

**Diocese of Austin**  
**Catholic Committee on Scouting**  
**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Adult Recognition Award**

The St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Medal was created by the Department of Education, USCC, in 1980 to recognize significant contributions of people serving the spiritual needs of Catholic members in organizations serving girls. It is offered to those dioceses that choose to use it, subject to the approval of the local ordinary. The medal is intended to recognize notable contributions in this area of youth ministry. However, the St. Anne Medal remains the highest national award.

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 and careful evaluation by the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting (DCCS) with the goal of being highly selective. 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 DCCS. There is no limit on the total number of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton medals given in any calendar year. Nomination forms are accepted all year. The medal is usually presented at an Adult Recognition Dinner, Bishop's Dinner or Religious Awards Recognition Mass in the spring or the fall.

The St. Elizabeth Ann Seton medal may be given to any adult, lay or religious, Catholic or non-Catholic who has shown a consistent commitment to the spiritual formation and development of youth in girls' organizations. No posthumous or honorary recognitions are to be made. Nominee must not have received the St. Anne medal in the Diocese of Austin. The following are general guidelines for appropriate candidates:

- Participates in activities which contribute to the spiritual development of Catholic members of national organizations serving girls, e.g., retreat weekends, days of recollection, Girl Scout or Camp Fire Boys and Girls Sunday observances, etc.
- Promotes the religious recognition programs available to Catholic members in the diocese and/or serves as a counselor
- Participates actively in adult spiritual motivation days
- Is responsible for Catholic members fulfilling their responsibility to mass while camping
- Encourages the true spirit of ecumenism as well as a parochial responsibility and Catholic leadership within the girls' organization served, and
- Contributes other service to the parish and community

Nomination forms are accepted all year. Mail or fax completed form to:

Diocese of Austin  
Catholic Committee on Scouting,  
P.O. Box 104,  
Pflugerville, TX 78691-0104

(If mailing, please keep a copy for your records)

## **NOMINATION**

### **RECORD OF NOMINEE:**

Using the guide-points below, describe the outstanding service the nominee has given to the spiritual development of Catholic youths.

Include pertinent dates. Use additional sheets of paper as needed.

Greatest emphasis should be placed on the first point below.

Service to or position held in the spiritual development of Catholic youths:

Service to or positions held in the parish, (arch)diocese/eparchy or both.

Service to or positions held in other organizations (such as business, civic, religious, educational and fraternal).

**NOMINEE:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ (Arch)diocese/eparchy: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization registered in: \_\_\_\_\_ Council: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation and employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**RECOMMENDED BY:**

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

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Date submitted: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**FOR OFFICIAL USE**

**DIOCESAN SELECTION COMMITTEE APPROVAL:**

The St. Elizabeth Ann Seton selection committee of the Diocese of Austin certifies that the record of service of the nominee has been carefully reviewed and that the nominee meets the standards for this medal as established by the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting. The nominee is hereby selected for reception of the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton medal.

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson, selection committee

**DIOCESAN APPROVAL:**

On \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_, the above-named candidate's pastor, \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

stated he knew of no reason why the candidate should not receive the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton medal. Therefore, based on the approval of the selection committee, the candidate is approved for the reception of the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton medal.

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Diocesan Scout chaplain

**DIOCESAN CATHOLIC COMMITTEE SCOUTING ON SCOUTING OFFICE RECORD:**

Date medal ordered: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Date medal received: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Date medal presented: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Presented by: \_\_\_\_\_