



***St. Elizabeth Ann Seton:
Patron of New Beginnings***

**St. Anthony on the Lake
THE EMERITUS GROUP
January 4, 2026**











YOU DON'T
SCARE ME, I
WAS TAUGHT
BY NUNS!







DISCUSS:

**Why do we have and need
Catholic education?**

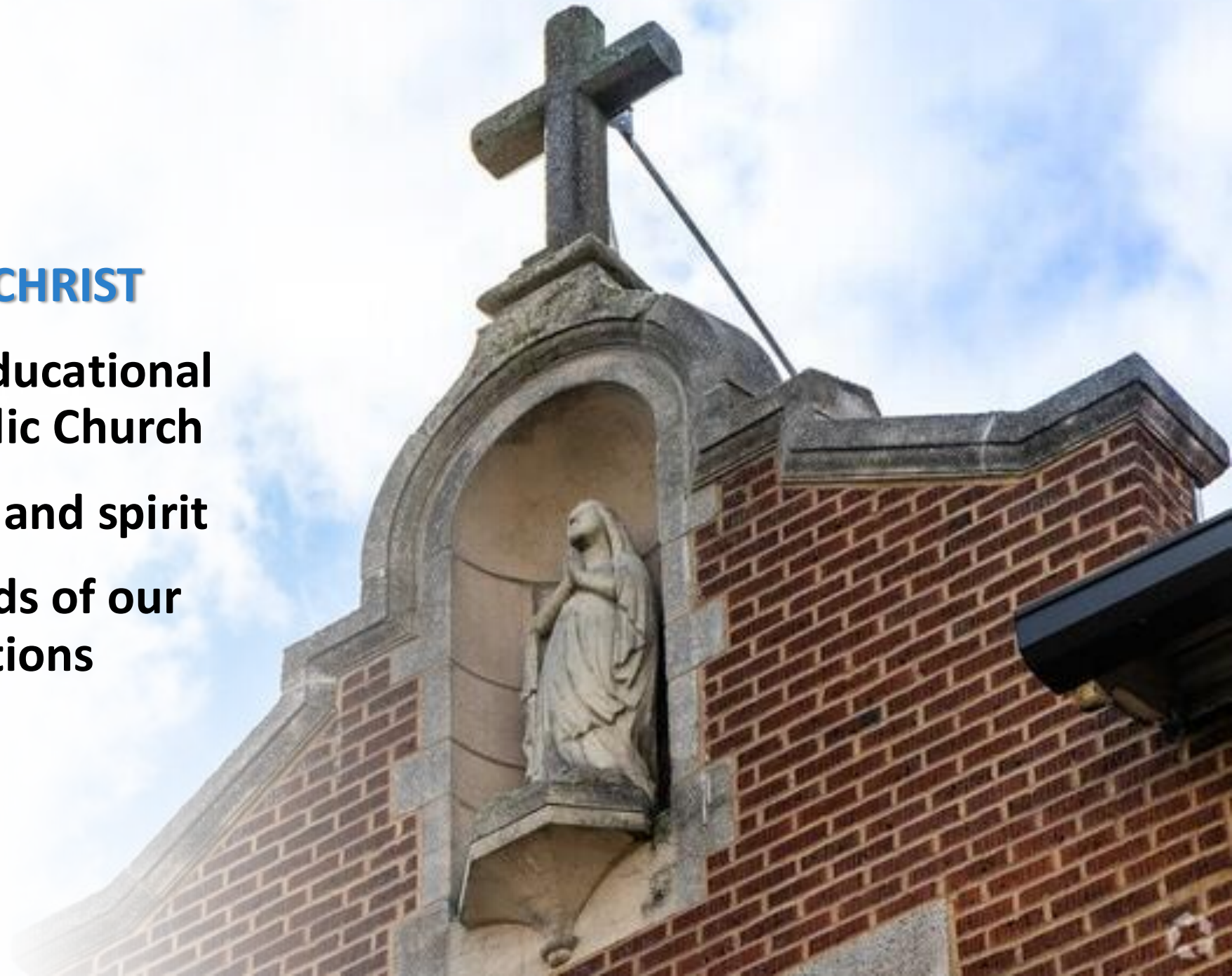


ROOTED IN JESUS CHRIST

**Our schools are the educational
ministry of the Catholic Church**

Cultivate mind, body, and spirit

**We are good stewards of our
spiritual foundations**



COLONIAL ERA:

(1600-1800)

Spanish & French Missionaries

St. Augustine, FL (1606)

Ursuline Academy, LA (1727)

Georgetown University, MD (1789)

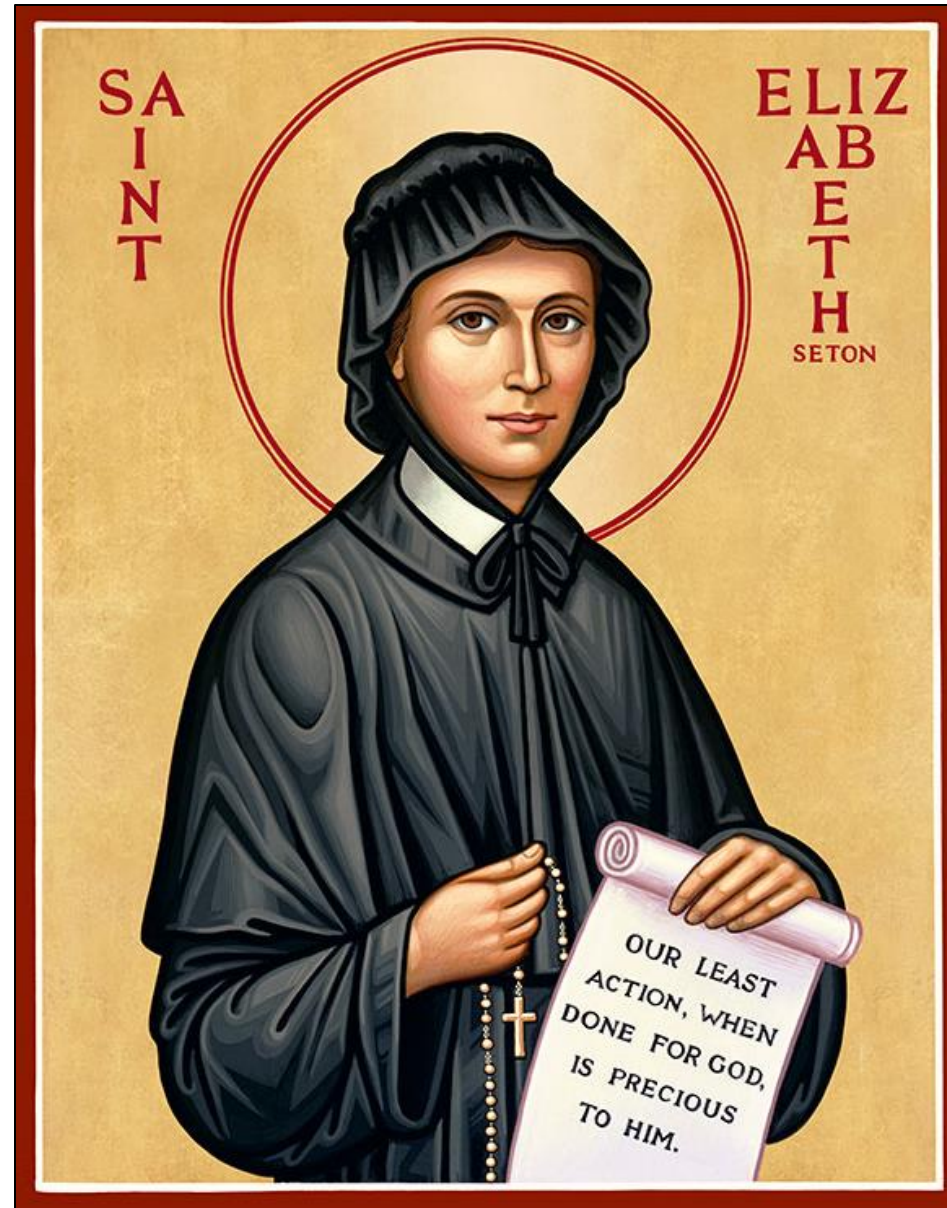
Strong anti-Catholicism*

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

1774-1821 [Feast: January 4]



Wealthy Episcopalian family

William died in Italy

Catholic convert...

...socially ostracized

Catholic school for poor









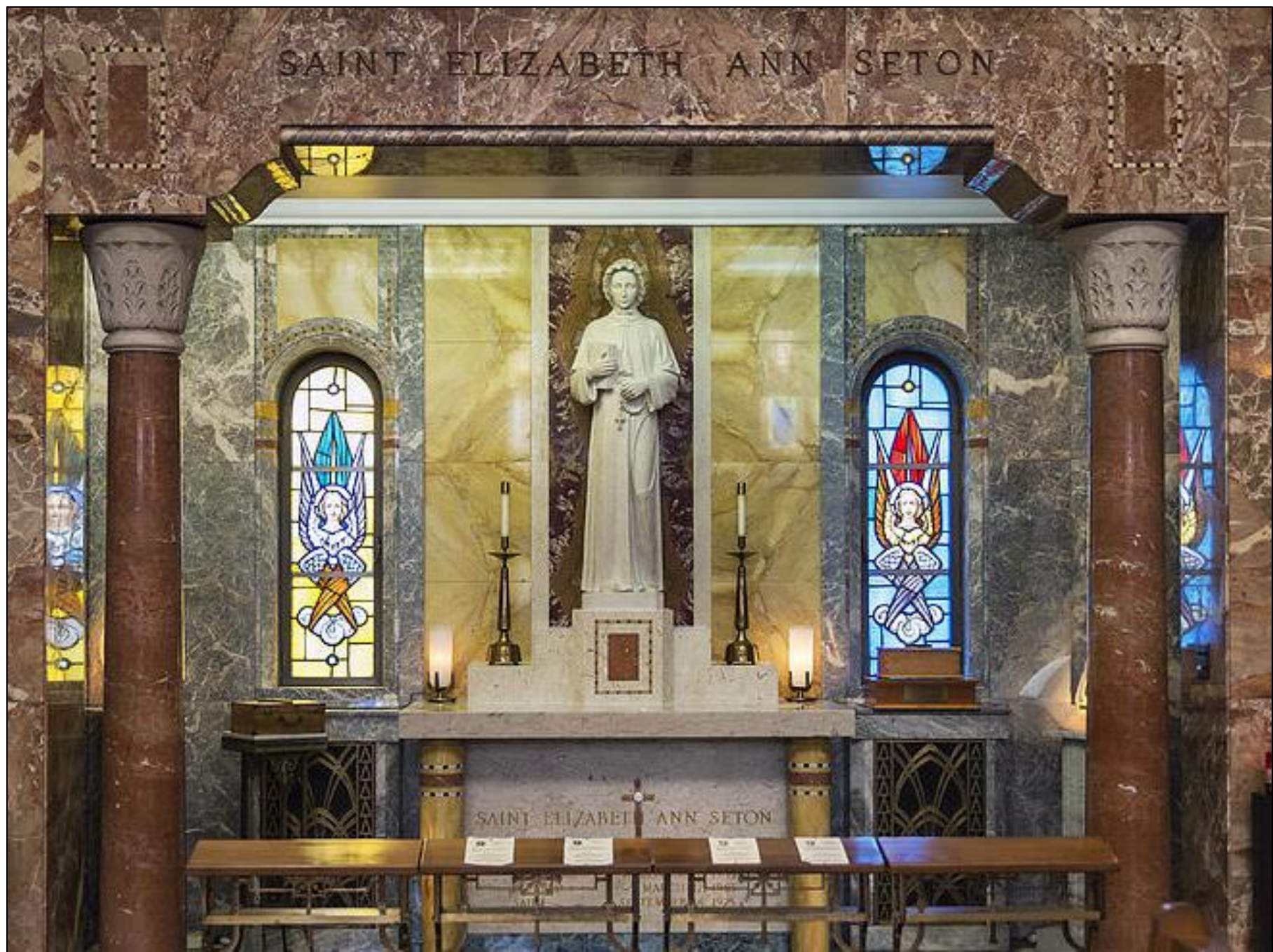
***“Be attentive to the
voice of grace.”***

-- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton











CONSIDER:

**Has something good
ever come from a bad
experience in your life?**



***“Look up and be thankful
for the good that yet remains.
Look up at the heavens
and love him.”***

-- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

***“The one who began a good work in you
will continue to complete it.”***

-- Philippians 1:6



***“The one who calls you is faithful,
and He will also accomplish it.”***

-- 1 Thessalonians 5:24





LESSONS:

**Trust in God and
surrender to His will**

**Perseverance in the
face of adversity**

**Commitment to
education and service**



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THANKS FOR BEING HERE!

**Our next meeting is
Sunday, January 18**