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**New Living History Tour at  
The National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton**

Emmitsburg, MD — A new living history tour, titled Catherine Comes Home, will be available at the Seton Shrine beginning July 1. Catherine is Catherine Seton, the youngest daughter of Elizabeth Ann Seton. On this tour, visitors will step back in time to 1842 and join Catherine as she interacts with old friends and explores her childhood home for the first time in 21 years.

In 1842, Catherine Seton returned home to Emmitsburg. She had left 21 years earlier, her heart broken by her mother's death. During the intervening decades, Catherine traveled the world and lived an extravagant, pampered life. Yet nothing seemed to satisfy her.

At the height of her restlessness, Catherine decided to visit her childhood home. In this living history tour, you'll join Catherine on her visit to Emmitsburg, where memories of her life with her mother and the Sisters of Charity come flooding back.

"We're excited to roll out this new living history tour," said Rob Judge, Executive Director of The National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton. "On the tour, visitors will walk throughout our sacred grounds and explore our historic sites while they accompany Catherine on her visit. They'll see Catherine reunite with old friends, and hear about the life of Elizabeth Ann Seton, the obstacles she and her fledgling community encountered, and how their faith helped them overcome their struggles. They'll also witness as Catherine undergoes the transformation that would finally set her on the path to which God called her. It will be a truly memorable living history experience that people can't find anywhere else."

The tour takes place on Sundays in July and August at 3pm, 3:30pm, 4pm, 4:30pm and 5pm. It costs \$10 for adults, \$7 for youth ages 7-18, and is free for children 6 and under. People may sign up ahead of time at [setonshrine.org](http://setonshrine.org), and online ticket sales will be available soon. Walk-ins are also welcome.

If you go: The tour begins promptly at the advertised times and departs from at the Shrine's Visitor Center. Admission to the Visitor Center and Museum are free, and parking is free. The Seton Shrine is located at 339 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD 21727.

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*Elizabeth Ann Seton is the first native-born U.S. saint. The National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton promotes her life and legacy to inspire everyone. More than 200 years ago, she came to Emmitsburg as a bankrupt widow with five children, and went on to found the first free Catholic school for girls staffed by sisters in the U.S., and the first community of religious women established in the U.S. Today, her legacy includes several religious communities with thousands of sisters, who serve others through schools, social service centers and hospitals throughout the world. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized in 1975. Her remains are entombed at the National Shrine that bears her name.*