



The
Daughters
OF CHARITY
EMMITSBURG PROVINCE

200 Years of History Brought to Life Through Film

Fire Company Helps Film Bicentennial DVD

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The Vigilant Hose Company was on campus at the Daughters of Charity early April 30th, but not to put out a fire.

Tower #6, operated by several local firefighters, assisted in the filming by lifting the videographer, Richard Mauro of Sacred Heart Films, Emmitsburg, and Wendy Wilmowski, Wayfarer Entertainment, so they could obtain aerial shots of the campus for the DVD that will be released in 2009.



Elizabeth Ann Seton was a wife, mother, widow, convert to Catholicism, and educator. She balanced work, prayer, and recreation while building a community of sisters. In 2009, the Daughters of Charity will commemorate the history, charity, and dedication that was begun by a small band of young women under the inspiration of Elizabeth Ann Seton here in Emmitsburg.

The DVD will illustrate the Seton Legacy through the prism of a feminine concept. The Vigilant Hose Company's Tower #6 was instrumental in taking the aerial shots. According to Tony Kelly, this is not the first time they were called on to assist. Together with Vance Click they maneuvered the ladder so Wilmowski could scan the campus from above. This could not have happened without their help. An associate for the Daughters of Charity, Tina Lamont, posed as Mother Seton.



Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton founded the Sisters of Charity of Saint Joseph's, the first new community for religious women to be established in the United States. She also began Saint Joseph's Academy and Free School, the first free Catholic School for girls staffed by Sisters in the United States. Her enduring legacy of nearly 200 years includes six religious communities with more than 5,000 members, hundreds of schools, social service centers, and hospitals throughout America and around the world. Canonized on, September 14, 1975 in Saint Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI, she is the first citizen born in the United States to be canonized. Her remains are entombed here in the Basilica of the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton.