

Answers to the Requirements

1) St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was the first native born American to be canonized by the Catholic Church (to become a Saint). (www.americancatholic.org)

2) September 14, 1975.
(www.americancatholic.org)

3) Feast Day: January 4
(www.americancatholic.org)

4) - Elizabeth's father-in-law died leaving them to support 12 brothers and sisters and their own 3 children, plus run a business.

- Bankruptcy – loss of their family fortune.
 - Elizabeth's husband dies of tuberculosis.
 - death of children
 - loss of parents
 - opposition of Church authorities
 - people ridiculed for their piety
- (www.americancatholic.org)

5) - Marriage to William Seton
- Converted to Catholicism
- She opened the first US parochial school which later expanded to many schools in New York and Philadelphia.
- She opened the first Catholic orphanage in the US.
- She opened a religious community of women called "The Sisters of Charity."
- Mother Seton had great facility in writing. Besides the translation of many ascetical French works for her community she has left copious diaries and correspondence that show a soul all on fire with the love of God and zeal for souls.
(www.newadvent.org)

6) Abandonment to the will of God and an ardent love for the Blessed Sacrament.
(www.americancatholic.org)

Visit www.NCCS-BSA.org for information on how to order the Footsteps of American Saints patches.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who can work on this program?

All youth and adults.

Does the youth need to submit the answers to the requirements when they are done with the activity?

No. The answers should be reviewed by an adult. The application and patch fee are the only things that need to be submitted.

Will there be more than one Activity Patch?

Yes. There will be an activity patch for every American Saint. Five new activities will be added each year. If a new American saint were to be canonized, that person would be added to the rotation in a timely manner.

How long will this saint be available for me to work on?

Each saint activity will be available for scouts to work on for two years. After that, the activity will be rotated off and replaced with a new saint.

Is this activity considered a religious emblem, and will Cub or Boy Scouts receive their religious knot after completing the form?

No. The activity is considered a religious activity not a religious emblem. Cub and Boy Scouts will not receive a religious knot after completing the form.

Footsteps of American Saints



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Activity



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Footsteps of American Saints Activities

This program honors those men and women who led heroic lives of faith. Their words, their deeds, and their devotion to prayer and to the sacraments, inspire all American Catholics. In the church calendar for the United States, some have the rank of "saint" and are venerated by the universal church. Some have the rank of "blessed" and are venerated by the local church. Some have the rank of "venerable" and, while on the way to becoming a "saint", may be venerated by Catholics. Most of these men and women lived and worked in either North or South America. Many lived in what is now the United States. Others never set foot in our country, however their lives and work have had a huge impact on the Catholic American landscape. All of them sought to follow Jesus.

Requirements for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

All – Read about this saint. You can find the answers to these questions on www.americancatholic.org. Feel free to use other resources.

1st thru 5th Grades - Complete 4 requirements and 2 of the activities.

6th thru 12th Grades - Complete 5 requirements and 3 of the activities.

Requirements:

- 1) What distinguishes St. Elizabeth Ann Seton from all other saints before her?
- 2) When did she become a saint?
- 3) When is the feast day of this saint?
- 4) What are some of the difficulties that St. Elizabeth Ann Seton had to endure during her lifetime?
- 5) What are some of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's accomplishments?
- 6) St. Elizabeth Ann Seton had two great devotions, what were they? Why were they important to her?

Activities:

- 1) Discuss with your family or counselor, some of the values that you admire most about St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. What is she known for? How can you be more like her?
- 2) Draw a picture showing some of her accomplishments. Share this picture with your family.
- 3) St. Elizabeth Ann Seton had an ardent love for the Blessed Sacrament. Attend Mass and observe the parishioners receiving the sacrament of the Eucharistic. Discuss with your parents or counselor about your experience seeing or receiving the Eucharist. What does it mean to you?
- 4) Elizabeth Seton told her sisters, "The first end I propose in our daily work is to do the will of God; secondly, to do it in the manner He wills it; and thirdly, to do it because it is His will." Perform service to your Church that best represents what is meant by this quote.

Requirements for Adults

- 1) Assist the youth with this Footsteps of American Saints activity
- 2) Share your thoughts with the youth about this Saint.
- 3) Review the youth requirements after they have completed the activity.
- 4) Fill out the application for this activity and send it along with the fee to the NCCS.

For more information about this Saint, check out the websites below.

- www.Catholic.org
- www.AmericanCatholic.org
- www.newadvent.org
- www.ewtn.com/saintsHoly