MOTHER SETON HOUSE — Photo here shows parlor of Baltimore house, still standing on Paca Street, where Mother Eliabeth Bayley Seton, a convert to the Faith, organized the Daughters of Charity in America and held parochial school classes. (Photo courtesy, Baltimore Catholic Review).

Foundress Of Nuns May Be Beatified This Year

Old Baltimore Home Of Mother Seton Was Cradle Of Charity Sisters In U.S.

By PATRICIA MORRIS
(Special From Baltimore Catholic Review)

A small, brick house on Baltimore's Paca street grounds of St. Mary Seminary, partially hidden from public view by the seminary wall, could well become a national shrine.

In the house Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton who may be beatified this year, founded the Sisters of Charity and the parochial school system in America.

If a house could be compared to the prophet without honor in his own land, the box-like, colonial structure with its slanted roof and shuttered door is surely an unrecognized monument to greatness. Few, locally, know of its existence, despite the fact that its story is in print in countless journals. And the story is history.

The house has been unoccupied for many years. In fact, there is no source material available as to who other than Mother Seton may have lived there. Through the years it has maintained a unique originality despite the changing scene. Apparently it was built around 1808 the year Mother Seton moved into it.

In one of her letters she wrote that the house was "entirely new . . . a neat, delightful mansion . . . in the new French style of folding windows and recesses." It had been rented for her by the Sulpician Fathers who arranged her coming to Baltimore. Father William Valentine Dubourg, her spiritual director was at that time president of St. Mary College the lay college that was also part of the seminary establishment.

MOTHER SETON'S house sat between two peach orchards and only a fence separated it from "the most elegant chapel in America."

Almost as if scheduled by Providence, Elizabeth Seton arrived in Baltimore on the feast of Corpus Christi, 1808 at the same hour the new St. Mary seminary chapel was dedicated by Archbishop Carroll. As she rode by carriage from the Baltimore harbor she could hear the strains of chapel music and the chant of the seminarians at the dedication ceremonies.

The proximity of her home to the seminary chapel and to the Sulpician tradition was a vital aspect in the formation of her mission. In the mornings she received Communion at the seminary chapel and each evening she attended Benediction.

Through the generosity of one of the seminarians, Mr. Samuel Cooper, funds were made available for her for the purchase of the farm at Emmitsburg where the Daughters of Charity began their first permanent foundation.

BUT IT WAS the Paca street house that was the root beginning for all that was to follow. What is more, the house was a family home as well as a spiritual one. Mother Seton, married at 18, was a widow at 30 with five children. Her conversion at 33 brought with it estrangement from the New York circle of first families where she had been a prominent society matron. The illness and death of her husband had been upheaving circumstances. Separations from her family had been long. And the years from 1805 to 1808 were hard ones.

Uppermost in Elizabeth Seton's mind when she came to Baltimore was having her family all together at the Paca street house. She wanted to get her two boys who were attending Georgetown and enroll them in the Sulpician school on home grounds. In the account of her voyage by water from New York to Baltimore she writes that the girls were impatient to land and see "Willy and Dicksy."

What a retinue of happy people must have trod the boards in the Paca street house! How many times the Seton children, Anna Maria, 13; Will, 12; Dick, 11; Kit 8, and Rebecca, 6 must have skirted the circular staircase, still as gracefully winding today as it was then. There too, Anna Maria, in the first throes of adolescent attachments, received the bouquets and verses carried by her brothers from Charles DuPavilon, a student at St. Mary's College.

IN THE PACA street house Mother Seton acting first as a lay teacher, had four boarding students. The small parlor of the house doubled as a schoolroom. And many were the local children she prepared for first Holy Communion. Within the same walls she interviewed the first candidates for the Daughters of Charity, Cecilia O'Conway and Maria Murphy from Philadelphia.

Also as part of the Paca street household were Mother Seton's sisters-in-law, Cecelia and Harriet Seton, both of whom follow ed her into the church; Cecelia in the days before her Baltimore stay and Harriet not until after the move to Emmitsburg.

Two more aspirants for the order, Susan Clossy and Mary Ann Butler also came to Paca Street. And on June 2, 1809 when Mother Seton and her first four spiritual daughters left the Paca street house for morning Mass in the seminary chapel they dressed alike. Attired in simple, black mourning dresses and white caps tied under the chin they were wearing for the first time the habit of the Daughters of Charity.

Only a few weeks later the Baltimore interim of Mother Seton's life was over. For on June 21, 1809, little more than a year after her arrival in Baltimore, she set out for the Emmitsburg site where the Daughters of Charity were permanently established.

ESSENTIALLY the structural framework of the Paca street house is the same today. The deep, narrow first floor rooms and reception hall, the plain brick fireplaces that were stove and furnace, the sturdy wide floor boards, the finished attic with its dormer window, the two chimneys; one that slants at a rakish angle and almost seems from a distance to be toppling are still there. At the time of the Civil War when new seminary buildings were added, the little house remained untouched.

During the late 1940's partial restoration was made to the interior under the direction of Sulpician Father James J. Kortendick. Walls were painted and authentic period pieces placed in some of the rooms. A guest book shows a number of visitors who came on tours conducted by the Sisters of Charity.

But public interest waned and the house has been deserted and unnoticed for the most part in the past three or four years. All its original sturdiness is there. And there is nothing to say it could not come to life again. For some day it may be referred to as the home that housed the first, native - born American saint.

Two Parishes Adopt Total Coverage Plan

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Cleary, administrator, 130 (increase 7).

St. Joseph, Weedsport, Rev. Leo A. Jones, pastor, 154 (increase 8); **St. Philip Neri, Rochester,** Rev. George J. Weinmann, pastor, 215 (increase 3); **St. Bridget, East Bloomfield,** 74 (increase 5); and **St. Joseph, West Bloomfield,** 37 (increase 1), Rev. Ignatius Cameron, pastor.

St. Gregory, Marion, Rev. James C. Lane, administrator, 68 subsciptions for an increase of 17; **St. John, Newark Valley,** and **St. Francis, Catatonk,** Rev. Alexander Stec, pastor, 49 (increase 3).

ALSO RENEWING the hundred percent plan are: **Blessed Sacrament, Rochester,** Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas F. Connors, Pastor, 1051; **St. Helen, Rochester,** Rev. J. Beecher Sullivan, pastor, 510; **SS. Peter and Paul, Elmira,** Rev. Hubert A. Bisky, pastor, 490; **St. Joseph, Rochester,** Very Rev. Gerald J. Whelan, C.SS.R., rector, 310.

St. Columba, Caledonia, 145, and **St. Patrick, Mumford,** 46, Rev. William J. Devereaux, pastor; **St. Ann, Palmyra,** Rev. William A. Doran, pastor, 106; **St. Mary, Bath,** Rev. Henry C. Manley, pastor, 237; **St. Patrick, Dansville,** Rev. John C. O'Donnell, pastor, 286.

Our Lady of Good Cousel, Rochester, Rev. Leo V. Smith, pastor, 451; **Holy Angels, Nunda,** 58 and **Holy Name, Groveland,** 35, Rev. Raymond G. Heisel, pastor; **St. Januarius, Naples,** and **St. Matthias, Atlanta,** Rev. Henry C. Bleier, 60.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Rochester, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis W. Luddy, pastor, 594; **St. Patrick, Aurora,** and **St. Micheal, Union Springs,** Rev. Ralph J. Meyer, pastor, 95; **St. Mary, Dansville,** Rev. Edward M. Scheid, pastor, 400.

St. Cecelia, Elmira, Rev. Thomas J. Manley, pastor, 229; **St. Micheal, Penn Yan,** 390, and **St. Andrew, Dundee,** 53, Rev. Francis C. Waterstraat, pastor; **St. Bridget, Rochester,** Rev. Gerald T. Brennan, pastor, 152; **Chapel of the Dvine Compassion, Craig Colony, Sonyea,** Rev. John A. Murphy, chaplain, 59.

St. Ann's Home, Rochester, Sister Mary Walter, administrator, also reported 15 subscribers.

My Husband Could Earn More Money If He Just Had More Drive, Ambition

By FATHER JOHN L. THOMAS, S.J.
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I know money isn't everything, but you can't do much without it. We managed all right when we first married. I was working and we had less expense. Now with four children to take care of, the bills just keep piling up. My husband doesn't have enough drive. I feel he could get a better job if he tried. He claims he's doing his best. What can I do?

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WELL, YOU can go on nagging him until you drive him to drink or to another woman. The technique is simple. It is being applied effectively every day in our society. Start out by showing him how miserable you are. Make him feel inferior and incompetent by telling him what other women's husbands are doing. Insinuate that you could do a better job than he if you were the breadwinner. It's bound to work!

Soon he'll start spending less time at home. He may even start drinking a little. Go after him for that! It won't be long before you'll have less money and he may not come home for a day or two at a time. Then you can put your children in a home or leave them with mother and get your old job back. And one more marriage goes on the rocks!

No, you don't want that solution. Are there others? Let's analyze your situation. First, when you married, you accepted your husband for better or worse. This really means that you loved and accepted him as he was. Maybe you didn't think it at the time, but this implied that you agreed to establish a family and live according to the standard of income he would be able to supply. At marriage, then, you could make a reasonable estimate of what your financial position would be.

The earning capacity of the average male in our society depends primarily on his education, his previous work experience, his native talents, and his drive. These were fairly evident at marriage and you accepted them.

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SECOND, MARRIAGE is a partnership in parenthood. As you stated correctly, money isn't everything, but the family enterprise must be based on a solid economic foundation. Now if you look around, you will notice that some families manage to stay out of debt and some are always floundering in a sea of bills.

Why does this happen? It's not just a matter of income size. Two factors are generally operative here. First, some families are in debt because they foolishly attempt to live beyond their obvious means. Second, some couples don't know how to manage their income. They always have too much month left over at the end of their money.

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WHAT CAN YOU DO? First, ask yourself if you are foolishly trying to live beyond your means. — beyond the standard you implicitly accepted at marriage? Second, are you using your income to the best advantage? Do you keep a budget so that you can tell your money where to go, or do you spend it as the occasion arises and then wonder where it went?

Make a list of your income and your expenses. At the top of your expense account place those items which are absolutely necessary for the family's existence. These must be paid frst.

If you have any money left over, you may use it for other items but they come second. Then, take an account of how you run your household. Do you buy everything in the way of prepared food and clothing, or are you making a real contribution as housewife?

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Finally, perhaps your husband isn't doing his utmost. Nagging won't help. Get him to work together with you in drawing up the budget. Make up your minds that you can and will balance the books. On the day of marriage you lovingly took each other for what you are. You still have each other, plus the grace of vocation. Surely you have what you need for happiness and success.

Famous Theologian Marks 80th Year

Rome — (NC) — Dominican Father Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange, one of the foremost living teachers and writers of theology, has celebrated his eightieth birthday here.

The famous Dominican has taught at the Angelicum University here for 48 years. He has written 23 books and a large number of articles on philosophy and dogmatic and ascetical theology.

He was born in Auch, France, in 1877. At the age of 20 he entered the Dominican novitiate in Amiens, where he took the name Reginald as his name in religion in place of his given name, Gouteau.

In 1952 Father Garrigou-Lagrange celebrated his golden jubilee as a priest. He is a member of the Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office and of several other Vatican offices.

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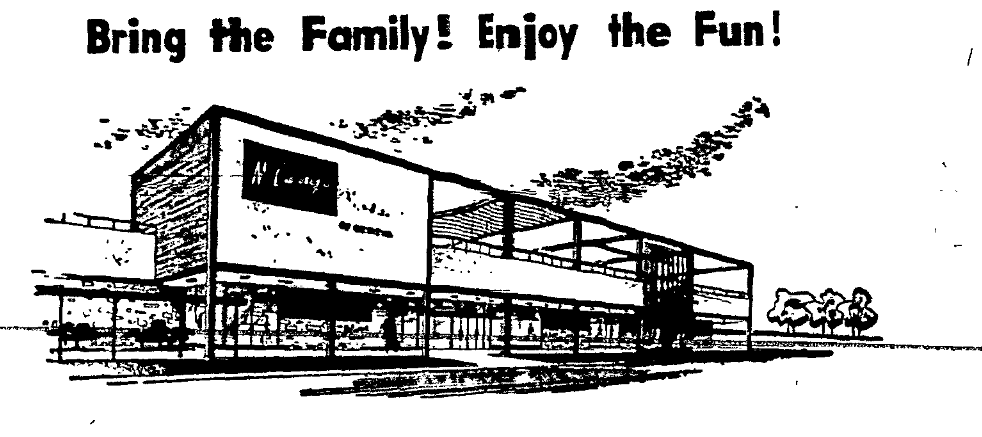

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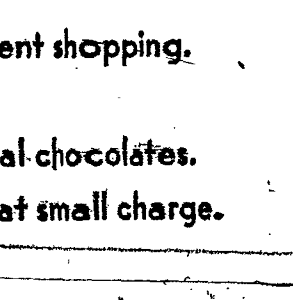

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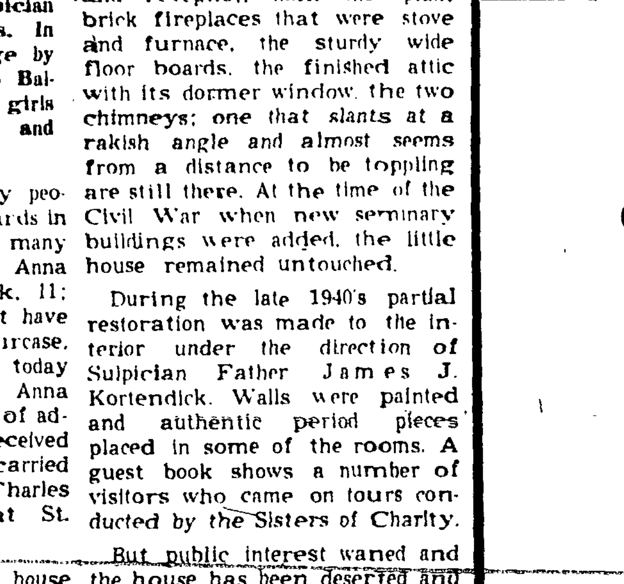

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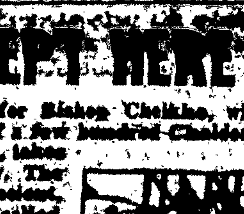

The Holy Father in his appeal today for Bishop Cheikho, who direly needs a small church for his flock of a few hundred Chaldean Catholics in Hamadan, Iran (former Persia), takes us back into ancient and biblical history. The Chaldeans are today's survivors of the ancient, proud and mighty Assyrians. Hamadan, called in those times Ecbatana, lies half-way between Baghdad and Tehran, present capital of Iran. Founded in 700 B.C., it was once the capital of the Medes, and later of the Persians. Cyrus the Great conquered it in 55 B.C.; and Alexander did in 324 B.C. It was a usual stop-over for travelers to Rages, whither aged Tobias had sent his son to collect a debt. So, the Archangel Raphael and younger Tobias surely stopped there. So, today the good Bishop will call this church St. Raphael. He begs a few thousand dollars for his poor people. Won't you help?

THE BIBLE YET LIVES?

BENJAMIN and EZECHIEL—two names so prominent in the Old Testament. But they are living today as far as we are concerned. We mean two girls in India, who just took these names as they commenced their two years training, hopefully pleading with us to find "sponsors" who will make it possible for us to keep them by sending us $150 for each year of training in any payments.

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THINK IT OVER

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You'll be making a sacrifice every day during the holy season—smoking, candy, movies. Did you think of sending the price of it to the Holy Father as a STRINGLESS GIFT for His Near East Missions? Small or large, they are all big in his eyes because they tell him of a tremendous love for God's Church. Why not make this a substitute if you are unable to fast?

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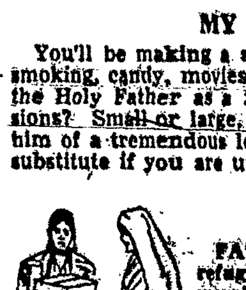

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