



## People Internationally and from the US Received One Time Seton Legacy of Charity Medal Award

**Emmitsburg, Maryland - May 29, 2009** On Saturday, May 23, 2009, 51 people from diverse backgrounds were honored for their charitable works in the spirit of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton. The ceremony was open to the general public, media, and family and friends of the awardees at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, 333 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg. The ceremony began at 11:00 a.m. with a para-liturgy (prayer service) following the presentations. The Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of the Harrisburg Diocese in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, presided at the service.



Recipients are shown above with The Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of the Harrisburg Diocese in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, in the Basilica at the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Emmitsburg, Maryland.

The recipients of this special medal came from as far as Italy, Canada, and Korea. The awardees come from all walks of life and who have contributed in a significant way to social services, education, health care, promoting the awareness of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, or spiritual formation in the spirit of the Seton Legacy of Charity. The various categories represented by the awardees include: Daughters of Charity, Sisters of Charity and other women religious, clergy, lay men and women, and groups.

Sister Mary Jean Horne, D.C., commented, "As a Daughter of Charity, I am so pleased that the Emmitsburg Province saw fit to take this opportunity to publicly give recognition to our 'Medalists'. Recognizing women and men who portray characteristics of Elizabeth Ann is a very direct way of acknowledging the strong influence of our Saintly Foundress. In their personal lives and in their many-faceted positions, they are actualizing the values and virtues Saint Elizabeth Ann taught on these very holy grounds."

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**The weekend of July 31 and ending August 2, 2009 will highlight the year long bicentennial celebrations. All events, articles about the bicentennial, and lodging information may be found on the web site, <http://www.setonlegacy.org>.**

**[Photos of the ceremony can be viewed here.](#)**

The complete list of award recipients follows.

### **Seton Legacy of Charity Medal Award Recipients**



**Abel, Mrs. Candace**

*Founder/director of Brittany's Hope (adoptions of special needs children from around the world)*

Elizabethtown, PA

**Barnett, Mr. Charles J.**

*CEO, Seton Family Hospitals*

Austin, TX

**Beaudette, Sister Margaret, S.C.**

*DePaul Sculpture Studio*

Bronx, NY

**Bechtle, Sister Regina, S.C.**

*Charism Resource Director; Seton scholar and author*

Bronx, NY

**Birthingale, Thomas, MD**

*Retired from St. Vincent Medical Center; Board member Maryvale; Affiliate of the Daughters of Charity*

Los Angeles, CA

**Bradshaw, Sister Eileen, S.C.**

*Development, Saint Vincent Academy*

Newark, NJ

**Brawley, Sister Mary Anne, D.C.**

*Chair, Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital*

Binghamton, NY

**Burke, Ms. Adela**

*Director of Nursing, Labouré Residence, Los Altos Hills*

Sunnyvale, CA

**Byrd, Ms. Gwendolyn P.**

*Secretary of Education and Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Mobile Archdiocese*

Mobile, AL

**Cekoric, Mrs. Peggy B.**

*Wife, Mother, School Nurse, Catechist*

Lambertville, NJ

**Cormier, Sister Auréa, N.D.S.C.**

*Social Justice work; past member of the Elizabeth Ann Seton Federation NGO team*

Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada

**Daly, Sister Mary Ann, S.C.**

*Executive Director, Sisters of Charity Federation*

Bronx, NY

**Ewers, Sister Marcella, D.C.**

*Development, San Juan Diego Catholic Regional High School*

McAllen, TX

**Executive Board, Mother Seton House on Paca Street, Inc.**

*Supported the Baltimore Shrine since 1963*

Baltimore, MD



**Flanagan, Sister Kathleen, S.C.**

*Professor of Theology, College of Saint Elizabeth  
Morristown, NJ*

**Flynn, Most Reverend Harry J., D.D.**

*Archbishop Emeritus, Archdiocese of Saint Paul- Minneapolis  
Saint Paul, MN*

**Foley, Sister Gertrude, S.C.**

*Retired educator; Coordinator Seton Family (a lay-centered program supporting lay  
women and men in their desire to grow to maturity in the Body of Christ)  
Greensburg, PA*

**Franchi, Don Gino**

*Pastor, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Livorno, Italy  
Livorno, Italy*

**Fugazy, Sister M. Irene, S.C.**

*Retired educator; promotes Elizabeth Ann Seton via multi-media  
Bronx, NY*

**Hallett, Mr. Kirk**

*Founder of The Joshua Group and Nativity School (at risk middle school boys)  
Camp Hill, PA*

**Hallinan, Mrs. Anne Marie**

*Pastoral Associate & Assistant Director of Campus Ministry, Mount St. Mary's  
University  
Emmitsburg, MD*

**Hockins, Ms. Karen**

*Affiliate of the Daughters of Charity  
Tuba City, AZ*

**Hoffman, Sister Margaret Maureen, S.C.**

*Retired educator and principal  
Convent Station, NJ*

**Holzum, Sister Leah Marie, D.C.**

*Health nurse, adjunct instructor, Saint Louis University  
St. Louis, MO*

**Johnson, Ms. Gayle**

*Board, Ladies of Charity, USA  
Leawood, KS*

**Keehan, Sister Carol, D.C.**

*President/CEO, Catholic Health Association  
Washington, DC*

**Kelly, Ellin M., Ph.D.**

*Professor Emeritus, De Paul University, Chicago; Seton scholar and author  
Evanston, IL*

**Kelly, Sister Margaret John, D.C., Ph. D.**

*Executive Director, Vincentian Center for Church & Society; St. John's University  
Jamaica, NY*



**Kim, Mrs. Sang Hyup**

*Wife of former Prime Minister of South Korea; supports Sisters of Charity, Korean Province; works with disabled children in South Korea and China*  
Seoul, South Korea

**Kubala, Reverend Daniel I.**

*Pastor, St. Thomas the Apostle Church*  
Miami, FL

**Lapazaran, Sister Miren, CCV**

*Pastoral Counselor, prison system (foreign inmates)*  
Washington, DC

**Linkhauer, Sister Vivien, S.C.**

*Provincial Superior of U.S. Province of Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill*  
Greensburg, PA

**Lopiccolo, Sister Maryann Seton, S.C.**

*Episcopal Delegate for Religious*  
Brooklyn, NY

**Madden, Mr. Patrick J.**

*President/CEO, Sacred Heart Health System; Ministry Market Leader, Ascension Health*  
Pensacola, FL

**Martz, Sister Angelina, SCIC**

*Justice Assistant Coordinator*  
St. John, New Brunswick, Canada

**McNeil, Sister Betty Ann, D.C.**

*Archivist, Daughters of Charity, Emmitsburg Province; Seton scholar and author*  
Emmitsburg, MD

**McPhee, Sister Mary Rose, D.C.**

*Retired; former hospital administrator and Provincial of the Daughters of Charity Western Province before the 1969 division*  
Evansville, IN

**Mersmann, Ms. Mary Jo**

*Director of Associates of Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati*  
Mount St. Joseph, OH

**Merwin, Mrs. Anne**

*President, Mother Seton House on Paca Street, Inc.*  
Baltimore, MD

**Metz, Sister Judith, S.C.**

*Archivist; Seton scholar and author*  
Mount St. Joseph, OH

**Moller, Mr. Timothy**

*Chief Financial Officer, Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati*  
Mount St. Joseph, OH

**Motiuk, Ms. Mary Ann Burgess**



- Retired Superior Court Judge, New Jersey; Caregiver and Volunteer*  
New Vernon, NJ
- Pasterick, Mrs. Sharon**  
*Principal, Elizabeth Seton High School*  
Bladensburg, MD
- Powell, Thomas H., Ed.D.**  
*President, Mount St. Mary's University*  
Emmitsburg, MD
- Ritter, Sister Mary Joseph, O.L.M.**  
*Executive Director, Outreach Services; Vicar General, Sisters of Charity of Our Lady of Mercy*  
Johns Island, SC
- Rudy, Mrs. Susan**  
*Founder/Execucive Director, Silence of Mary Home (adults and teens who are homeless)*  
Harrisburg, PA
- Seton Club of Harrisburg**  
*Promoting prayer and devotion to Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton*  
Harrisburg, PA
- Shuyler, Mrs. Julie**  
*Religion teacher, Chair Religion Department Lebanon Catholic High School*  
Lebanon, PA
- Sponsoring Committee of the Annual Pilgrimage for the Sea Services**  
*Retired Flag Officers*  
Alexandria, VA
- Steves, Sister Sue Ann, I.H.M.**  
*Retired Superintendent of Schools, Diocese of Harrisburg*  
Harrisburg, PA
- Vasa, Sister Joanne, D.C.**  
*Provincial Councillor, Daughters of Charity, West Central Province*  
St. Louis, MO