

APPLICATION TO DIRECTOR OF SCOUTING

for St. Elizabeth Seton Award

Please Print All Information:

Applicant _____ Age _____

Address _____ Phone () _____

City _____ State ____ Zip Code _____

Troop No. _____ Council _____

Parish _____

Counselor _____

Address _____ Phone () _____

City _____ State ____ Zip Code _____

E-Mail: _____

Having completed the program for the St. Elizabeth Seton Workbook and having appeared before a Board of Review of the Catholic Committee on Girl Scouting, I now apply for this medal.

Pastor Religious Awards Counselor

Parent Applicant

PLEASE FORWARD THIS APPLICATION and FEE TO:
CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING
2900 Noblestown Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15205

To be completed by Board of Review: Date: _____

Approved by: _____



Saint Elizabeth Seton Award

CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING
DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH
SECRETARIATE FOR LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
2900 NOBLESTOWN ROAD
PITTSBURGH, PA 15205

Introduction: (Purpose)

Girls in Senior Scouts are living through a time when they are soon to be faced with important decisions concerning career and lifestyle. These years are a time of exploring the many possibilities that are open to them.

Scouts who wish to earn the Saint Elizabeth Seton Award are invited to become familiar with Elizabeth Seton, a woman who served God and the poor as a wife, mother, religious, founder and educator. This award will lead girls to examine different areas of work and service, and prepare them for future decisions.

Through the searching and decisions involved in her life, Elizabeth Seton showed a remarkable trust in God. May her life inspire a similar trust in girls who are seeking to do God's will, knowing that "In His will is our peace."

Who is Eligible:

This program is for Senior Girl Scouts of the Catholic Faith. The girl must attend a Catholic high school, a regular high school CCD program or Bible Study Class which meets regularly.

Procedure:

1. All work must be done under the direction of a trained advisor. Best results are accomplished as a group. Should this be impossible, a senior scout may work on the award on an individual basis.
2. The girl will keep a log book on all of her award work and activities. A record of discussion sessions should be kept (written or taped) to be submitted to a Board of Review.
3. The advisor will approve all work done on the award and will make recommendations of those to receive it.
4. Candidates then must appear before a Board of Review appointed by the Diocesan Scout Chaplain.
5. Awards will be given at the annual Convocation at St. Paul Cathedral.

Resource Material

The Archivist of Sisters of Charity
Seton Hill
Greensburg, PA 15601

Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton Leaflet
Genevieve Blatt
Grayco Apts.
115 North Street
Harrisburg, Pa 17101

Elizabeth Seton
Paulist Press

Mother Seton Guild
Emmitsburg, MD 21727

Seton Shrine Center
St. Joseph Provincial House
Emmitsburg, MD 21727

Mrs. Seton
By Joseph I. Dirvin, C.M.
Noon Day Press
19 Union Square, NY 10003
New York, NY 10003

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- Mother Seton, a Play in Five Acts
By The Rev. Hugh F. Blunt, LL.D
Published by the Magnificat Press, Manchester, NH 1939
- Mrs. Seton, Foundress of the American Sisters of Charity
By Joseph I. Dirvin, C.M.
Published by Farrar, Straus and Cudahy, New York, 1962
- Mother Seton, Mother of Many Daughters
By Rev. Charles I. White, D.D.
Several editions of this biography first published in 1853, 1867, 1879
Copyright by Kelly, Piet & Co., 1879
- Letters of Mother Seton to Mrs. Julianna Scott
Edited by The Reverend Joseph B. Code, of the Diocese of Davenport
Published by MacMillan Company, New York, 1927
- Elizabeth Ann Seton, Her Life and Work
By Agnes Sadlier
Published by H.L. Kilner & Co., Philadelphia and by D. and J. Sadlier & Co., New York
- Elizabeth Bayley Seton, 1774 – 1821
By Annabelle M. Melville
Published by Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, 1951
- Memoir, Letters and Journal of Elizabeth Seton Volumes I and II
Edited by Right Rev. Robert Seton, D.D.
Published by P. O'Shea, 27 Barclay Street, New York, 1869
- The Soul of Elizabeth Seton
By a Daughter of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, Emmetsburg, Md.
Published by Benziger Brothers, 1936
- Elizabeth Seton,
By Madame de Barberry, translated from the 6th French edition by
Right Rev. Monsignor Joseph B. Code
Published by Mother Seton Guild Press, Emmitsburg, Md., 1957
- Blessed Mother Seton,
By Richard, Cardinal Cushing
Published by the Daughters of St. Paul, 50 St. Paul's Ave., Jamaica Plain,
Boston, Mass. 1963
- Virgin Soil, Mother Seton from a Different Point of View
By Sister Mary Regis Hoare
Published by The Christopher Publishing House, Boston, 1942
- An Old Family, or The Setons of Scotland and America
By Monsignor Seton, grandson of Mother Seton, son of William Seton
Published by Brentano's, 1899
- Little Birds and Lilies, a short biography (90 pages) for Young People
By Mary Louise Callahan
Published by the Mother Seton Guild Press, Emmitsburg, Md., 1955

I. Life as Wife and Mother

The birth of Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first American born saint, coincided with the birth of the United States. As wife and mother, Elizabeth Seton possessed the attributes necessary to embrace the challenges of her times. Mother Seton lived each of her days with a spirit of gratitude for the gift of her husband and children. Compassion and tenderness, balanced by self-discipline, flowed from Elizabeth.

A. Discussion and Research

Read a biography of Elizabeth Ann Seton and give evidence of the reading by one of the following: written report; poem; dramatic presentation; art work; or music composition.

Associate Elizabeth Ann Seton's life with events in American history and American *Church* history that will help you "locate" her as a truly American saint.

What characteristics do you think Elizabeth Ann Seton considered when selecting a husband?

In what ways are these the same / different today?

How did she carry out her role as wife and mother?

How do you think we could make more lasting marriages and happier family life in today's world?

What are the differences and similarities between the Catholic and Episcopalian Church?

Why do you think Elizabeth Ann Seton became a Catholic?

What did her conversion cost her?

B. Activities (Choose 2)

Plan and carry out a children's liturgy or similar religious service for children. (Favorite Saint-All Saints Day Party, Thanksgiving Service, St. Elizabeth Ann's Feast Day January 4, Christmas Service, etc.) Include banners, songs, reading, etc. . .

Initiate a baby-sitting service during Sunday masses or help with one already in operation.

Help with some parish program for pre-schoolers.

Give Service to a family in need or newcomers to the parish. (Help with shopping, baby-sitting, take them to church, show them around town.)

List of Paperback Books About St. Elizabeth Seton in the Community Archives of the Seton Hill Sisters of Charity

Elizabeth Seton, an American Woman

By Leonard Feeney
Published by Our Sunday Visitor, 1975

Mother Seton, First American Born Saint

By Alma Power-Waters
Published by Archway Paperback, Pocket Books, New York, 1976

Blessed Mother Seton

By Richard Cardinal Cushing
Published by the Daughters of St. Paul, 50 St. Paul Ave.,
Jamaica Plain, Boston, Mass., 1963

Mother Seton, Wife, Mother, Educator, Foundress, Saint

Profile by the Daughters of St. Paul, based on "Elizabeth Seton" by
Msgr. Joseph Bardi
Published by the Daughters of St. Paul, 50 St. Paul Ave.,
Jamaica Plain, Boston, Mass., 1975

Elizabeth Ann Seton, Wife, Mother, Sister, Saint

A biography for Young Readers by Janet S. Wiley
Published by St. Anthony Messenger Press, 1615 Republic Street,
Cincinnati, Ohio 45210

Loom of Many Threads

By Sister Rose Marie Laverty, S.C.
Published by The Sisters of Charity, Mt. St. Vincent on the Hudson, New York, 1958

Heart in Pilgrimage

By Evelyn Eaton and Edward Roberts Moore
Published by Image Books, a division of Doubleday & Co., Inc.
Garden City, NY, 1960

Sweet are These Tears, the Story of Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton

By Raphael Grashoff, C.P.
Published by Grain Publication, St. Meinrad, Indiana, 1950

A Daily Thought from the Writings of Mother Seton

Selected by The Rev. Joseph B. Code
Published by the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent De Paul,
Emmetsburg, Md., 1929
Also published 1957 by Mother Seton Guild Press, Emmetsburg, Md.

Elizabeth of New York, a Play in Three Acts, by Sister Francis Maria Cassidy, S.C.

Published by the Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth, Convent Station
New Jersey, 07961, 1975

B. Activities

Charitable acts were a motivating force in Elizabeth Ann Seton's life. Closely observe your own actions for two weeks and record how often and in what ways you have been charitable.

From the following, select 2 short-term or 1 long-term projects (the advisor will determine the length of time to be spent on these activities. All except "iv" should include participation more than once):

Act as an aide for CCD classes, or help an advisor with another Girl Scout Religious Award.

Serve as a volunteer or aide at Kane Hospital, local general hospital or nursing home.

Visit people who are alone in the "Meals on Wheels" program in your community or through your Church council.

Help and/or attend an Appalachian service week

Help with a Brownie Troop.

II. Life as a Religious and Founder

As founder of the Sisters of Charity in America, Elizabeth Seton became the "mother of many daughters." The Eucharist was central to Mother Seton's life. Her primary focus was to follow God's Will in a spirit of humility, simplicity and charity. This spirit lives on in her daughters of today. Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton calls each of us to be "children of the Church."

A. Discussion and Research

Read the *Acts of the Apostles* (Chapters 3 & 4) and discuss what you find in these readings concerning community life in the early Church.

What does it mean to be part of a Christian community?

What is your responsibility to others at Church, home, at school, in a troop?

How have these associations helped you?

What goals have you set for yourself to be a better member of these communities?

Explore religious vocations by interviewing a sister in your area.

What apostolates does this order practice?

What vows do they profess?

What other requirements are pertinent to their order?

Read the documents of Vatican II, the chapter concerning the "Renewal of Religious Life". Discuss how this renewal has affected the Church of today.

B. Activities (Choose 2)

Make a pilgrimage to a Mother Seton Shrine

Esamples: Seton Hill, Greensburg; Emmetsburg, MD

See the writings and memorabilia of Mother Seton.

On your return discuss your trip with the group and your impressions of what you witnessed.

How did it increase your understanding of Mother Seton?

Visit a parish council meeting

How does the parish council serve both the laity and the religious of the parish?

Through the help of one of the committees of the parish council, assist with one of that committee's projects.

Visit a religious community. See how the religious live and work. Discuss your visit or write a report.

III. Life and Work in Areas of Human Need

As a victim of rejection and great loss, Elizabeth Seton realized the needs of distressed mankind. She established a school and provided a home for orphans and poor children as well as children from wealthy families. Elizabeth's goal, as educator, was to educate her students in a manner that would make them fit for society in which they had to live. The motivation of all her labors was to manifest Christ to the world in which she lived.

A. Discussion and Research

What is a Saint?

Research the steps involved in canonization

Why should we as Girl Scouts be proud of Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton?

As a woman what role did Elizabeth Ann Seton play in the early American Church History?

How was this typical / atypical for the times?

How does this compare with the role of women our Church today?

Read in the documents of Vatican II, in the "Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity," excerpts from the Introduction, Chapter I, III, IV and Response.

The Church has given more responsibility to the laity. What services does the laity, particularly women, of your Church perform?

How can you become involved?

How do you view or relate to Elizabeth Ann Seton?

What kind of person was she?

What qualities do you admire? Describe.

How would she relate to society today?