

The Seton Causeway

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AS A RESIDENT of New York City at the time of the ratification of the Constitution Elizabeth Bayley Seton (1774-1821) was a charter citizen of the United States. In becoming its first native-born canonized saint on September 14, 1975 Elizabeth will be not a new but a more distinguished citizen of heaven.

Somewhere between these two meaningful frontiers but embracing both lies Mother Seton's own broad estimate of her citizenship when she tells Father Simon Bruté she is "a citizen of the world."

This supranational view is reflected earlier when she reacts to General Andrew Jackson's brilliant but unnecessary victory at New Orleans in a letter to her son William:

... your poor Mother looks only at souls. I see neither American or English, but souls redeemed and lost. But you must. Your case is quite different. Love your country, yet also all countries, my William.

However, she undoubtedly did identify with this country whose birth her own preceded by only two years; and she must have often had stirrings of patriotism at its crowded events whose fringes affected her life and thoughts.

Her Country

Elizabeth refers to herself to Filippo Filicchi as "your poor American convert." And to her dear friend Julia Scott, who gave her moral and financial support, she wrote assuring her of her part "if these two young men (her sons) ever become, as I trust they will, an honor to their country and society in their different lines of life."

Father Dirvin in his *Mrs. Seton* describes how in a letter to another friend, Eliza Craig Sadler, who was traveling in France,

she goes on with something of the sententious patriotism then arising in American breasts, to spurn things Continental; and she avers that "your boulevards I dare say . . . are very inferior to the pure air, fine prospect and gliding current of our Battery."

This was not really a chauvinistic Americanism, for her earliest biographer, Rev. Charles White, wrote in 1853:

Bigotry and prejudice seem to have found no admittance to her mind. . . . She knew how to respect the convictions of her neighbors and even to admire among them certain institutions unknown among those of her own creed.

Elizabeth Bayley Seton: American

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A like openness to others is also remarked by Monsignor Joseph B. Code when he states, "She was no visionary who divorced herself from actualities around her. She knew the problems of her times and the spirit of her people." That those times mirrored our present problems can be easily seen. Although Elizabeth had confided to her son that she did not understand politics or personalities, she was revolted by a cartoon of President Thomas Jefferson as John Gilpin (*John Gilpin's Ride*) and said "her Bayley blood mounted."

Constant War

Born at a time when the country was fomenting revolution, Elizabeth spent 30 of her 47 years in a wartime environment.

She was isolated in New Rochelle as a child, and in later years near the small village of Emmitsburg, so that she was not personally involved beyond worrying about rising prices and availability of food. She did "complain about the mails which ordinarily were 'bad indeed' and now were 'crazy' and she added with a touch of naivete, 'I have heard that there have been political quarrels which interrupt the mail.'" (Dirvin.) To such a devoted letter-writer this was suffering indeed.

Personal involvement for Elizabeth would have been involvement of the spirit. The number of visitors to Emmitsburg was surprising, and among them Catherine Duplex braved the war and constant threat of violence to come. She gave Elizabeth "more happiness than she dared look for in the common course of things."

From the time he was 14, William had dreamed of the Navy, and though his mother dreaded the danger to his body and soul, she did make contacts with political figures to give him his heart's desire. She did not have to face his going until after the war (of 1812); but she could understand his misery when his

friends at Mount St. Mary's College were volunteering.

Concern for Friends

In 1814 Elizabeth would have been deeply concerned about the near-destruction of Washington and the tribulations of her friends in besieged Baltimore. Her friend and guide's, Archbishop John Carroll's, patriotism was as decided as his piety. He, as well as his cousin Charles and brother Daniel, had direct impact on our nation's political documents. His memorandum on religious liberty was presented to Congress by George Washington. Old and ill, the Archbishop was still very much involved in civic affairs in both cities, and Elizabeth was anxious about his situation. Her spiritual director, Father Simon Bruté, walked to Baltimore to offer his ministerial services. All of this could not have left Mother Seton either unaware or unconcerned that the country and her friends were in such throes.

She was also receiving pleas for the Sisters' help from Father Moranville who, as Annabelle Melville relates, was overworked at St. Patrick's Church, Fell's Point (where Benedict Flaget would be consecrated Bishop of Bardonia a year later). He was trying to care for the wounded almost singlehandedly and wrote to the Sisters that he feared the British would try once more "to carry off the place, and he begged that the good women would not forget Baltimore at this critical moment."

Although the war continued to rage with extreme severity, Mother Seton "considered before God the present difficulties," according to Mme. DeBarbrey, and acceded to a request from Bishop Michael Egan by assigning three Sisters to make a hazardous journey to Philadelphia to take over an orphanage there.

One cannot forget the land of one's birth even far away, much less when one is as close

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Seton Notes

MEMBERS OF THE FEDERATION of the Daughters of Blessed Elizabeth Seton representing the 7,500 Sisters of Charity in America met at Convent Station, N. J., January 7-9.

The Sisters expressed great joy at the coming canonization, but also concern that the occasion be marked by simplicity and awareness for the needs of the world. They passed unanimously a resolution to establish a fund from the contributions of the Sisters and the Communities to be presented to the Holy Father on the occasion of Elizabeth Seton's canonization for the alleviation of the needs of the starving peoples of the world.

Father Sylvester A. Taggart, C.M., vice postulator of Mother Seton's cause also attended.

Sister Hildegard Marie Mahoney, chairman of the Federation, commented: "I think we've all come away from this meeting more conscious than ever that Elizabeth Seton now belongs to all people. Her life speaks not only to us as Sisters of Charity but also, for example, to allow those who seek sincerely to follow God's Will—in whatever faith; to all who have known the human love of husband, wife, family and friends—and the inevitable suffering that is part of that love; to all who have agonized over a decision of conscience—and were willing to stand alone, if necessary, 'with the decision made.'"

SISTER KATHERINE O'TOOLE, superior general of the Sisters of Charity of Halifax, responded to the announcement of Blessed Mother Seton's canonization by commenting on her last admonition to her Sisters, "Be children of the Church: When there are so many questions and such confusion, I think the words are a timely reminder of the solidarity that is needed among all of us—religious, priests and lay people—who are involved in the ongoing process of redemption.

"Up to this time homage paid to Mother Seton or reverence given to her has been reserved to those religious communities which claim her as their founder, or to persons who have a special devotion to her. Now the Church is holding her up as a person one can look at, admire and possibly imitate.

"Canonization is the Church's distinctive statement that a person is indeed holy, one who is with God, one to whom we can and should pay reverence."

THE SISTERS OF CHARITY OF NEW YORK have inaugurated a quarterly *News of the Sisters of Charity of New York* "to explore candidly what's going on in religious life as we know it, and why." The first issue reports on a statement by the Sisters' Assembly on the Corporate Ministry of the Sisters of Charity: "The paper defines the corporate ministry of the Sisters of Charity . . . very simply: 'to live so as to proclaim the Gospel and make its values present and effective in the world.'

"Paying tribute to the unique value of each Sister as 'an individual named by God and touched by His Spirit,' the paper terms it the individual's responsibility 'gradually to grow in awareness of her deepest identity and evolving life ministry through growth in prayer, sensitivity to the Spirit, awareness of her value and gifts, interrelation-

ships with others, and openness to shape and be shaped by the Charisms of the Congregation."

The first issue of the *News* also reports that the religious communities of the New York area, including the Sisters of Charity, "are tackling issues of justice and peace in an organized way" from headquarters at Seton Center, 20 Washington Square North.

"NIGHT LINE," a radio feature of WBM-FM in Chicago, recently featured an interview of Sister Mary Dolores Schneider of the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati by Michael Edwards. The interview explored the meaning of sainthood, the history and process of canonization, and the miracles and role of saints in the Church.

SETON DAYS among the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati included a special program consisting of Mass, Vespers and a musical at the motherhouse on January 5, a Mass at the College of Mount St. Joseph in the Cincinnati province celebrated by Cincinnati Auxiliary Bishop Daniel Pilarczyk on the same day, and the annual Mass for Sisters of Charity living and deceased who have served or are serving St. James Parish, Bay City, Mich., on January 4.

"ELIZABETH OF NEW YORK," the play about five crucial years in Elizabeth Seton's life by Sister Francis Maria Cassidy of the Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth, Convent, N. J., which was successfully produced by the Veronica's Veil Players at their theater in Union City, N. J., during November 1974, is now available for general production. The play is suitable for production by Little Theater groups, college and university drama groups, parish drama groups, etc. Information regarding purchase of scripts and production rights can be obtained by contacting Sister Francis Maria Cassidy, S.C., Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station, N. J. 07961 (phone 201-539-1600).

THE WASHINGTON CHAPTER of St. Joseph's College, Emmitsburg, Alumnae sponsored a Mass of thanksgiving for the canonization of Blessed Elizabeth Ann Seton in St. Matthew's Cathedral, Washington, D. C., on Sunday, January 5, 1975. Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Lyons was principal celebrant of the Mass. Archbishop William Baum presided and Cardinal Patrick O'Boyle, retired archbishop of the diocese, attended. Father Joseph I. Dirvin, C.M., author of *Mrs. Seton* and editor of *The Seton Causeway*, was the homilist.

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK greeted the news of Mother Seton's canonization with a quickly scheduled Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral at 12 noon on the day of the announcement, December 12, 1974. Cardinal Terence Cooke, Archbishop of New York, was chief celebrant. Concelebrants were Coadjutor Archbishop John Maguire, eight bishops and some 60 priests. Father Joseph I. Dirvin, C.M., was the homilist. Sisters of Charity of New York were lecturers and presented the gifts at the offertory.

Cardinal Cooke spoke briefly to the congregation of 2,000 and read the following tribute which he had composed for the occasion:

"In Elizabeth Ann Seton we have a saint for our times!

"In Elizabeth Ann Seton we have a woman of faith for a time of doubt and uncertainty!

"In Elizabeth Ann Seton we have a woman of love for a time of coldness and division!

"In Elizabeth Ann Seton we have a woman of hope for a time of crisis and disappointment!

"Thanks be to God for this daughter of New York, for this valiant woman of God's Church."

Before the Mass the Cardinal, accompanied by Sister Margaret Dowling, president of the Sisters of Charity of New York, and Father Dirvin, met the news and TV media in front of the great bronze central door of the Cathedral which carries a bronze statue of Blessed Elizabeth Ann Seton with the description, "Daughter of New York."

A RETREAT for the 19 Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati who serve the farm workers in California was held at La Paz, headquarters of the United Farm Workers movement. Cesar Chavez addressed the Sisters, thanking them for their apostolate and expressing optimism for the future of his movement.

CARDINAL HUMBERTO MEDEIROS, Archbishop of Boston, was chief celebrant and homilist of a Mass sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of Halifax missioned in Wellesley Hills, Mass., to mark the bicentennial of Blessed Elizabeth Ann Seton's birth and the announcement of her forthcoming canonization. Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence Riley, Father Alfred Connick, vicar for religious, and some 30 priests were concelebrants. Sister Katherine O'Toole, superior general, attended. The Sisters had as their guests also more than 50 Sisters from the New Jersey congregation.

The Cardinal, who is a successor of Mother Seton's friend Bishop John Cheverus in the See of Boston, said of the spirituality of the saint-to-be: "Her heart was so big that it had to embrace the whole Church. She was aflame with love. Her family became God's family—the Church." And he made his theme personal to the Sisters: "Let us pray to Blessed Mother Seton that she will bring to you young hearts, inflamed with your zeal and her zeal for the Church, so that you and they may go out through the world and tell the world, 'Be children of the Church.'"

In the evening Dr. Annabelle Melville, author of *Elizabeth Bayley Seton, 1774-1821*, spoke on the topic "The Men in Her Life." Dr. Melville cited Mrs. Seton as proof that "a woman's life can be infinitely varied, ceaselessly expansive and enduringly happy. . . . The endearing thing about Elizabeth Seton is that with all her impulsiveness and capacity for human affection, she never tried to rationalize or deceive herself when these traits got her into difficulty." In conclusion Dr. Melville expressed the hope that the example of Elizabeth Seton might promote the theme of the Holy Year by reconciling all women to their privileged condition of being women, so that "we, too, may not be bane, but blessing to the men in our lives."

BALTIMORE'S CATHEDRAL of Mary Our Queen was the scene of a Mass of thanksgiving for the canonization of Blessed

Mother Seton on January 5. Cardinal Lawrence Shehan, former Archbishop of Baltimore and a successor of the first Bishop, John Carroll, whom Mother Seton and her children regarded as their father, was the chief celebrant and homilist. Concelebrants were Fathers John Grega and Larry LaPointe. Mrs. Anne O'Neill Hooe, whose cure of lymphatic leukemia at the age of 4 was one of the three miracles authenticated for Mother Seton's Cause, and her husband and children presented the gifts at the offertory.

Mayor William Donald Schaefer of Baltimore attended the Mass and after Communion read from the pulpit a Proclamation declaring Sunday, January 5, 1975, "Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton Day."

The Mass was followed by a pilgrimage to the Mother Seton House on Paca Street where members of the Mother Seton House Guild greeted the pilgrims.

AT THE REQUEST of the Alumnae of St. Joseph College, Emmitsburg, the ordinaries and pastors of some 50 archdioceses and dioceses offered Masses and/or prayers of thanksgiving on January 5 for Blessed Elizabeth Ann Seton's canonization.

The participating Sees were: the archdioceses of Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, Cincinnati, Kansas City, New Orleans, Omaha, San Antonio, Santa Fe, San Francisco and Washington; and the dioceses of Alexandria, Altoona-Johnstown, Arlington, Birmingham, Bismarck, Boise, Bridgeport, Burlington, Charleston, Charlotte, Cheyenne, Corpus Christi, Dodge City, Duluth, Harrisburg, Houston, Jackson, Joliet, Kansas City-St. Joseph, Lansing, Little Rock, Lincoln, Manchester, Mobile, New Ulm, Oakland, Ogdensburg, Owensboro, Pueblo, Reno, Richmond, Rockville Centre, Sacramento, Scranton, St. Augustine, Stockton, Tucson, Wilmington and Youngstown.

Participating also were Bishops Edward J. Herrmann of Columbus, George H. Speltz of St. Cloud and William G. Connare of Greensburg.



Sister Dorothy Jacko and Sister Teresa Clare Kernan examine Mother Seton's own copy of the FOLLOWING OF CHRIST, a precious relic treasured by the Seton Hill Community.

Sister Teresa Clare, Seton Hill archivist, points out that it was marginal notes in this book, written in Mother Seton's own hand, that gave official evidence of her baptism, evidence essential to her cause.

Favors Acknowledged

BRONX, N. Y. I owe much to Mother Seton for help she has given me over the years. In 1962 I was stricken with double vision and was confined to a hospital run by Sisters of Charity. It was recommended that I pray to Mother Seton and within three months I was completely recovered. The doctors all agreed that my recovery was remarkable. Many other problems have been solved through the intercession of Mother Seton.—*J. N. W.*

CHICAGO, ILL. I made several novenas to Mother Seton that my daughter would be able to find an apartment for herself and her five children. Thanks to our Blessed's intercession, my prayers were answered. — *Mrs. N. C.*

MIAMI, FLA. A member of my family was operated on for a blood clot on the brain due to a fall. He had lost his reason and was like an infant, not remembering anything. I applied the relic of Mother Seton to him, and all during the operation I held the relic in my hand, asking Mother Seton to save him. He has had a truly remarkable, complete recovery.—*M. M.*

PITTSBURGH, PA. I wish to acknowledge a favor received through the intercession of Mother Seton. My sister was able to sell a commercial property at a time when there was no great demand.—*Sister J. A.*

CANADA. My daughter has epilepsy, and I pray constantly to Mother Seton that she may be cured. The girl is on medication and has not had an attack for some five years. I feel sure that Mother Seton is interceding for her—*Anon.*

NANUET, N. Y. I hasten to acknowledge remarkable answers to prayers to Blessed Elizabeth Seton: restoration from disoriented vision for my cousin, recovery from Bergers Disease for a religious, and my own recovery from serious illness after seven weeks in the hospital.—*Sister M. A.*

RIVERDALE, N. Y. The announcement of the canonization of Mother Seton brought the following account of a notable cure through her intercession. Would you mention it in *The Seton Causeway*? "My daughter at the age of five was not a well child and no diagnosis of her illness was satisfactory. Finally a doctor said that her

heart was in the wrong position and an operation would be necessary to prevent death by smothering. During the operation she wore a relic of Mother Seton. The files at the hospital attest to the very remarkable recovery my daughter made."—*Sister T. D. W.*

YPSILANTI, MICH. A few months ago I was hospitalized and told that I had a blood disease called lymphoma. My doctor also told me that there was no cure. At the time I was given a relic of Mother Seton which I have worn daily. I have improved greatly, and while I am taking medication, I feel sure that Mother Seton has interceded for me.—*C. B.*

QUINCY, MASS. This is to inform you of a favor obtained through the intercession of Blessed Elizabeth Ann Seton. I promised to have it published in *The Seton Causeway*. Also, enclosed please find a donation toward Mother Seton's canonization in thanksgiving for this great favor received through her intercession. Many thanks to her.—*Mrs. D. W.*

SYRACUSE, N. Y. I have just purchased a little house which I am convinced I would never have heard about without Mother Seton's intercession. It is well built, clean and, the best part, within my means. Enclosed is a donation in thanksgiving. Thank you, Mother Seton. Please publish.—*Mrs. L. C.*

ALTOONA, PA. My family was involved in a terrible automobile accident which claimed the life of one motorist. A relic of Mother Seton was in my son's pocket. Without her, the death toll would certainly have been much higher. It is difficult to express how grateful we are.—*J. M. S.*

NEW ORLEANS, LA. I have asked Mother Seton to obtain three favors for me. So far, two have been granted. I am sure the third one will be answered in time. Thanks to Mother Seton for her goodness.—*H. K.*

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO. I feel that I must let you know of the many times that Mother Seton has helped me and those to whom I have introduced her. I always give a touched relic-medal to anyone who asks me about her. The favors have been many, from cure of drug habit to employment, family reunited and many more. I am very grateful for all the help she has given to those who asked her intercession.—*P. R. P.*

BRONX, N. Y. Enclosed is a very small donation. I wish it could be more. I always pray to Blessed Mother Seton. She has done so much for me and for others I have prayed for.—*Mrs. R. J.*

LONG ISLAND, N. Y. A few weeks ago I made a petition to Blessed Elizabeth Ann Seton for my niece who is five years old and was about to have a fourth operation for cancer. I prayed hard that no further malignancy would be found, and I have just received word that my prayers were answered. The child wore Mother Seton's medal, and I am sure that our Blessed interceded for her.—*N.*

CASCO, WIS. Our son is home after four months in the hospital. The doctors feel that they have his cancer condition under control, and his spirits are tremendous. We are grateful to Mother Seton for interceding for him, and to the good nurse who first told us about her. We have surely been given the necessary courage and strength to help our son through each hour of each day.—*Mrs. L. D.*

NEW EDITION OF SETON BIOGRAPHY

Farrar, Straus and Giroux, the New York publishing house that brought out the biography *Mrs. Seton* by Joseph I. Dirvin, C.M., in 1962, has announced a New Canonization Edition to be published in June 1975.

The special edition, which will be the third printing of the work, features a new Foreword by Terence Cardinal Cooke, Archbishop of New York, a new Author's Note by Father Dirvin, and the official Decree proclaiming Blessed Elizabeth Ann Seton's forthcoming canonization.

In addition, there are 455 pages of text, 41 pages of Sources, Bibliography and Index, and 27 illustrations.

Hardback copies, 8½ by 5¾, will sell at \$12.95 per copy; and Paperback copies, 7¼ by 4¼, at \$4.95 per copy, and will be available in bookstores across the country and in Canada.

Former printings of the work, both hardback and paperback, have been exhausted.

Seton Guild Plans
Canonization Trip

THE MOTHER SETON GUILD, the official arm of the Seton cause in the United States with Father Sylvester A. Taggart, C.M., vice postulator, at its head, is sponsoring a nationwide pilgrimage to Rome for Mother Seton's canonization on September 14, 1975.

The tour is organized for Guild members. One becomes a member by sending the yearly membership fee of \$1.00 to The Mother Seton Guild, Emmitsburg, Md. 21727. Members receive THE SETON CAUSEWAY four times a year.

The Guild has entrusted the pilgrimage to the Connor Travel Agency, Baltimore, Md.

The tour, scheduled for September 11-19, 1975, concentrates on two main items: air transportation and hotel accommodations.

Air transportation will be provided direct from 14 major cities to Rome. The round trip fare is computed according to the city of departure as follows:

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| Atlanta | \$359 | Halifax | \$337 |
| Baltimore | 330 | Los Angeles | 478 |
| Boston | 305 | New York | 315 |
| Chicago | 358 | Philadelphia | 325 |
| Cincinnati | 355 | Pittsburgh | 340 |
| Denver | 387 | St. Louis | 363 |
| Detroit | 347 | Wash., D. C. | 330 |

Air fare is based on charter flights pro-rating the cost of each seat. Should the plane not be completely sold, the air fare would increase proportionately. Costs may fluctuate slightly—exact prices will be given upon deposit.

Hotel prices are computed per person, double occupancy, 7 nights, according to the class of hotel selected. Prices are as follows: Deluxe hotel—\$257; First class hotel—\$240; and Tourist hotel—\$203.

The tour includes the following:
Round trip air transportation and transfers between airport and hotel in Rome.

Hotel accommodations with continental breakfast each day.

Two sightseeing trips in Rome.
Transportation to and from St. Peter's.

Round trip to and from one of the titular churches.

Further information can be obtained by writing or calling the Connor Travel Agency, 1122 North Charles St., Baltimore, Md. 21201 (Phone 301-752-1054).

DR. TUMULTY GIVES SETON
MEMORIAL LECTURE



DR. PHILIP A. TUMULTY, professor of medicine at The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine (second from left), received a plaque from Sister Alberta, D.C., administrator of St. Agnes Hospital, Baltimore, Md., following Dr. Tumulty's presentation of the 14th Annual Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton Memorial Lecture on January 17, 1975.

The lecture is given each year before members of the Hospital medical staff to honor Mother Seton and promote medical education.

With Dr. Tumulty and Sister Alberta are (left to right) Dr. Emidio A. Bianco, director of medical administration and education at St. Agnes; Mrs. Tumulty; and Dr. Elie K. Fraiji, president of the St. Agnes medical staff for 1975.

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as Elizabeth was to these dire happenings. It is understandable, however, that meeting the demands of the moment and caring for so many dependent on her would be all-engrossing. A deep prayer life and total abandonment to the Will of God were her instruments of real help.

Patriotism

John J. Pullen in *Patriotism in America* defines it as "genuine love of country and readiness to act in its best interests as indicated by individual conscience and judgment," leaving room for all types, even those which might seem inimical to its destiny.

Since a country's well being is consonant with that of the citizens who comprise it, Elizabeth Seton's contribution to Church and country is clearly indicated. Here was not jingoism but what both Cardinal James Gibbons and Thomas B. Fox agreed was true patriotism: "a calm, rational principle of the mind . . . a rational instinct placed by the Creator in the breast of man."

Mother Seton's sanctity was truly the greatest gift she could give God and America, and she gave it with all its heroic endurance in trials and intense suffering, its spirit and ardor in joy. Elizabeth's cheerfulness seldom waned, and she was a tiny, frail yet sturdy bulwark to her family and community with what Dirvin cites as the American qualities she brought to the science of spirituality: "She had an American practicality, generosity and informality . . . efficiency in administration and pedagogy . . . hard work as a means of motivation and perfection."

Cardinal Francis Spellman in Introduction to *Mrs. Seton* wrote:

She was a down-to-earth woman who breathed American air, loved American

town and countryside, enjoyed American pastimes, followed American social conventions. She battled against odds in the trials of life with American stamina and cheerfulness; she worked and succeeded with American efficiency. And she imbued all with a supreme holiness.

Happy Coincidence

As Bishop Edward McCarthy said recently, it seems a happy coincidence that this first native born saint in our 200-year history should be a woman who was one of its very first citizens in point of time, just as she is now first in terms of authentic holiness.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS

CANCER CURES—New York: Staten Island, Jackson Heights; New Jersey: Brielle, Newark; Maryland: Ellicott City, Bethesda; Pennsylvania: Langhorne, St. Mary's; Kansas: Shawnee Mission; California: Cypress; Ohio: Dayton; Texas: Houston; Washington: Colfax; Illinois: Danville; Louisiana: Hammond.

LEUKEMIA: New Jersey: Jersey City, Paterson; Pennsylvania: Johnstown, Philadelphia; Texas: Houston; Illinois: Chicago; New York: Brooklyn, S. Farmingdale.

EMPLOYMENT: New Jersey: Tenafly, Jersey City; Pennsylvania: Altoona, Mt. Carmel; New York: Rockaway Point; Ohio: Warren; Michigan: Hamtramck.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS: Minnesota: Minneapolis; Missouri: St. Louis; Virginia: Alexandria.

ALCOHOLISM: New York: Cold Spring Harbor; New Jersey: N. Bergen; Maryland: Frederick.

MENTAL HEALTH AND PEACE OF MIND: New York: Hornell, White Plains, Bellmore; Pennsylvania: Pittsburgh; Puerto Rico.

FAMILY PROBLEMS: New Jersey: Parsippany, Spring Lake; New York: Jamaica, Bronx; California: Pomona.

BRAIN DAMAGE: New Jersey: Pennsauken; Pennsylvania: Plymouth.

DIABETES: Ohio: Dayton; New Jersey: Newark.

OTHER CURES: New York: Jackson Heights (2), Rockaway Point, Endwell, Brooklyn; Michigan: Detroit; Maryland: Baltimore; Pennsylvania: Munhall; Minnesota: Minneapolis; Massachusetts: Walbraham.

HEALTH: Illinois: Cary; New Jersey: Summit, Wildwood, Fort Lee, Harrison, Hopewell Junction; Michigan: Hamtramck; Ohio: Cincinnati, Columbus, Oregon; Florida: Pensacola; Minnesota: Byron; Pennsylvania: Wilkes-Barre; Massachusetts: N. Attleboro, Boston; Maryland: Baltimore, Cambridge; New York: Sherill, Bellmore; Louisiana: Lafayette; California: Greenbrae; Canada: Puerto Rico.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Pennsylvania: Pittsburgh (2), Mt. Lebanon, Philadelphia (2); Maryland: Baltimore (2), Emmitsburg (2); Nebraska: Omaha; New York: Iliion, Bronx, Chateaugay, Rochester, Ozone Park, Yonkers, Flushing; New Jersey: Verona, Ventnor, Tenafly, Jersey City, Paterson (2), Cliffwood, Northvale, Wyckoff; Missouri: St. Louis; Florida: Pembroke Pines, St. Petersburg; Virginia: Alexandria; California: Woodland Hills, Chula Vista, Roseville; Connecticut: New Haven; Massachusetts: Brighton, Marblehead; District of Columbia (2); New Hampshire: Manchester; Ohio: Cincinnati, Warren; Louisiana: Arabi; Kansas: Kansas City; Australia; Canada.

Mother Seton Guild

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