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St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is a saint that inspires me and many others. She was born August 28, 1774 in New York City. Elizabeth married Will Seton at 19 years of age and had five kids. Even though her family suffered from Tuberculosis and she faced many hardships she still used her life to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Elizabeth Ann Seton was a generous person and gave a lot of her time to the poor. In 1797 she joined Isabella M. Graham and others in founding a society for the relief of poor widows small children. Her work continued when she traveled to Italy for her husband's health. Will Seton died of Tuberculosis three years later so Elizabeth returned to New York and joined the Roman Catholic Church in 1805. She operated a small school for boys. In 1808 she received a invitation from William Dubourg, who was a priest at the time. She was asked to open a Catholic school for girls in Maryland. She excepted. Others from the community joined in her work at the school. She and the other staff at the school formed the Sisters of Saint Joseph, the first American based Catholic sisterhood. Mother Seton moved her school to Emmitsburg, Maryland where she provided free education to poor girls in the city. Her acts of generosity continued when she opened houses in Philadelphia and New York. She served others and worshiped God until her death in 1821.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was very important to the Church. She was the first native born American citizen to be canonized by the Roman Catholic Church. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized in 1975. We celebrate her feast day on January 4.

She was extremely important to the country as you can image because she opened houses in large cities and devoted her life to the poor. The houses she opened with the Sisters of St. Joseph sisterhood changed the country by giving many homeless a place to live. By offering free tuition Mother Seton

educated many that would not have been able to afford other schools. By teaching religion to others she helped the country be more involved with Catholic faith. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton changed the lives of many.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton inspires me because she raised five kids as a widow and still devoted her life to the poor. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton died January 4, 1821 in Emmitsburg Maryland.

Her life impacted and changed our Church and country forever. She showed us how to act as images of God. She was an amazing person.

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