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Seton Associate Commitment Ceremony

The Seton Associates were established in 1990 as a lay affiliate group, supporting the mission of the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth. They serve in parishes, hospitals, soup kitchens, shelters, and schools providing additional kindnesses and charity to everyone they encounter. The Associates stand with the Sisters of Charity to bring justice and charity to the poor and marginalized of today's society. In addition to serving those in need, the women and men who make up the Associates seek a deeper understanding of the Charism of Charity, through study and prayer.

Upon completion of the discernment and formation program five new Associates pledged their commitment to the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth at the Seton Associates Commitment Ceremony. The ceremony took place on Saturday, September 18, 2021 during a liturgy held in Holy Family Chapel.



Kimberly Borin (Center) with her Sponsors, Sister Roberta Feil, SC and Sister Maryanne Tracey, SC



We are grateful to welcome the Seton Associates for 2021: starting at the top row are Sister Maureen Shaughnessy, SC General Superior; Shannon Hoffman, Co-Director, Office of Vocation and Mission Engagement and a new Seton Associate; new Seton Associates Kimberly Borin, Sister Helen Beairsto, r.c.; Melissa Dlugos; Sister Maryanne Tracey, SC, Co-Director, Office of Vocation and Mission Engagement; and new Associate M. Paula Correia.



Melissa Dlugos (Left) with her Sponsors, Lynne McEniry and Laura Winters, who are Lifetime Seton Associates



Sister Helen Beairsto, r.c. (Left) with her Sponsor Sister Elizabeth Kremp, SC



M. Paula Correia (Seated) with her Sponsor, Judy Rosenberg a Lifetime Seton Associate



The Seton Associate Commitment Ceremony for new Associates and Lifetime Commitment members was held privately last year, due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Five new Associates and one lifetime Commitment Associate were able to join us, and we celebrate them as well. (From left) Top row: Sister Maureen Shaughnessy, SC and Megan Knight - Front row: Linda Amitrano, John Cutola, Claudette Scutari, Susanne Palombo, Rev. Anthony Randazzo, and Sister Maryanne Tracey, SC.



Shannon's Sponsor, Sister Elise Gittrich, SC was unable to attend. However, Shannon's mother Maureen Hoffman (Standing) as well as her sister, Caitlin; nephew and niece Eugene and Julia were on hand to lend their support and cheer for Shannon.



We are now accepting applications from anyone who is interested in becoming a Seton Associate in 2022. The application to become a Seton Associate, which can be found on the SCNJ.org website, should be submitted to the Office of Vocation and Mission Engagement. The Formation Program will begin in October. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact us at Shoffman@scnj.org or Mtracey@scnj.org.

Vocation

Homeschooled students from Our Lady Queen of Peace parish in Branchville, New Jersey were fortunate to be given the opportunity to learn about religious life. Sister Maryanne Tracey, SC and Shannon Hoffman, as well as men and women religious from other congregations met with the students to explore the many possibilities offered to those who choose Religious Life.



Sister Maryanne Tracey, SC is shown here as she addresses the students.

Advisory Board

The purpose of the Office of Vocation and Mission Engagement is to invite and engage people in the Vincentian/Setonian Charism. It also seeks opportunities to provide hands-on ministry opportunities to serve people who are marginalized. In addition, the Office will continue to assist prospective candidates to be Seton Associates in discernment and formation in the Charism, and to guide women exploring a call to Religious Life.

The Office has recently formed an Advisory Board to help further its mission. We welcome with appreciation the following Advisory Board members: Sister Jeanne Agans, SC; Maria Cappazolli, SA; Jim Cavanaugh, Marissa Gioffre, SA; JoLynn Krempeki, SA; Sister Michelle Lukenda, SC; Jayne Morris-Murphy; Michael Rivera; Margaret Roman, SA; Erich Sekel; and Sister Patricia Stringer, OP. We look forward to working with these talented people as well as hearing what they envision for this Office going forward. There are so many possibilities! Please pray that the Holy Spirit will guide them at the first meeting on October 12, 2021.

Toward Boundless Charity

Toward Boundless Charity, a program for high school students will expand its mission this fall. Students at the Academy of Saint Elizabeth, Immaculate Conception High School, in Montclair, Mother Seton High School, in Clark, and Saint Vincent Academy will participate. One of the goals for this year is to help further the Sisters of Charity mission in Haiti. The schools are choosing their own way to assist the missions in Haiti. We look forward to seeing this outreach effort flourish. We would also like to thank Sister Dianne Moore, SC, as well as Seton Associates Dawn Colapietro and Patti D'Esmond for their continued efforts to grow the missions in Haiti.

Sandwich Ministry Update

We are delighted to share with you that we are currently at 69.3 percent of our goal towards having 3,300 sandwiches donated to those in need by the end of 2021. If you live or work nearby, we would love to have you join us in this ministry. We are also in need of people who are able to deliver the sandwiches to Our Lady of Peace Church in New Providence. For information or to take part in this ministry please contact Shannon Hoffman, Co-Director of Vocation and Mission Engagement at 973.290.5336 or shoffman@scnj.org.

Golden Opportunities . . .



QUILT MINISTRY



Dear Seton Associates,

If you enjoy sewing and have a machine at home, a group of women including two Seton Associates are making very simple quilts for those experiencing homelessness. Sister Pat Reynolds, SC and Sue Butler, SA have assembled kits that include all the materials needed to sew a simple quilt.

Should you have any questions or to request quilt kits please contact Shannon Hoffman shoffman@scnj.org or Sister Maryanne Tracey, SC mtracey@scnj.org.

Thank you,

Shannon Hoffman

Sister Maryanne Tracey, SC

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Sister Marion Scranton, SC would like to share Rosary Beads with her ministry at Brother Bonaventure / Trinitas Nursing Home. All rosaries can be new or used. If you would like to donate rosaries, please send them to the Office of Vocation and Mission Engagement at PO Box 476 Convent Station, NJ 07961

For any questions, please contact Shannon Hoffman at 973-290-5336 or at shoffman@scnj.org

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Thank you!



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