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## Seton Rite: Simple, Dignified

**Emmitsburg, Md. [RNS].** — The canonization ceremony of Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton Sept. 14 at the Vatican will reflect the simplicity and dignity of the first U.S.-born Catholic saint, according to details of the ceremony reported here.

There will be no band or trumpets at the consecration of the Mass, no fans nor plumes over the papal chair, nor any banners as in comparable events of the past.

A painting, 13 feet by 18 feet, of Mother Seton by Italian artist Ciotti will be displayed over the loggia outside the Basilica.

Details of the canonization plans were revealed here by Father Sylvester Taggart, vice-postulator for the cause for canonization of Mother Seton.

The Federation of the Daughters of Blessed Elizabeth Seton, which represents 7,500 Sisters of Charity in North America, had also expressed the desire for a ceremony in harmony with "the true spirit of Mother Seton" which would preclude any type of lavishness.

Vatican arrangements are being made by Father Lucio Lapalorcia, postulator general and his American assistant, Father William W. Sheldon.

**[Bishop Joseph L. Hogan is leading a special Courier-Journal tour to Rome for the canonization. Fathers Michael Conboy, Louis Hohman, Joseph Reinhart and John Rosse will accompany the bishop. For further information, contact the Courier-Journal.]**

A major innovation will be the participation of the Emmitsburg Community Chorus, which is composed of about 66 persons, 75 per cent of them non-Catholics. The Sisters of Charity was founded in 1809 by Mother Seton in Emmitsburg, headquarters of one of the six communities.

Pope Paul will turn to the choir to acknowledge and honor them, before he leaves after the Mass, Father Taggart said. The Pope will arrive between 9 and 9:30 a.m.

The procession, from the rear of St. Peter's Basilica, will consist of the papal household (about 50 prelates), a few Swiss Guards and the Holy Father. Lay ushers

will seat members of the diplomatic corps before the procession.

Pope Paul will be asked to accept and canonize the Beata after the Supplica and the decree have been read, and the saint extolled, Father Taggart said. "At this point," he added, "the Holy Father will stand and give the solemn Formula of Infallibility, speaking with the authority of Christ, St. Peter and the Apostles; and proclaim Mother Seton to be a citizen of Heaven and worthy of veneration by the Universal Church."

Eight persons will bring symbolic gifts to the altar in the offertory procession. The gifts will include two candles, two bundles of flowers, two small wine casks with the crests of the Seton and Bayley families on each, and two birds.

Among the eight in the procession will be two recipients of miracles credited by the Church to Mother Seton's intercession — Mrs. Anne Hope and Carl Kalin, a Lutheran convert to Catholicism. Both will be presented to the Pope. The other six are expected to be high-ranking mother generals of the Federation of Daughters of Elizabeth Ann Seton.



## Lawyers Form Guild To Promote Moral Ideals

A new organization called the St. Thomas More Lawyers Guild has been formed by local lawyers. The purpose of the organization is to foster, stimulate and maintain high standards of moral, social, legal and ethical ideals and practices.

Elected to its first Board of Governors are Robert J. Edelman, president; John J. Considine, vice president; William P. Polito, secretary; Robert G. Beachman, treasurer; Msgr. James C. McAniff, spiritual adviser. Also elected to the board are John F. Burke, Francis X. Donovan, Joseph C. DeMaria, Justice Joseph G. Fritsch, John L. Greisberger, Anthony R. Palermo, Justice John J. Conway, Christopher D'Amanda, and Father Charles A. Bennett, directors.

The Guild feels that it is imperative that there be a forum for responsible opinions and actions

by the legal profession on important current legal-moral issues. It is expected to concern itself with such topics as human experimentation on non-consenting live human beings, the legal protection of the handicapped and mentally retarded, euthanasia proposals, preservation of the family unit and the free exercise of parental rights and responsibilities without governmental interference.

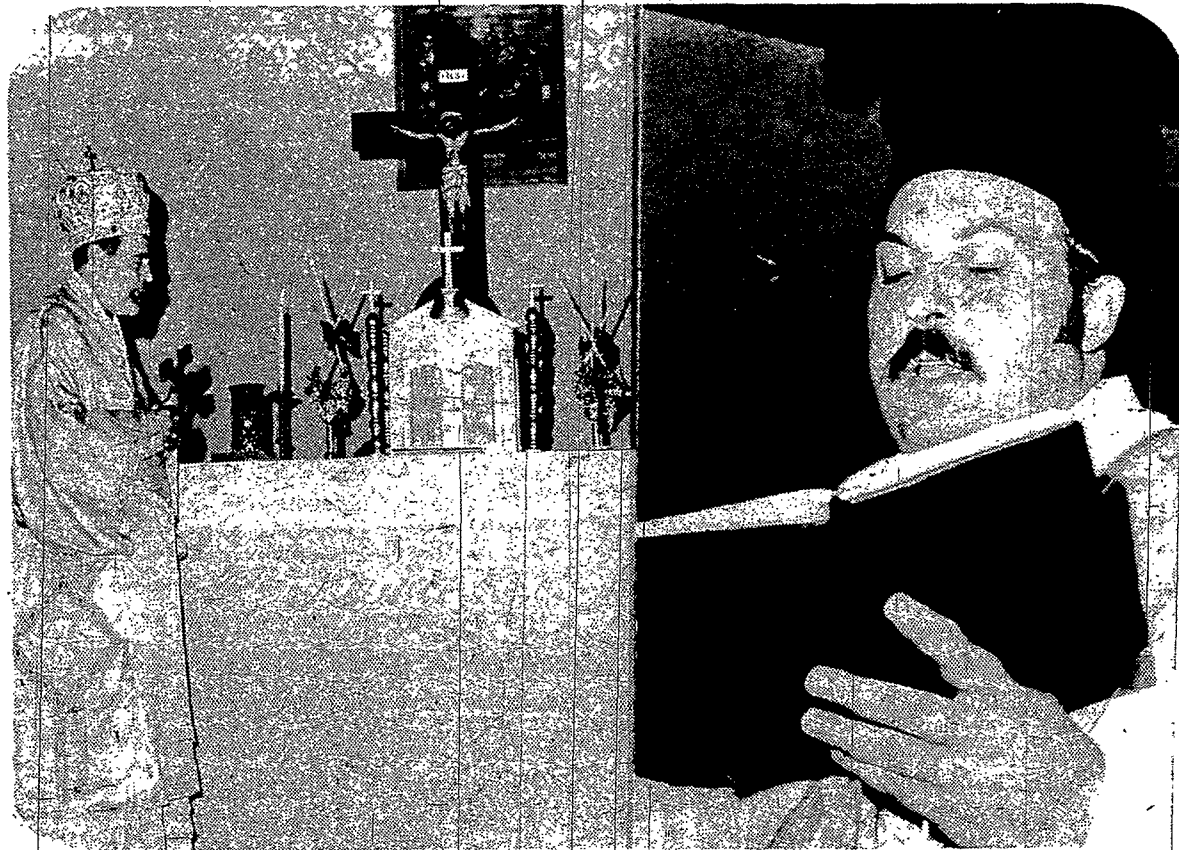
St. Thomas More, a lawyer, legislator, and lord chancellor, was selected as the model due to his commitment to the highest standards of morality and law.

The guild's annual year will commence in September, 1975, with a Lawyer's Red Mass. A September membership meeting is planned and will be open to all local lawyers admitted to practice in the State of New York who are in accord with the principles of the organization.



Among those in the new St. Thomas More Lawyers Guild are, bottom row, from left, Msgr. McAniff, Polito, Beachman, Edelman; top row, from left, Justice Conway, John Greisberger, Mark Greisberger, DeMaria, D'Amanda, and Father Bennett.

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Archbishop Joseph Tawil, bishop of all the Melkites of North America, celebrates a solemn Pontifical Mass in the Byzantine Rite at the ordination of Father August J. Deasio, right, last Sunday in St. Nicholas Church. The Archbishop also conducted a vesper service Saturday and blessed the altar screen. He met the people at a public breakfast party Sunday hosted by Father Athanasius Hassey, St. Nicholas pastor, at Bishop Kearney High School.

## 'Priests Only' Session Added To Diocesan Liturgy Institute

A special conference for priests will open this year's Diocesan Liturgy Institute at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 22, at Keuka College. The priest's role as "chief liturgist in parish worship" will be the focus of discussions led by Father John Gallen, SJ, keynote speaker for the weekend.

Evening Prayer from the New English Breviary will close the priests' session at 4 p.m.

Father Robert Kennedy, new director of the Diocesan Liturgy Office said, "We added this event for clergy only to the annual weekend program because we feel that the leadership role of the

priest is unique in the area of liturgy. Their viewpoints and problems need special study and discussion."

According to his co-chairman, Father Edward Steinkirchner, "Those of us brought up to lead pre-Vatican II liturgy have to change our style and some of our attitudes about liturgy in order to give life and meaning to the new directives and new formulas."

Father Steinkirchner, pastor of Holy Ghost, is a member of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission. Referring to the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, he said, "The diocese has

serious responsibility to provide study opportunities for her priests so that they can give adequate leadership to their people in carrying out the new rites."

Father Gallen, who is director of the Murphy Center of Liturgical Research at Notre Dame University, has been in Rochester several times in recent years. He oversees preparations for Jesuit ordinations for the area, which take place in St. John the Evangelist Church in Greece. St. John's is "an outstanding example of good church architecture and a fine setting for liturgical celebrations," according to Father Gallen.