



Circle of Charity



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Sisters of Charity March in St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York

Nineteen Sisters of Seton Hill joined more than 600 Sisters of Charity from across the United States and Canada in leading the 2009 St. Patrick's Day parade in New York City.



Sister Vivien proud to be Irish as she marches in the parade.

This year, the parade was dedicated to the Sisters of Charity in honor of the charitable work they have done in New York City since 1817. Sisters of Charity from across the United States and Canada were invited to participate in the parade as part of the Bicentennial of the founding of the Sisters of Charity in the United States. Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton founded the Sisters of Charity in 1809 in Emmitsburg, M.D. Twelve congregations of Sisters of Charity or Daughters of Charity in the United States trace their roots to Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first American-born person to be named a saint by the Roman Catholic Church.

Sister Alice Darragh, Jane Iannucelli, and Dominica Rosschio of the Sisters of St. Vincent De Paul marched



directly behind the contingent's banner –dressed in the distinctive traditional habit which includes the iconic black bonnet. (Sisters of Charity were frequently referred to as the "Black Cap Sisters" because of this bonnet.)

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This was the 284th consecutive year that New York's Irish Catholics marched to celebrate their culture and faith. One of the largest parades in the world, the 19 sisters of Charity of Greensburg were honored to participate in the parade.

Representing the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill at the St. Patrick's Day Parade were: Sister Mary Ann Corr, Sister Carol Daugherty, Sister Rosemary Fleming, Sister Kathleen Gallagher, Sister Brigid Marie Grandey, Sister Louise Grundish, Sister Grace Hartzog, Sister Oh-Hae Kyon, Sister Judith Laffey, Sister Patricia Laffey, Sister Vivien Linkhauer, Sister Mary Jo Mutschler, Sister Mary Nolan, Sister Maureen O'Brien, Sister Mary Lou Palas, Sister Mary Price, Sister Carita Shields, Sister Barbara Ann Smelko, and Sister Ann M. Toomey. Also, traveling with the sisters by bus were Sister Karen Flaherty, a Daughter of Charity (Northeast Province) and Gene Forish, director of music for the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill.

The Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill, whose motherhouse is located in Greensburg, PA, is an international, apostolic congregation of 443 women religious who serve in four countries, 14 U.S. dioceses, and four U.S. archdioceses. Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill minister primarily in the areas of education, health care, pastoral care, and social services. This year, the Sisters of Charity are celebrating the bicentennial of their founding in the United States by St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. For additional information about the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill and their ministries, visit www.scsch.org. For additional information about the Bicentennial of the founding of the Sisters of Charity in the United States, please visit: www.setonlegacy.org.

Meet the New Associate Director of Institutional Advancement

Hello, my name is Cathie Krofick. I was recently hired as the new associate director of institutional advancement for the Sisters of Charity. March 16 was my first day at DePaul Center after working for



18 years with the American Red Cross. My working career actually began with the Seton Hill Child Services, Inc. when Sister Dorothy Marie Quigley was director of the program. I worked for Seton Hill Child Services during their early years at St. Joseph Center in Greensburg. I fondly remember how much I admired Sister Dorothy Marie and was touched by how much she cared about the welfare of all her staff and of the children at Seton Hill Child Services, Inc. How proud she would be today to see how much the Seton Hill Child Services have grown and expanded within Westmoreland County.

I have held various positions at the American Red Cross including executive director and emergency services director. During my tenure with the American Red Cross, I enjoyed event planning, direct mail appeals and grant writing. When I learned that the Sisters of Charity at DePaul Center had a job opening, I applied and was hired. I was excited about the opportunity to continue to work in the helping field, as well as, in fund development.

I have been enjoying my time at DePaul Center. The staff and the sisters have been welcoming and supportive. I feel inspired by the sisters and how committed they are to their ministries. They work diligently to reach their ministerial goals. Many of the sisters who reside at Caritas Christi perform ministries at Caritas Christi or volunteer at DePaul Center. It is motivating to work with the sisters and to see how much they love what they do.

I am looking forward to meeting or speaking with all of you dedicated people who support the Sisters of Charity with your generous financial donations. Your gifts enable the sisters to be cared for in a comfortable environment and help to make their ministries come to fruition. On behalf of the Sisters of Charity, I thank you.

News & Events

May 07 - A Day with the Sisters of Charity

Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill will visit Brookline Regional Catholic to share stories of ministry and religious life with students.

May 11 - Seton Center Children's Program

Elizabeth Seton Center (Brookline) will celebrate the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Sisters of Charity in the United States with a week of activities for children, seniors, and parents. An exhibit will be displayed in the entrance hall and a Power Point presentation will highlight key moments in our history. Other activities are planned and will be announced as they are finalized.



Sisters enjoying the Spring gardens at Caritas Christi.

The Colors of Easter

Here is a tip for helping children understand the meaning of Easter. Purchase jelly beans in the following colors, green, purple, red, black, yellow, orange, pink and white. Place one of each color in a small container or plastic Easter egg. Type or hand-write the following story on each note: **Green** is for the palms that they waved at Him as He entered into Jerusalem. **Purple** is for the wine He poured and blessed before he faced His final test. **Red** is for the precious blood He shed from the crown of thorns placed on His head. **Black** is for the sky as He died on the cross, suffering to redeem loss. **Pink, Yellow** and **Orange** are for the dawn that morn when the tomb was empty and hope was

when the tomb was empty and hope was reborn. White is for the dazzling light that awed all who saw Him arisen – the Son of God. You could also place a set of jelly beans in the order of the story at each place setting and make this an opportunity for everyone to understand to discuss the meaning of Easter.

Did you know...

April 26 - Bicentennial Moment: Bl. Elizabeth Ann Seton's remains enshrined

On April 26, 1963, the remains of Blessed Elizabeth Ann Seton are enshrined in a copper casket below the high altar of the main chapel at the former St. Joseph's Provincial House in Emmitsburg, MD.

*"Among the numberless favors it has pleased God to bestow on me thro' you—
well may I pray for you—but he alone can recompense you."*

-Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton