, was chief celebrant of the Mass. Concelebrants included Patrick Cardinal O'Boyle, retired Archbishop of Washington, and Archbishop Jean Jadot, Apostolic Delegate to the United States.

Also, Archbishop Thomas A. Donnellan of Atlanta; and Bishops Joseph T. Daley of Harrisburg; Joseph Lennox Federal of Salt Lake City; Edward J. Herrmann of Columbus; George L. Leech, retired Bishop of Harrisburg.  
*(Continued on Page 5)*

*Overall view of pontifical concelebrated Mass inaugurating the Seton Bicentennial Year in the chapel of St. Joseph's Provincial House, Emmitsburg.*

### **Postulator General Brings "Great Tidings" From Rome**

FATHER LUCIO G. LAPALORCIA, C.M., postulator general of the cause of Blessed Elizabeth Ann Seton, brought "great tidings" from Rome to the 1400 prelates, priests, religious and laity gathered to celebrate the opening of the Seton Bicentennial Year at St. Joseph's Provincial House on January 5.

Speaking at the luncheon in his native Italian, which was translated by Father Joseph I. Dirvin, C.M., the toastmaster, Father Lapalorcia said:

"This Bicentennial celebration so solemn and so deeply felt by us brings great happiness to my heart. In fact, it can be considered as an anticipation of greater festivities to come. I am the bearer of great tidings.

"What I have to say here is not, of course, an official announcement, for the final decision depends solely on the Holy Father. Our hopes, however, should be high that Blessed Mother Seton's canonization will not be delayed for any great length of time.

*(Continued on Page 4)*

## Seton Notes

THE WASHINGTON CHAPTER of the alumnae of St. Joseph College, Emmitsburg, sponsored a Mass for the canonization of Blessed Mother Seton in St. Matthew's Cathedral on January 6. Archbishop William Baum of Washington was the celebrant, and Msgr. Leo J. Coady, archdiocesan director of Catholic Charities, preached the homily. Commonwealth Judge Genevieve Blatt of Pennsylvania addressed the alumnae at a luncheon which had Father Lucio Lapalorcia, C.M., postulator general of Mother Seton's cause, as its guest of honor. Miss Mary Columbus is president of the alumnae chapter.

GOVERNOR MARVIN MANDEL of Maryland has proclaimed 1974 Seton Bicentennial Year in Maryland. In the citation Governor Mandel stated: "Blessed Elizabeth Ann Seton . . . has brought honor to her country and to this State by her exemplary practice of the virtues proper to her many roles as daughter, wife, mother, religious educator and ecumenist."

THE MARYLAND CHAPTER of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae and the Baltimore Chapter of the alumnae of St. Joseph College, Emmitsburg, jointly sponsored a concelebrated Mass for the canonization of Blessed Mother Seton in the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen on January 6. Lawrence Cardinal Shehan, Archbishop of Baltimore, was the chief celebrant. Concelebrating with the Cardinal were Father William J. Casey, C.M., professor of theology and campus chaplain at Niagara University, and Father Joseph I. Dirvin, C.M., vice president and secretary of St. John's University, who also preached the homily. A reception followed in Mother Seton's house on Paca Street. Mayor William Donald Schaefer marked the occasion by declaring the Sunday Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton Day in Baltimore. Mrs. Russell C. Tontz, Sr., is governor of the Maryland Chapter of IFCA, Mrs. John T. Bailey is president of the Baltimore Chapter of St. Joseph College alumnae and Mrs. Charles O. MacSherry is president of the Mother Seton House association.

THE WILMINGTON CHAPTER of the St. Joseph College, Emmitsburg, alumnae sponsored a Mass for the canonization of Blessed Mother Seton in St. Peter's Cathedral on January 6. Bishop Thomas Mardaga of Wilmington was the celebrant and Father Harry J. Flynn, rector of Mount St. Mary's Seminary, preached the homily. Mrs. Thomas Goetz is president of the Wilmington alumnae chapter.

THE SISTERS OF CHARITY of St. Elizabeth, Convent, N. J., marked the beginning of the Seton Bicentennial Year with a concelebrated Mass in Holy Family Chapel at their motherhouse on January 5. Bishop Lawrence B. Casey of Paterson was the chief celebrant and preached the homily. Concelebrating with the Bishop were Msgrs. Leonard B. Cassell, Joseph J. Gallo and Christian D. Haag

and Fathers George T. Shema and Raymond Pavlick. Father Kenneth Lasch was master of ceremonies.

On January 13 a special celebration was held for the sick and elderly Sisters at St. Anne Villa. Sisters confined to their rooms were able to participate via the loudspeaking system.

FIFTY-FIVE ARCHBISHOPS AND BISHOPS of American sees responded in the affirmative to a request for Masses for the canonization of Blessed Mother Seton to be offered in their cathedrals and parish churches in their dioceses. The request was made by Mrs. Russell C. Tontz, Sr., governor of the Maryland Chapter of the IFCA.

TWO DOCUMENTARIES on Blessed Mother Seton were aired on national television and radio during February. NBC Radio presented a two-part program on its *Guideline* series on February 17 and 24. Entitled "Elizabeth Seton: A Woman for Our Times," the series consisted of two presentations, "The Woman" and "The Great Achievement," written and narrated by Father Joseph I. Dirvin, C.M., vice president and secretary of St. John's University and author of *Mrs. Seton*. The voice of Mother Seton was supplied by Sister Mary Rose McGeedy, D.C., regional coordinator, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Brooklyn. ABC Network TV presented "Elizabeth Seton: To Be Born Anew" on its *Directions* series on February 24. The show was written, directed and produced by Paul E. Wilson in cooperation with the Division for Film and Broadcasting, National Catholic Conference, headed by Father Patrick J. Sullivan, S.J. Father Sullivan hopes to have the radio series aired again in August close to Mother Seton's birthday.

ELIZABETH SETON CELEBRATIONS were held in the provinces of the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati, Ohio. Sisters of the Central Region and the Dayton Province gathered at the motherhouse in Cincinnati on January 25. The day before, Msgr. Henry J. Richter and Father Raphael Sourd concelebrated a Mass for the ill and retired Sisters in Mother Margaret Hall infirmary chapel. In the Denver Province areas Auxiliary Bishop George Evans of Denver celebrated Mass in that city on January 4, and on the same day in Pueblo Bishop Charles Buswell concelebrated with twenty priests. Father Robert Kinkel was the celebrant in Colorado Springs on January 6. The Sisters of Albuquerque and Santa Fe, N. M., held their celebration on January 4.

ST. ELIZABETH'S ACADEMY, Convent, N. J., held a Seton Bicentennial Day on February 15. The academy is conducted by the Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth. Father Joseph I. Dirvin, C.M., spoke to a special assembly on the topic: "Elizabeth Seton and Young People," and afterward celebrated a votive Mass in honor of the Blessed. Sister Hildegard Marie, S.C., superior general, attended with her councillors, and faculty and parents were present. The festivities concluded with a luncheon. Sister Francis Maria, S.C., was chairman, assisted by a committee of faculty and students.

## Challenging Homily

(Continued from Page 5)

"As perhaps some of you have noted recent activity by the National Council of Churches indicates a recognition by that body of an obligation to be active in religious education and supportive of other groups who are. At the meeting where this was considered, the general secretary of United Church of Christ, division of Christian education, stated that many Protestants are now agreeing with Catholics that 'values which the public schools convey are often alien to much of which we value most highly' and because of that they are seeking ways to foster alternatives. I would hope that Catholic parents and others will recognize this concern and match it with increased support and concern for parochial education.

## The Future

"After writing these words a gentleman came to my office to pose the very question I raise: What is the future of our parochial system of education? His thought was that we should make a decision now with particular reference to our elementary system. A carefully planned program for their development and support was suggested. It came as a surprise in view of the present situation, but it does deserve thoughtful reflection.

"To support his view, the very next day I was reading the latest edition of *The Way*, a British publication, in which a Jesuit priest speaking to the very problem, among others, said this: 'In some places it may be possible for the parents, teachers, pupils and governors to come together to study and implement the programme set out in the *Declaration of Christian Education*, and elsewhere in Vatican II. When they do, I suspect the problem will not be: Do we want to give up Catholic schools? But rather: Do we want to start Catholic schools?'

"These two observations may be signs of hope."

## Pray for Help

"It has occurred to me that we should seek the intercession of Blessed Elizabeth Seton in behalf of Catholic parochial education. Surely her interest in its beginning has not diminished. She can be our advocate with God so that the value of Christian education will be recognized by all and receive the support it rightly deserves."

## Prayer Campaign Launched

Knights of Columbus in Maryland have been asked to participate in a nationwide prayer campaign for the canonization of Blessed Elizabeth Seton. The solicitation is being undertaken by the Mother Seton Council, Knights of Columbus. Pledges of Masses, Communion and prayers, which are to be completed within one year, are to be forwarded to the Mother Seton Council Grand Knight, John D. Madden, Jr., 4906 71st Avenue, Hyattsville, Maryland 20784.

## Bicentennial Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Elizabeth Ann Seton

Dear God, You know about Elizabeth Seton. No one needs tell You what a magnificent woman, what a great American, what a saint she was . . . and is.

We should be following in her footsteps, doing what she did, helping as she helped. Yes, suffering, too, as she suffered; for we know, just as she knew, what You expect of us as women—privileged, it would seem, as no women before us have ever been to live in a country so great, so free, as ours.

In our newborn country in its early days she was a woman of her times. Yet, we know she is a woman of our times as well.

And so, because we are Catholics, as well as Americans, and we are women, too, we make to you this prayer:

May the honor of formal recognition as a saint in heaven soon be accorded to Elizabeth Seton, a great Christian American, a devoted daughter, a loving wife and mother, a courageous widow, and the founder of a great religious order. And may this honor and this recognition come now, dear Lord, while yet we plan the celebration of our nation's birth, so that the year of 1976 may be a time of double jubilation . . . double celebration.

We ask this, not just to honor Elizabeth Seton, Lord, or our country and hers, or the women of the world, but for Your honor and Your glory so that we and other women may be encouraged and strengthened, too, always and everywhere by Your grace to follow her example.

Imprimatur: ✠ William G. Connare  
Bishop of Greensburg  
March 9, 1973

This Prayer for women was composed by Judge Genevieve Blatt. Copies may be obtained at \$1.00 per 100 from the Greensburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, 26 Westminster Ave., Greensburg, Pa. 15601.



APOSTOLIC POSTULATION FOR THE CAUSE OF CANONIZATION OF BLESSED ELIZABETH ANN SETON, FOUNDRRESS OF THE SISTERS OF CHARITY IN AMERICA. Luigi Cardinal Raimondi, Prefect, Sacred Congregation for the Causes of Saints. Lawrence Cardinal Shehan, Archbishop of Baltimore. Very Rev. L. Giuseppe Lapalorcia, C.M., Postulator General. Rev. Sylvester A. Taggart, C.M., Vice Postulator.

MOTHER SETON GUILD, Emmitsburg, Md. 21727. Membership (living and deceased): Yearly—\$1.00; Perpetual—\$10.00; Family perpetual—\$50.00.

THE SETON CAUSEWAY, the official organ of the Mother Seton Guild. Rev. Joseph I. Dirvin, C.M., Editor. Published quarterly for members of the Mother Seton Guild only.

FEDERATION OF MOTHER SETON'S DAUGHTERS: Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul; Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill, Greensburg, Pa.; Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati, Ohio; Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth, Convent, N. J.; Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, of New York; Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, Halifax.

## Through Her Intercession

CARL ERIC KALIN, a Protestant, was admitted to St. Joseph's Hospital, Yonkers, N. Y., on October 9, 1963, with a very rare condition diagnosed as *fulminating meningo-encephalitis* complicated by *primary rubcola*, or red measles. His condition was critical.

Mr. Kalin's wife, informed by the Sisters of Charity of New York who conduct the hospital about their foundress, Blessed Elizabeth Ann Seton, accepted a touched relic of the Blessed and pinned it on her husband's hospital gown.

### Condition Worsens

At 6:45 P.M. the patient's condition worsened, and the Sister in charge of the hall, Sister Dominic Rosaire, S.C., sent for the Sister Administrator of the hospital to comfort Mrs. Kalin. When the Sister Administrator arrived the doctors were working feverishly over the patient. His face had turned a purplish black.

Sister led his wife into an adjoining room where they began to recite the novena prayers to Blessed Elizabeth Ann Seton for his complete recovery. They had scarcely begun when the attending physician, Dr. Frank Flood, interrupted them with the grave news that Mr. Kalin might not live until midnight.

Sister Dominic Rosaire then went to telephone Sister Marie Clotilde, the assistant mother at Mount St. Vincent, the Sister's motherhouse, to ask for the prayers of the professed Sisters and the novices. Next, Sister Dominic Rosaire placed a first-class relic of Blessed Elizabeth Ann Seton on the patient's head, then fastened it to the wall above the bed.

Mr. Kalin remained in a coma. After a while he began to suffer convulsions which increased in frequency until they became practically continuous. A neurologist and an anesthesiologist were summoned for a consultation. After a thorough examination they both agreed that, due to massive infection of the brain and the generally poor clinical condition of the patient, death must intervene shortly.

Nevertheless Mr. Kalin lived through the next two days, his condition remaining, however, extremely critical. The novena to Blessed Elizabeth Ann Seton, begun by the Sisters and Mrs. Kalin on the evening of October 9, continued.

### Remarkable Change

During the night of October 10 a special duty nurse again applied the first class relic of Blessed Elizabeth Ann Seton to Mr. Kalin's head and chest. The convulsions ceased immediately, and his high temperature took a dramatic drop; before morning it dropped again, to normal.

He lay for the next three days in a waking condition without the relief of sleep. Finally,

on the 15th he fell into a natural sleep from which he did not rouse until noon on the 16th. He awakened fully alert and talked in a coherent manner.

On October 17, the last day of the novena to Blessed Elizabeth Ann Seton, he was up and around, and eager to catch up with the news of the outside world. He remembered nothing, of course, of the terrible days he had just passed through.

On November 2, 1963, he left the hospital for home, and in due time returned to full-time work, bearing no trace of his virulent illness. He is now retired and living with his wife in Florida.

### "BLESSED ELIZABETH ANN SETON"

By Joseph I. Dirvin, C.M.

With the permission of the original publishers, Farrar, Straus and Giroux, Inc., this 32-page booklet has been reprinted. It is available at the Mother Seton Guild office at 15c per copy.

## Postulator General

(Continued from Page 1)

"According to the present canonical procedure, the canonization of any Blessed necessarily requires the presence of some miracles after the beatification. I have now good reason to believe that a miraculous cure obtained through Blessed Mother Seton's intercession in October of 1963 is about to receive official recognition.

"We have suffered anxious moments of expectation until December 13, 1973, but on that day a step was taken in the right direction. In fact the Medical Commission of nine illustrious doctors, after a long and detailed examination of the cure of October 1963, has found it miraculous. The vote of the Commission, given under oath, was extremely positive, generating great satisfaction and showing signs of true enthusiasm.

"There are other obstacles to be overcome, but the hardest ones are behind us. It is my firm hope that the Holy Father will accept our humble petitions. Let me conclude then by saying: May we see you soon in Rome in the Vatican Basilica for the purpose of acclaiming Blessed Mother Seton a saint."

## REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS



CANCER CURES—New Orleans, La.; Minneapolis, Minn.; New York, N. Y.; Chicago, Ill.; Hyannis, Mass.; Buffalo, N. Y.; Mount St. Joseph, Ohio; Huntington, Ind.; West Palm Beach, Fla.; Middletown, N. J.; Hyattsville, Md.

EMPLOYMENT—Hamtramack, Mich.; Bronx, N. Y.; East Brunswick, N. J.; Yonkers, N. Y.; Metairie, La.; Mount Kisco, N. Y.; Lodi, N. J.

ALCOHOLISM PROBLEMS—Waterbury, Conn.; Westerly, R. I.; Parlin, N. J.; Frederick, Md.

HEALTH—Sayreville, N. J.; Water Mill, N. Y.; Hamtramack, Mich.; Nanuet, N. Y. (3); Westerly, R. I.; Inverness, Fla.; Worcester, Mass.; Convent, N. J.; Bronx, N. Y.; Metairie, La.; Bathurst, N. S.; Lackawanna, N. Y.; Fort Wayne, Ind.

BRAIN DAMAGE—Bronx, N. Y.; New York, N. Y.

ARTHRITIS CURE—Nova Scotia; Pittsburgh, Pa.; Bronx, N. Y.

OTHER CURES—Nova Scotia; Camp Hill, Pa.; St. Louis, Mo.; Fraser, Mich.; Pittsburgh, Pa.; Baltimore, Md.; Dorchester, Mass.; New York, N. Y.; Lake Ronkonkoma, N. Y.; Newbury Park, Calif.; Huntington Station, N. Y.

RETURN TO CHURCH—Bloomfield Hills, Mich.; Brooklyn, N. Y.; Waterbury, Conn.

FAMILY—Harrington Park, N. J.; Mount Vernon, N. Y.; Bathurst, N. S.; Nutley, N. J.; Brooklyn, N. Y.; Honeoye Falls, N. Y.; Woodland Hills, Calif.; Conoga Park, Calif.; Port Hawkesbury, N. S.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS—Lansing, Mich.; Garfield, N. J.; Brooklyn, N. Y.; Jersey City, N. J. (4); Nanuet, N. Y.; Floral Park, N. Y.; New York, N. Y.; Washington, D. C.; Annapolis, Md.; Bathurst, N. S.; Westerly, R. I.; Massapequa, N. Y.; Nutley, N. J.; Yonkers, N. Y.; Rego Park, N. Y.; Metairie, La.; North Andover, Mass.

## BICENTENNIAL MASS

(Continued from Page 1)

burg; Vincent M. Leonard of Pittsburgh; Thomas J. Mardaga of Wilmington; Francis R. Shea of Evansville; Walter F. Sullivan, Apostolic Administrator of Richmond; Ernest L. Unterkofler of Charleston; Vincent S. Waters of Raleigh; F. Joseph Gossman, Auxiliary of Baltimore; and Martin N. Lohmuller, Auxiliary of Philadelphia.

Also, Fathers William M. Slattery, C.M., superior general emeritus of the Vincentian Fathers and Daughters of Charity; Lucio G. Lapalorcia, C.M., postulator general of Blessed Mother Seton's cause in Rome; Sylvester A. Taggart, C.M., vice postulator; John G. Nugent, C.M., provincial of the Vincentians' Eastern Province; Charles J. O'Connor, C.M., director of the Daughters of Charity's Southeast Province; Joseph T. Tinnelly, C.M., director of the Daughters of Charity's Northeast Province; and more than a hundred monsignors and priests.

Bishop Herrmann preached the homily.

The lectors were Pennsylvania Commonwealth Judge Genevieve Blatt and Msgr. Hugh J. Phillips, archivist and president emeritus of Mount St. Mary's College.

## Choir

The Bicentennial Choir was made up of the Emmitsburg Community Chorus, the Vincentian novices from Philadelphia and Daughters of Charity of the Emmitsburg Province. Organists were Sister Mary Patricia Keating, D.C., and Alfred Gilbert. Lewis McAllister was cantor. The choir was directed by Sister Jane Marie Perrot, D.C., and the congregational singing was led by Father Arthur Bastress, pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Baltimore.

## Dignitaries

Among dignitaries attending were Mother Chiron, mother general of the Daughters of Charity; Sister Hilda Gleason, D.C., councillor general for the English speaking provinces, who came from the motherhouse in Paris; Mother Richard Ann, S.C., mother general of the Sisters of Charity of Greensburg, Pa.; Sister Mary Assunta, S.C., mother general of the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati; Sister Elizabeth Houlihan, S.C., assistant superior general of the Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth; Sister Mary, S.C., of the Sisters of Charity of New York; Sister Mary Rose McPhee, D.C., visitatrix of the West Central Province; Sister Elise Boudreau, D.C., visitatrix of the East Central Province; Sister Eleanor McNabb, D.C., visitatrix of the Southeast Province; and Sister Rosemary Pfaff, D.C., councillor of the Northeast Province.

Also, U. S. Senator Charles McC. Matthias of Maryland and Maryland State Controller Louis Goldstein.

Toastmaster at the luncheon was Father Joseph I. Dirvin, C.M. Speakers were Father Lapalorcia, Mother Chiron and Sister Eleanor.

## Challenging Homily

BISHOP EDWARD J. HERRMANN of Columbus, in his homily at the concelebrated Seton Bicentennial Mass at St. Joseph's Provincial House, Emmitsburg, had a challenging message concerning American Catholic schools. Highlights of his message follow.

## School Founders

"When writing these words and reflecting on the situation of our parochial school system today it seemed appropriate to recall that yesterday we celebrated the feast of Blessed Elizabeth and today that of Blessed John Neumann. These two blessed, although separated by a relatively few years, are rightly considered the pioneers of the parochial school system.

## Crisis

"They left to us the legacy of an educational system for which this country and our Church is deeply indebted. Events of our time have greatly lessened the growth of that system of education but these very times should compel us to evaluate our reasons and motives in permitting it to decline. Admittedly, the prejudice of some and lack of equality before the law has hurt the system. But we must also face the fact that the lack of interest and spirit of sacrifice on the part of laity as well as some of the religious and clergy is partly responsible for the decline.

"Does it not seem unreal that at a time when nothing is so needed as faith and an appreciation of true values that our system faces decline? We seem to be letting drift away that very tool which can serve to develop the whole man, man destined to serve God and his fellowman, destined for eternity!

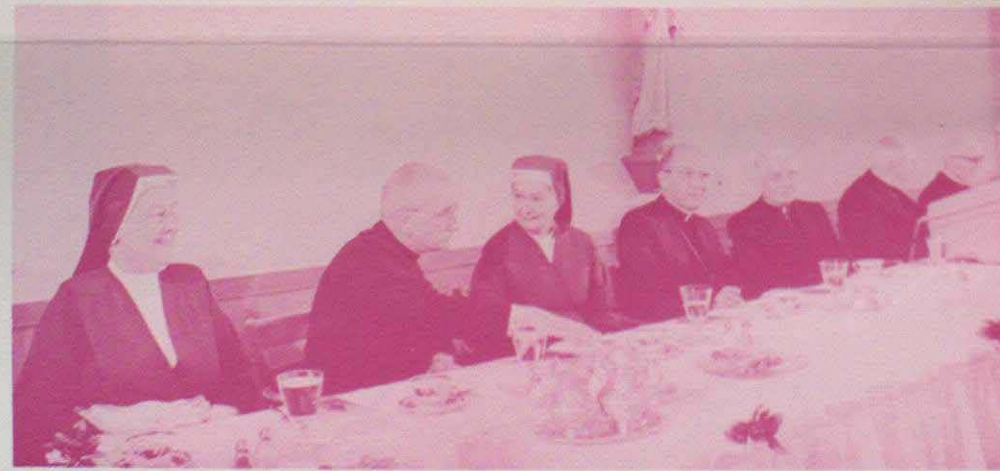
## Disturbing Statistics

"I know and being an Ordinary of a diocese fully appreciate the depth of this condition especially when we are plagued with many money problems. But does it not give us reason to pause when we realize that in the past eight years we have closed 2,778 schools while other non-public schools have increased sixty-six percent! Most of these schools are church related. And why have they increased? The parents will tell you that they wish their children to have a true appreciation of values. These they can receive in their parochial school. Our Church recognized this, as witness the efforts of Blessed Elizabeth Seton and Blessed John Neumann. The new schools now opening in the Protestant and Jewish communities are proof that the people of faith are willing to sacrifice to see that their children receive total education. And it is not without importance to note that most of these schools receive no church subsidy.

## Renewed Interest

"It would appear that we must look to a renewed interest in the parochial system. This can only come if its value is recognized by all, if the system gives quality education and all, including the families, are willing to sacrifice for it. It means asserting through a united effort that the rights of our children are not to be violated by court decrees that are nothing more than the propagation of a secularism which is foreign to the very minds of the architects to the constitution who are so often quoted in support of these narrow-minded decisions of the court.

(Continued on Page 3)



At the Bicentennial Luncheon, left to right: Sister Eleanor McNabb, visitatrix of the Daughters of Charity's Emmitsburg Province; Father Lucio Lapalorcia, C.M., postulator general; Mother Chiron, mother general of the Daughters of Charity; Archbishop Jean Jadot, Apostolic Delegate; Lawrence Cardinal Shehan, Archbishop of Baltimore; Patrick Cardinal O'Boyle, retired Archbishop of Washington; and Father William Slattery, C.M., superior general emeritus of the Vincentian Fathers and Daughters of Charity.

New Provincial  
At Emmitsburg

## Sister Mary Clare Installed

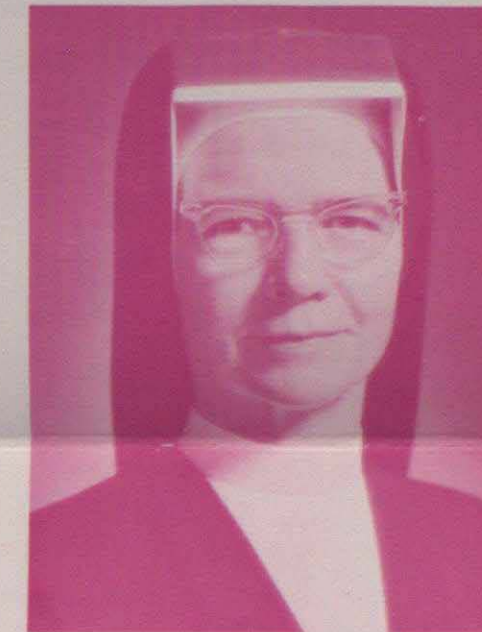
SISTER MARY CLARE HUGHES, D.C., was installed on January 16 as visitatrix and provincial superior of the Emmitsburg (Southeast) Province of the Daughters of Charity by Father Charles J. O'Connor, C.M., director. Sister Mary Clare succeeds Sister Eleanor McNabb, D.C., who has been assigned to Seton House, Washington, D. C.

## Education

Sister Mary Clare had been provincial assistant and councillor for hospitals and health services of the province since 1962. She is a native of Baltimore, Md., where she attended St. Elizabeth's Elementary School and Seton High School before entering St. Joseph College, Emmitsburg. She holds bachelor and master degrees in nursing from the Providence Division of the Catholic University of America.

## Career

Sister taught at St. Joseph's School, Martinsburg, W. Va., from 1944 to 1946. From 1946 to 1951 she was assigned to Providence Hospital, Washington, then went as director of nursing to St. Vincent's Hospital, Jacksonville, Fla., and from 1953 to 1960 as administrator of the hospital. In 1960 she was appointed administrator of St. Mary's Hospital, Saginaw, Mich., where she served for two years before assuming her duties as assistant and councillor at the provincial house.



Sister Mary Clare Hughes

## Message

In accepting her new responsibility Sister Mary Clare said that "working directly with more of our Sisters will be a distinct happiness for me and will lessen the burden of my charge. Their love will be the fuel that will inspire and encourage me in the government of the province.

"By intensifying our spiritual life and strengthening the bond of unity within each local community and the province as a whole, we hope to fulfill still more perfectly the works of the apostolate that are confided to us. These works are the practical expression of our consecration to the Lord, and in them we encounter Him in all to whom we render service, especially the poor."

## Favors Acknowledged

SCHENECTADY, N. Y. This past summer I underwent two operations for cancer. The doctors were very pessimistic after the first operation because the type of cancer found has always been fatal to the few people who have had it. The second operation revealed that the cancer had not spread, that the tumor had become localized and could be dealt with. I feel certain that it was the prayers of my family and friends and the intercession of Blessed Mother Seton which brought about this happy condition.—Mrs. A. M.

BOWIE, MD. Two of my small sons have heart defects which indicate eventual heart surgery. When one of them had his annual check-up recently we were told that he would not need the operation which was practically certain a year ago. This change for the better took place during the time that my son was wearing a relic of Mother Seton.—Mrs. J. S.

METAIRE, LA. The day after our baby was born my husband lost his job. He found another job which he did not like, but at least the money was coming in. Then he was laid off again. I promised Mother Seton that, if my husband found a permanent job he liked, I would send a small donation to her cause. He found such a job only a few days later.—Mrs. R. L.

## 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 the Causes of the Saints.

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

1-3-5-7

Non-Profit Org.

U.S. POSTAGE

PAID

Emmitsburg, Md.

Permit No. 20