

## St. ELIZABETH ANN SETON AWARD

### Diocese of Peoria

Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton was a wife, mother, widow, convert to Catholicism, foundress of the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, and is now a canonized saint. After being left widowed with 5 young children at the age of 29, she was befriended by the Filicchi family where she became acquainted with Catholicism. After she converted to the faith, she established a school for girls in Baltimore and then founded the Sisters of Charity who joined in the ministry of education for girls and women. It is because of her work for education and girls that her name is invoked in the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton award. This award is given under the auspices of the National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministry to acknowledge and celebrate outstanding contributions to the growth and development of young women in the Girl Scouts of America and the Camp Fire Association. This medal is not an award to be earned, but rather an honor one is nominated for by others. As such, all nominations should be made confidentially to the selection committee of the Diocese of Peoria Catholic Committee on Scouting.



### Guide for nomination and selection for the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton medal



The Elizabeth Ann Seton may be given to any adult, lay or religious, Scouter, Campfire adult or non-Scout, Catholic or non-Catholic who has shown a consistent commitment to the formation and development of girls in Catholic troops, or Catholic girls in other troops and units.

The following are general guidelines for appropriate candidates for the Elizabeth Ann. Please remember these are suggested guidelines only. Candidates should be noteworthy in the following three areas. General Scouting achievements alone do not qualify a person to receive this medal. Although accomplishment and sustained dedication are more significant than a specific number of years in Scouting, it is expected that most candidates will have a record of 3 or more years of commitment, and that the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton medal will be presented before a candidate is nominated for the St. Anne emblem.

1. Promotes Catholic scouting by:  
Promoting Catholic Scout events such as Scout Sundays, retreats, and the May Day for Catholic Scouts. Establishing and encouraging growth of Girl Scout troops. Participating as a member of the Catholic Committee on Scouting. Encouraging and highlighting the faith aspects of Girl Scouting as stated in the preamble to the Girl Scout constitution.
2. Promotes faith development of youth and adults by:  
Promoting the religious emblems programs or serving as a counselor, moderator, or coordinator. Modeling behavior that reflects the Gospel values and the values of GSA. Providing for youth and adults to meet their Sunday Mass obligations while on campouts.
3. Demonstrates personal emphasis on growth and development  
Has received training appropriate for position(s). Attends scouter formation and/or retreat days and Catholic scout events. Has been involved in adult catechesis, RCIA or study in the Catholic Faith, or in own faith community. Has taken religious emblems counselor training. Is a religious emblems counselor.

Each unit, council, parish and/or individuals working within the Scouting/CF organization is requested to submit the name and supporting information about possible candidates to the Diocese of Peoria Catholic Committee on Scouting for review prior to December 1 of each calendar year. All applications will be reviewed by a subcommittee of the DCCS for possible reception of the award. All nominations to the committee **MUST BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL**. The number of awards given each year will be limited with an emphasis on being selective. Nominees who are not selected may be re-nominated in subsequent years. Those nominating candidates who are selected for this award will be notified so that appropriate arrangements can be made for presentation, hopefully without the advance knowledge of the recipient.

**RECOMMENDATION FOR THE St ELIZABETH ANN SETON AWARD**  
**Diocese of Peoria**

Name of candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parish or church \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended by:

Na      me \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_      E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's recommendation

The St. Elizabeth Ann Seton award is an honor given to individuals in recognition of their outstanding contribution to the growth and formation of youth in Girl Scouting and Campfire. I recommend the above candidate as a noteworthy role model in faith and values and an active member of the Church.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Received on \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL TO: Linda Atherton  
1105 Galen Dr.  
Champaign, IL 61821

Reviewed on \_\_\_\_\_

**Diocesan Approval**

The selection committee of the Diocese of Peoria Catholic Committee on Scouting has reviewed this recommendation and found that the nominee meets the standards for this award as set forth by the committee. Therefore the above nominee is selected for reception of the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award.

\_\_\_\_\_ chairman DCCS    date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Diocesan Chaplain    date \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL**

1. List service to and positions held in the spiritual development of Catholic youth in Scouting or Campfire. Is candidate a member of the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting or local committee on scouting? Is candidate a parish coordinator for scouting/CF, if so for how many years? List involvement with any activities or groups under the auspices of Catholic scouting or Campfire.
2. List current position(s) in Scouting or Campfire and number of years of service in the position. Please also list past Scouting/CF experience and positions of responsibility and years of service given. Is the candidate currently a registered adult in the Girl Scouts of America, and in which council? List training courses or scouter development taken and when.
3. List positions held or service to the parish and/or diocese, or to the faith community of the candidate.
4. List service to or positions held in other organizations; include length of service and description of involvement.