

Answers to 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. (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 patches for any of our religious activities.

Frequently Asked Questions

May only Catholics or Scouts earn this? Who may earn this activity patch?

Any youth or adult may earn any of the activity patches. The requirements are grade-specific.

Is this activity considered a religious emblem and may a Scout receive a religious knot after earning this activity?

No. This activity is considered a religious activity, not a religious emblem. Scouts may not receive a religious knot for earning any of the activity patches.

Will there be more Saint Activity Patches?

Yes. There may be additional Saint patches released, from time to time.

Who may serve as an adult mentor for this activity?

Any parent or adult who meets the standard BSA and diocesan safe environment requirements.

Is there any time requirement?

Only that the grade-specific requirements need to be completed while in the respective grade level.

Do the answers need to be submitted?

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

Who do I check with once I complete the requirements for my grade level?

Any knowledgeable parent, Scout leader, group leader, priest, religious or catechist.

Footsteps of American Saints



Elizabeth Ann Seton Activity Patch



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Footsteps of American Saints Activities

This activity honors those men and women who led heroic lives of faith. Their words, deeds, and devotion to prayer and sacraments, inspire all American Catholics. In the U.S. church calendar, 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 there; however their lives and work had a huge impact on the Catholic American landscape. All of them sought to follow Jesus.

Requirements for Elizabeth Ann Seton Activity Patch

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 activities.

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

Requirements:

- 1) What distinguishes 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 Elizabeth Ann Seton had to endure during her lifetime?
- 5) What are some of Elizabeth Ann Seton’s accomplishments?
- 6) 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 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) 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 your experience seeing and/or receiving the Eucharist. What does it mean to you?
- 4) Elizabeth Ann 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 a service to your Church that you feel best represents what is meant by this quote.

Requirements for Adults:

- 1) Assist the youth with this American Saint Activity.
- 2) Share your thoughts with the youth about this American Saint.
- 3) Review the responses to the requirements of each youth participant to confirm his accuracy and to insure his understanding.
- 4) Fill out the order form for this American Saint Activity and send it along with the fee to NCCS.

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

- www.Catholic.org
- www.ewtn.com/saintsHoly
- www.newadvent.org
- www.americancatholic.org
- www.saintsresource.com