



# THE Daughters OF CHARITY

Summer 2009

## Seton Legacy of Charity Medal Award Ceremony

*In the Spirit of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton*

This year, as we commemorate the bicentennial of the arrival of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg and the founding of the first native religious community of women in the United States, we also recognized 51 men and women from diverse backgrounds who were honored for their charitable works in the spirit of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton.

On May 23, 2009, the Seton Legacy of Charity Bicentennial Medal Award Ceremony was open to the general public, media, and awardees' families and friends at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg.

The awardees represent a diverse and worldwide group of people who have contributed in a significant way to social services, education, health care, promoting the awareness of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, or spiritual formation in the spirit of the Seton Legacy of Charity. The various categories represented by the awardees include: Daughters of Charity, Sisters of Charity, other women religious, clergy, lay persons, and groups.

Sister Mary Jean Horne, DC, Chair, Bicentennial Medal Subcommittee, commented, "As a Daughter of Charity, I am so pleased that the Emmitsburg Province saw fit to take this opportunity

to give public recognition to our 'Medalists.' Recognizing women and men who portray characteristics of Elizabeth Ann is a very direct way of acknowledging the strong influence of our Sainly Foundress. In their personal

lives and in their many-faceted positions, they are actualizing the values and virtues Saint Elizabeth Ann taught on these very holy grounds."

Following are profiles of three of the medalists.



**Sister Mary Anne Brawley, D.C., and Joseph Carpenter, Director of Cancer Services, deliver daffodils during the American Cancer Society's Daffodil Days.**

**Sister Mary Anne Brawley, D.C.**  
*Chair, Lourdes Hospital;  
Sister Servant  
Binghamton, NY*  
Those who live

and work with Sister Mary Anne identify her as one who is solid in her vocational commitment. Like Elizabeth Ann Seton, she adds quality to everyday life experiences and challenges by her willingness to fully invest in whatever is being asked of her – particularly if it involves advocating for those who are poor and vulnerable. With her unique gifts of passion and humor, she brings all of herself into each of her ministry opportunities, believing that "service is her main call." Without hesitation or counting the cost, Sister Mary Anne strives to reflect the best of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, unswervingly living out God's Will in her experience(s)!

*Help us to  
continue our  
Legacy of Charity  
by putting your  
faith into action!*

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# A Letter from Our Provincial Superior

Dear Friends,

Since my last letter to you, many of us have experienced difficult times.

Because of the loss of a loved one or the economic strain, we have been challenged to understand God's Will and Desire in our everyday lives.

The Daughters of Charity, too, are experiencing challenges.

We are experiencing a continual increase in costs to preserve the National Shrine of

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, in caring for our elderly Sisters, in supporting our ministries, and in encouraging new religious vocations.

Thankfully, you are continuing your generous support through your response to our appeals and requests. During our

bicentennial year, as we commemorate the arrival of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton and the founding of her religious community at Emmitsburg, Maryland, we celebrate your participation in our mission. With your financial support, we are able to provide opportunities for continuing Saint Elizabeth Ann's legacy of charity into the future!

**The official bicentennial observance, the Seton Legacy of Charity, will be held on July 31, August 1, and August 2, 2009.** This will be a glorious celebration with

wonderful activities planned. Among them is the premiere of a professionally produced DVD about Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton's life and legacy, and a live reenactment

**"Thankfully, you are continuing your generous support..."**

of Elizabeth Ann and the early sisters coming from the mountain and arriving in Emmitsburg on a Conestoga wagon as they did two hundred years ago. In addition to these activities, there will be the blessing of the Seton Legacy Garden that will be a lasting symbol of this legacy of charity. The garden's beautiful pathways extend behind Saint Elizabeth Ann's first permanent home in Emmitsburg, and draw you to areas of reflection where quotes of Saint Elizabeth Ann are inscribed on bricks, pavers, benches, and markers. You are a part of our lives; please consider being a part of our celebration.

May God bless you and your family with vibrant faith, good health, and peace!

*Sister Claire Debes, D.C.*  
Sister Claire Debes, D.C.  
Provincial Superior



## Upcoming Events

### Bicentennial Celebration Weekend

July 31, August 1, and August 2, 2009  
Join us July 31, for the opening ceremony beginning at 7:15 p.m., followed by prayers, welcome, and introductions at 7:30 p.m., and a premiere showing of "The Seton Legacy" DVD at 8:30 p.m.  
*The public is invited.*

Please turn to pages 6 & 7 or visit [www.setonlegacy.org](http://www.setonlegacy.org) for more details!

### 235th Birthday Celebration

August 30, 2009  
Birthday of Elizabeth Ann Seton will be celebrated in the Basilica with Mass at 1:30 p.m. and followed by events.  
*Open to the public.*

### Annual Pilgrimage for the Sea Services

October 4, 2009  
3:00 p.m. Mass  
in the Basilica of the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton.  
Participants include: Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marine.  
*Open to the public.*

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

### Consider spending your free time on a worthwhile cause!

One of the wonderful ways to spend your free time is to further the work of the mission of the Daughters of Charity and promote the life of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton.

*If you are available to join our volunteer team this year, please contact us by phone at (301) 447-7080.*

We continue to express our gratitude in our prayers and Masses for your kindness.

# Touching Lives Through Campus Ministries

With God's guidance and through prayer and reflection, Sister Elizabeth Ann Sjoberg (Liz) chose her life's vocation as a Daughter of Charity to serve those who are living in poverty.

On March 15, 2009, Sister Liz celebrated an exciting part of her life with Daughters of Charity, family, and friends at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton. The Sending on Mission ceremony, is the step following the seminary and celebrates her first mission as a Daughter of Charity.

Today, Sister Liz is serving at Mount Saint Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Maryland, in the campus ministries program. The mission involves her in the lives of the students, helping them as they seek their vocations in life. The opportunity to touch their lives and to work with them will allow Sister Liz to help them discover new meaning in life and find their place in God's world, something that is not new to Sister Liz. According to Sister Liz, "college students are such a joy and I look forward to being a part of their lives. It's an important time when

people start making life decisions and hopefully they can see the value of God at the center of it."

While in college she was an active member of campus ministries. She



**Sister Elizabeth Ann Sjoberg, D.C. and Father Joseph Daly, C.M. at her ceremony.**

served as a lay volunteer in New York with a program called CAP CORE with Youth and Family Ministries.

During pre-postulancy, Sister served with the youth ministries at Saint Jane Frances School in Pasadena, Maryland. She was a natural fit to go on mission to Mount Saint Mary University's campus ministries. Sister Liz's love for and devotion to God are evident in how she speaks of the youth and in two short videos she posted on YouTube. You can listen to the words and praises of God in them. Both videos, *Day in the Life of a Daughter of Charity and God's Love*, can be viewed by clicking on <http://www.thedaughtersofcharity.org/news/videos.htm>.

*The Daughters of Charity strive to combine love of God and service to those who are poor, in a beautiful blend of contemplation and action. Because God continues to invite young women to a life of prayer, service, and community, the Daughters pray that they, like Sister Liz, might hear God's call leading them to a way of life, dedicated to serving others. With your financial support the Daughters of Charity will be able to attract, support, and provide opportunities for discernment to continue the legacy of charity into the future!*

## Medal Awards

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**Sister Eileen Bradshaw, S.C.**

*Development,  
Saint Vincent Academy  
Newark, NJ*

As a Sister of Charity of Saint Elizabeth of New Jersey, "Sister Eileen is a committed educator who loves the poor, has taught them skillfully, and has rebuilt a school that has served generations of inner city young women for decades." Sister Eileen, like Elizabeth Ann Seton, "...has an unwavering faith in the providence of God and a deep love of the Eucharist that are the source and strength from which she lives a life of boundless charity." She actualizes the Constitutions of her

Congregation: Toward Boundless Charity. She has ministered for over 55 years as teacher, principal and in Provincial Leadership. "She changes the world around her through her charity, one person at a time... often in transformative ways."

The ceremony began at 11:00 a.m with a para-liturgy (prayer service) followed by the presentations. The celebration concluded with a private luncheon for all recipients, special guests, and committee members.

The Medal Award Ceremony is one of the many scheduled events throughout 2009 to celebrate the bicentennial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton's legacy. The highlight of the year is the three-day celebration beginning on July 31 and ending August 2, 2009.



**Sister Eileen Bradshaw (far right), with Saint Vincent Academy freshman teacher Toni Piccolo (left), and The Honorable Anna Pereira, '89 (center), Newark municipal court judge.**

If you would like to support the bicentennial celebration, please contact us by phone (301) 447-7080 or visit our web site. All events, articles about the bicentennial, and lodging information may also be found on our web site, [www.setonlegacy.org](http://www.setonlegacy.org)

# SETON GIFT SHOP

Our Seton Shrine gift shop offers a wonderful selection of items inspired by the founders of Daughters of Charity: Saints Vincent de Paul, Louise de Marillac, and especially Elizabeth Ann Seton.

**Collectors' Items - Order Today!**

*The National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton*



A coffee table book that captures the treasures of the Seton Shrine in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

*The Seton Legacy DVD*

A 30-minute film of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton's life, work, and continuing legacy of charity today.



**Call (301) 447-7122**  
(Shipments begin in August 2009)

## Associates' Homecoming

# Homecoming

The Annual Associates' Homecoming Dinner, a social event, was held on May 14 at the Daughters of Charity Saint Joseph's Provincial House in Emmitsburg.

Former retirees, along with the Sisters and current associates who have worked

at the Provincial House for more than twenty years, attend.

"It's a wonderful event that reunites former associates, coworkers, and Sisters," says Lisa Spangler, Human Resources.



**Sister Mary Frances Hildenberger, D.C., (left), with former employee of 42 years, Larry Underriner, (center), and Sister Camilla Harant, D.C. (right).**

"It is the most heart-warming event that we do. It is great to watch everyone reconnect with old friends, and the elderly Sisters thoroughly enjoy it!"

## WE REMEMBER...



### Sister Joyce Ross, D.C.

Sister Joyce Ross, D.C., died Sunday, February 8, 2009, at Villa St. Michael, the province's retirement residence in Emmitsburg, MD. Joyce Marie Ross, was born and raised in Richmond, VA, one of three children of the late Cecil A. Ross and Helen Kauffmann Ross. She was 76 years of age and 57 years of vocation.

### Sister Elinor Hartman, D.C.

Sister Elinor Hartman, D.C., died Tuesday April 28, 2009, at Villa Saint Michael, the province's retirement residence in Emmitsburg, MD. Sister Elinor was born and raised in Baltimore, MD, one of three children of the late Willard and Nellie Spence Hartman. She was 82 years of age and 63 years of vocation.



*Memorial contributions may be made to: The Daughters of Charity Support Fund for the Elderly and Infirm Sisters, 333 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD 21727.*

**Please visit our web site at: [www.thedaughtersofcharity.org](http://www.thedaughtersofcharity.org) to view the complete obituaries of our Sisters.**

# SETON LEGACY Garden


**Become part of the pathways in our Bicentennial Garden**

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*For more information on our Seton Legacy Garden, please visit our web site at: [www.setonlegacy.org](http://www.setonlegacy.org) or call 301-447-7080.*

## 2009 Seton Shrine Notecards



In celebration of the summer season, remember your family, friends, and loved ones with a special gift from the *National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton.*

Request your **2009 Seton Shrine Notecards** today by using our secure online order form at: [www.setonshrine.org](http://www.setonshrine.org) or call (301) 447-7122.

# Saint Joseph College: The Last Candle

In 1973, Saint Joseph College, traces its roots to the school founded by Elizabeth Ann Seton in 1810, closed its doors. At the annual alumnae memorial Mass in the Basilica, a candle-lighting ceremony is held to remember deceased alumnae.

This past spring, the Alumnae Association dedicated a reproduction of an 18<sup>th</sup> century wall sconce as “the last candle” in honor of all women and girls whose education was guided by Elizabeth Ann Seton and the Sisters and Daughters of Charity.

Kathleen Graham, class of 1968, spoke briefly to a small crowd of 50 reminding us that Sacred Scripture abounds with references

to light. She remarked that Mother Seton, her children, and her small band of sisters endured some very dark days here nearly 200 years ago. Their faith, their hope, and their belief in Jesus Christ, our Light of Salvation sustained them. The sconce is in the Shrine Museum next to the panel describing the college.

*This then is the earthly fruits of your goodness and patience with us in these... years but happily—all is written in heaven—...Every good work we do is a grain of seed for eternal life...”*

*-Elizabeth Ann Seton* 



Saint Joseph College Alumnae's blessing of the “Last Candle” in the Seton Shrine Museum.

## Make the Switch to Email Newsletters

Join the thousands of people who are already receiving our email newsletters. Simply visit our web site [www.thedaughtersofcharity.org](http://www.thedaughtersofcharity.org) and look for the Join Us button.



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- Help us reduce printing and postage expenses
- Be kind to the environment
- Receive our news one week before everyone else
- Be a click away to send a prayer request, visit our web site for more news about the Seton Shrine, or the latest about the bicentennial.
- Share the newsletter with a friend or loved one who may live miles away.

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## Light A One-Week Votive Light

Be a part of our daily prayers by requesting a special intention or remembrance with a weekly votive light.

**One-Week Votive Light** A donation of \$7.00 for each votive light is appreciated!

List your prayer intention here; it will be placed on the Seton Altar of Relics in the Basilica.”

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## The National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

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# BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Friday, July 31, 2009 to Sunday, August 2, 2009

**\*\*Events and activities are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted\*\***

## VISITOR SERVICES

**Information Center:** available on Saturday and Sunday during the day (*locations to be determined near Daughters of Charity lobby and Shrine Visitor Center*).

**Water:** tents with free water will be available Saturday and Sunday during the day.

**Restrooms:** a map of the campus is available from volunteers and will note the location of restrooms indoors and portable toilets outdoors.

**Outdoor Food Court:** Assortment of food for sale, under a tent on the grounds, tentatively planned for all-day Saturday and Sunday.

## FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2009

10:00 a.m.–7 p.m.     **Seton Shrine - special hours**

7:00 p.m.

### **Celebration Weekend Opening Ceremony (Basilica)**

Prayer service and defining moments in the 200-year history of the Sisters and Daughters of Charity. Welcome and remarks by special guests. Followed by premiere showing of the Bicentennial DVD, *The Seton Legacy* and a reception in the courtyard.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2009

10:00 a.m. – 7 p.m.     **Seton Shrine - special hours**

Times TBD

### **Food Court Tent**

Emmitsburg Lions Club chicken barbecue (Sunday only) and local vendors to provide lunch options under a tent on the Daughters of Charity property. Coffee and donuts also available in the morning.

9:00 a.m.

### **Eucharistic Liturgy (Basilica)**

Main celebrant: His Eminence Francis Cardinal George, president of the US Council of Catholic Bishops.

9:00 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.

### **Round Trip Bus Pilgrimage (from Paca Street, Baltimore, to Seton Shrine Emmitsburg)**

Begins with a prayer service at the Mother Seton House on Paca Street. En route, a showing of the video, “Baltimore Blessed”, readings of Elizabeth Ann Seton, and quiet time for reflection. A stop at the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes in Emmitsburg, Maryland and then time to spend at The National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton. The bus will return to Paca Street by 3:30 p.m.

**Cost: \$35** (includes box lunch)

Contact: Call Carolyn Donohue at 410-371-0810 or e-mail at [cdonohue2@verizon.net](mailto:cdonohue2@verizon.net)

All day

### **Civil War Encampment**

Small Civil War encampment on the grounds near the old cemetery with reenactors available to talk to visitors about Civil War history, including events in Emmitsburg in 1863.

10:00 a.m.-12 noon  
and 2:00- 4:00 p.m.

### **Concurrent Sessions (two times)**

Open to the public and free, but registration is necessary. Visit one of three sessions exploring our rich heritage:

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2009 *(continued)*

1. “Charity Matters,” an exhibit of archival treasures;
2. **Emmitsburg Catholic Heritage bus tour**, narrated bus tour of the restored St. Joseph College Chapel, St. Joseph’s Church in Emmitsburg, and the Grotto of Lourdes;
3. **Walking tour of Seton Shrine sites**, led by a guide.

For more information, or to sign up for concurrent sessions, please contact:  
The National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Tina at 301-447-6606 or  
office@setonshrine.org.

10:30 a.m., 1 p.m.,  
3 p.m., and 6 p.m.

### **DVD showings: *The Seton Legacy***

DVD is a 30-minute documentary of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton’s life, work, and continuing legacy of charity today. The film is seen and narrated through the eyes of Saint Elizabeth Ann. Also available for sale in the Shrine gift shop, 301-447-7122.

7:00 p.m

### **Concert in the Basilica**

Featuring 19<sup>th</sup> century music popular in the time of Elizabeth Ann Seton. Followed by reception in the courtyard. Open to the public and free.

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2009

2:00 p.m. – 6 p.m.

### **Seton Shrine - special hours**

Times TBD

### **Food Court Tent**

Emmitsburg Lions Club chicken barbecue (Sunday only) and local vendors to provide lunch options under a tent on the Daughters of Charity property. Coffee and donuts also available in the morning.

8:00 a.m.

### **Eucharistic Liturgy (Basilica)**

Main Celebrant: Very Rev. Gregory Gay, Superior General of the Congregation of the Mission and Daughters of Charity. All are welcome.

8:00 a.m.

**Eucharistic Liturgy**-in the Glass Chapel, Shrine Grotto of Lourdes (Mount St. Mary’s)  
Join the reenactors of Mother Seton’s Journey at Sunday morning Mass before they begin their trek from the Grotto to the Seton Shrine.

9:00 a.m.

### **Reenactment of Mother Seton’s Journey**

Reenactors will portray Mother Seton and her first community arriving in Emmitsburg with a Conestoga wagon. Public is invited to walk along behind the entourage, or line up on South Seton Avenue at 10:15 a.m. to watch the procession. Arrival on the grounds will be accompanied with singing and ringing of bells. Wagon will be available by Stone House for photos through 4:00 p.m.

9:30 a.m.

### **Dedication of Seton Legacy Garden (Garden behind Stone House)**

Blessing of the beautiful garden honoring the bicentennial.

12:00 noon

### **Bicentennial Celebration Eucharistic Liturgy - *by invitation only* (Basilica)**

Ticketed admission due to space limitation. Liturgy will be televised in overflow assembly rooms- also by ticketed admission.

Will be preceded by ringing of bells for one minute before noon.

3:00 p.m.  
and 4:00 p.m

### ***The Seton Legacy* DVD showings**

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*Our bicentennial year has begun! Look inside for event details!*

## *Need a prayer?*



The Daughters of Charity would like to pray with you. The prayer request for your needs and intentions will be remembered at

Daily Mass in the Mary Chapel at Saint Joseph's Provincial House, Emmitsburg.

My prayer needs: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please send your intentions to:

**Sister Mary Jean Horne, D.C.**

333 S. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg, MD 21727

Phone: 301-447-7080

E-mail: [smjean@thedaughtersofcharity.org](mailto:smjean@thedaughtersofcharity.org)

## **How the Daughters of Charity Touched My Life...**

Sister Celine Flaherty, Daughter of Charity, cared for my father for many years while he was a patient at Jenkins Memorial in Baltimore. This was during the war and gas was rationed so we could visit him only once a month from D.C. Sister Celine always kept the family informed about him and made all the arrangements for my younger brother to say his first private Mass in the chapel on the Monday after his ordination. Dad was wheeled into the chapel in his bed, placed in front of the altar for that first Mass, just as he would be in his coffin in front of the altar in our parish church for his funeral Mass a week later. Sister Celine was with us

that Saturday after the ordination when Dad died.

When my brother retired, he was cared for by the Daughters of Charity at the O'Boyle Residence next to Providence Hospital where the Sisters and Sister Rose Marie Henske were on mission. On that last day of his life, Sister Rose Marie bent over my brother's bed and read the Serenity Prayer to him with tears running down her face. That picture will always be with me.

There has always been a Daughter of Charity in my life, and I thank them all!

*L. Lynch*

**Tell us how the Daughters of Charity have touched your life.  
Please call 301-447-7080 or go to  
[www.thedaughtersofcharity.org](http://www.thedaughtersofcharity.org) and tell us your story.**