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Temporal Voyages of
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Mother Seton's Journey

What first comes to mind when you think of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton? You probably think, "Oh, she was the first American-born saint," and maybe if you've ever been enrolled in Seton Home Study School, your first thought will be, "Well, her image is on the logo of my school." Unfortunately, what many people do not know about Mother Seton is the great spiritual journey she experienced while traveling across Europe and America. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton may not have fought dragons or converted nations, but she was a remarkable woman whose physical voyages in life mirrored her spiritual travels, all of which hold several important lessons for us.

From an early age, Elizabeth Bayley was faced with challenges. Her father and stepmother separated and she underwent a period of deep sadness. God's grace, however, never left her. She liked music, nature, and prayer and would often take time to reflect on God's goodness. At age 20, she married William Seton and her earthly journeys began. Elizabeth moved to New York City where she became a member of a local Episcopalian church. This church had more to do with social standing than religion. It was the church where New York's wealthy attended, but in spite of this, Elizabeth was very devout. She helped the poor, assisted charitable groups, and would even attend the Sunday service twice. Before long, however, serious problems developed for the Setons. William became very ill and the Seton family embarked on a 4,000-plus-mile voyage to Italy in hopes that William's health would improve. Elizabeth's soul was shaken by the extreme suffering, but in Italy she found a spiritual remedy. A friend introduced her to the Catholic faith and Elizabeth discovered the beauty of God in the Eucharist. Tragically, William died in Italy, beginning what perhaps, was the most difficult time in Elizabeth's life. She had to face the winds and waves of the Atlantic Ocean once more and return to America.

Now, stop a moment to consider her situation. She was a widow with five small children. You would think that her family and friends would support Elizabeth and provide her family with comfort and shelter. Actually, the Setons found none of that in New York. Everyone disliked the fact that she and the family had become Catholic. Elizabeth, however, clung to the Blessed Virgin Mary and soon embarked on another journey. This time it was to Maryland. There, she helped found the Sisters of Charity and the order built several schools, spreading Catholic education throughout the East Coast. Elizabeth became head of the order and then traveled once more, this time from Baltimore to Emmitsburg. It was here that Mother Seton founded one of the first free Catholic schools in America. Mother Seton had gone from New York to Italy to Maryland and all the while her soul experienced joy, pain, and everything in between. Once settled in the place and mission that God was calling her to, she continued her saintly work for almost thirty years. As Mother Elizabeth Seton's life teaches us, man is always a pilgrim on earth, and each one of us has a special journey we must take to our Heavenly home.



WELCOME TO SETON HOME STUDY HIGH SCHOOL!

A well-structured and academically excellent high school curriculum is necessary for students not only to succeed but also to rise above their peers. Through its Christ-centered curriculum Seton Home Study High School offers students a strong academic background and the confidence to excel in college and in the workforce. Experience the Seton advantage today!

Enrollment includes:

- All books and lesson plans
- Increased counseling services
- Expanded student feedback
- College prep services
- Online resources and *mySeton* page
- Student forums and yearly awards
- Bayley Bulletin quarterly newsletter
- ...and more!

For more information or to enroll visit www.setonhome.org or call (540) 636-9990

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SAT/ACT and PSAT Testing

Keep in mind the testing schedule for college entrance. PSAT: October of the 11th grade year. The test is only given two times in October each year. Be aware that you need to arrange with a local school for this, either public or private. Talk to the Guidance Office at the school as soon as it opens in the fall to ensure that your student can be accommodated. For the school code for this test, use the home school code for your state. DO NOT use the Seton school code—the National Merit program is done on a state-by-state basis, so it is important that your student be registered in the proper home state.

SAT/ACT: We recommend that the students take these tests in the second semester of the 11th grade year. They are each given six or seven times each year, so there are plenty of opportunities. Registration for these tests is now done online. For SAT go to www.collegeboard.com; for ACT, go to www.actstudent.org. The test schedules and sites will be available to you as you register so that you can pick the most convenient time and place. DO USE the Seton school code in registering for these tests—470 902. This will ensure that we receive the results and can include them on the student transcript.

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Student Achievements

E-mail your Seton High School stories, pictures, and achievements to shshighschool@setonhome.org



Violinist Patricia Wnek, a 2008 Seton graduate, studies at the prestigious Peabody Institute at John's Hopkins University in Baltimore. Miss Wnek has performed at Aula Florianka, Krakow, and Stary Sacz, in Poland. She won the Peabody Preparatory Senior Concerto Competition, as well as first prize at the 2005 Feder String Competition, and was an invited soloist with the National Philharmonic Orchestra.



Eagle Scout Paul Schumann with his parents and brother.
(Photos by Ed Bailey)

Paul Schumann: Secondary: Eagle Scout at the Council of the Highlands, Highland Mills. The project included hand-

a special glowing process and tracing of the project to allow drying. Paul had help from the Stansbury, his family (brother and father), older scouts and other scouts. Names and dates of the first

Seton student Paul Schumann, age 17, receives the Pope Pius XII Catholic Scout emblem at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City.



SHS High School Student Aaron Kamm receives the "Explorer of the Year Award" from the Laramie County fire district in Wyoming.

Alumni Profile

Jonathan Bate

Seton Class of 1998

West Point Military Academy Class of 2006



A product of Catholic schools and a graduate from Seton Home Study School, Panola College, and Stephen F. Austin State University, Bate concentrated his studies in Economics at West Point. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U. S. Army upon graduation from West Point. In his four years at the Military Academy, Bate received numerous awards including a Truman Scholarship for the study of International Affairs, Lt. Arnold Memorial Award for Cadet Officer Commanding the Third Regiment, Gen. Pershing Memorial Award for highest military rating in Military Science, Gen. Wood Distinguished Cadet Award, Association of the U. S. Army Award for the Cadet who best exemplifies the traditions of the U. S. Military Academy and the U. S. Army, Major Gen. Greene Memorial Award for the graduating Cadet achieving the highest class standing, Superintendent's Award for Excellence, as well as awards from the

governments of Peru, Uruguay, and Paraguay. Bate has branched Infantry and will complete his Officer Basic Course, Airborne training, and Ranger school at Ft. Benning, GA. His duty station will be Ft. Campbell, KY, in the 101st Airborne Division. Jonathan graduated from the Academy on May 27, 2006, and was awarded his diploma from the keynote speaker, former President George W. Bush.

"Home schooling helped me develop strong study skills and self-discipline necessary to succeed in a rigorous academic and military environment."



SHS students have been accepted at many colleges and universities, including:

Harvard
US Military Academy
Christendom College

Princeton
US Naval Academy
Franciscan University
University of Dallas

MIT
Notre Dame
University of Chicago
Thomas Aquinas College

Caltech
University of Virginia
Ave Maria University
University of Cambridge