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**The National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton  
Opens New Museum Exhibit**

Emmitsburg, MD — The Seton Shrine’s museum just opened a new, free exhibit showcasing the work that Sisters are doing today across the country and around the world. “Sisters Today – A World of Difference” shows Sisters hard at work everywhere, from the Arizona desert to the Canadian Arctic.

“When Elizabeth Ann Seton’s Sisters began serving the poor 200 years ago, that was only the beginning,” said Rob Judge, Executive Director of The National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton. “Today, these Sisters still serve the poor in every way and place you can imagine, from Peruvian villages to the United Nations. Visitors always ask us what the Sisters are doing now. With this new exhibit, we welcome everyone to come and see for themselves.”

Thirteen congregations of Sisters trace their beginnings to the seeds sown by Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Saint Vincent de Paul and Saint Louise de Marillac. Today, these Sisters are based throughout the U.S. and Canada, and serve in dozens of countries all over the world. Through photography, artifacts and maps, the “Sisters Today” exhibit shows how and where they continue to serve, from running a food bank in a remote Navajo village, to saving lives in one of the country’s busiest emergency rooms, just outside New York City.

The “Sisters Today” exhibit is on display in the Visitor Center at the Seton Shrine, located at 339 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD 21727. The Museum and Visitor Center are free, and open seven days a week, from 10:00 am – 4:30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

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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.*