



***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?**

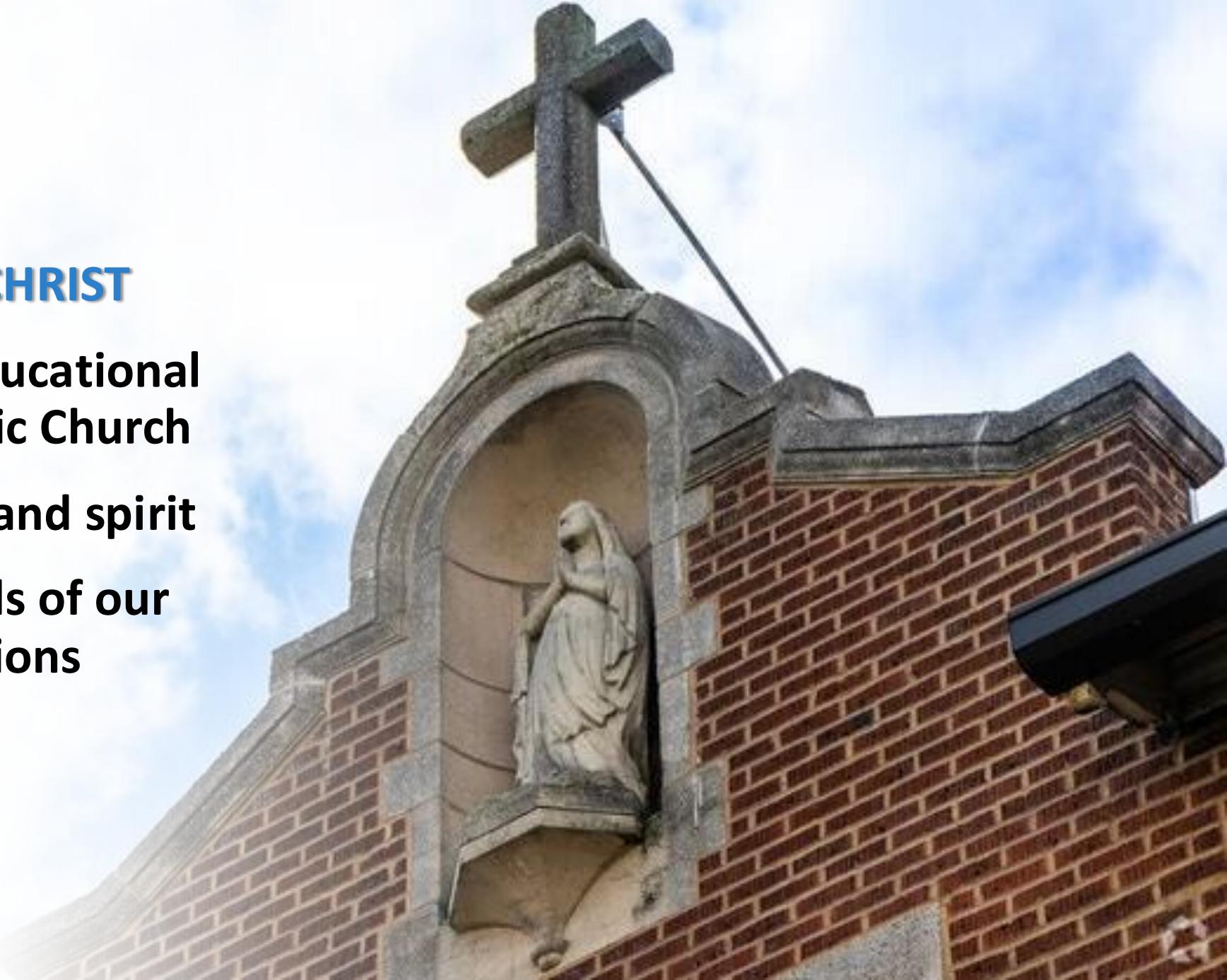


## **ROOTED IN JESUS CHRIST**

**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)

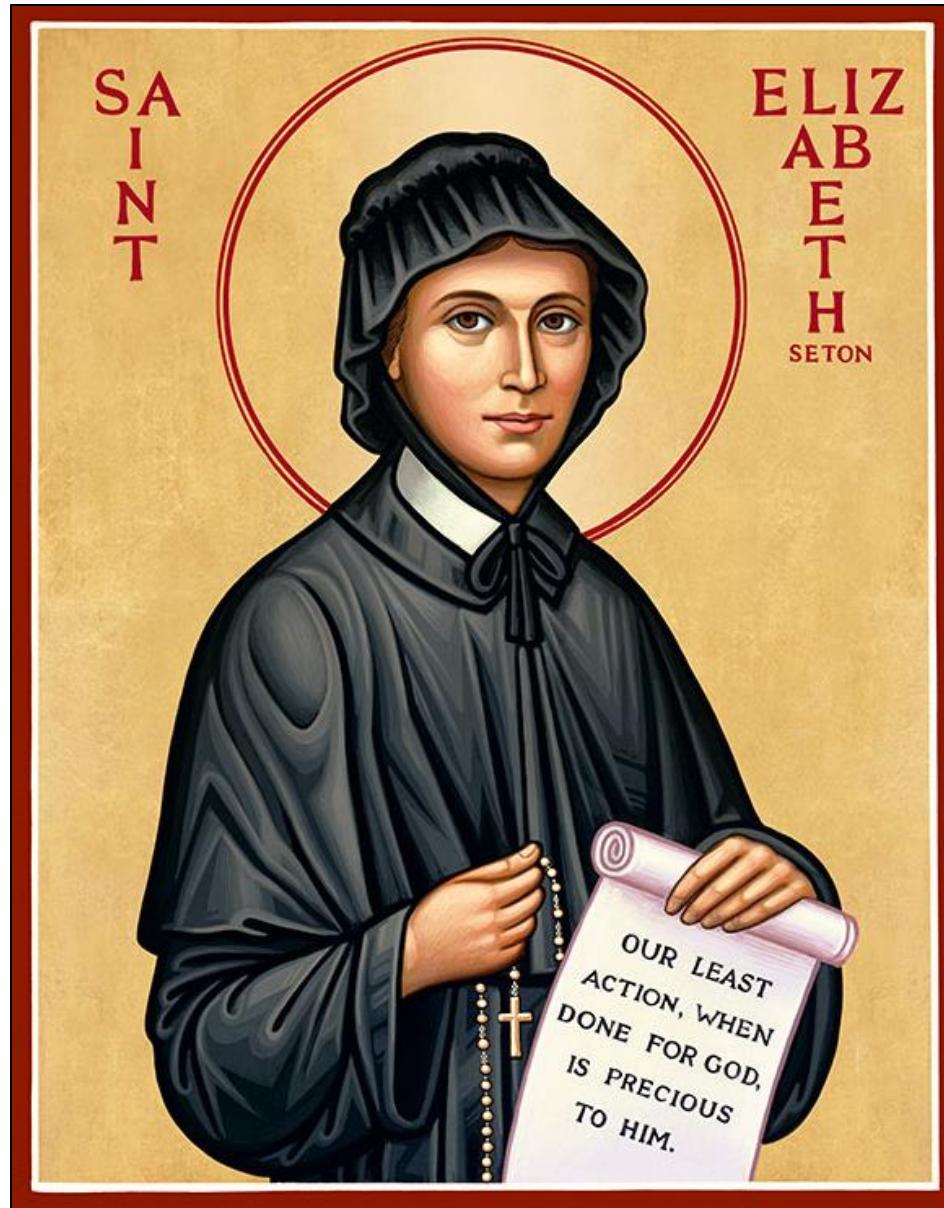
Strong anti-Catholicism\*

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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







SAINT 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**