

# Betty Ann McNeil, D.C. Bio

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Sister Betty Ann McNeil, a native of Virginia and a member of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, earned a baccalaureate degree in Social Welfare from Saint Joseph College, Emmitsburg, Maryland (1969) and a Master of Social Work from Virginia Commonwealth University (1975). Niagara University awarded her an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters (2019). Sister Betty Ann served children, young mothers, immigrants, and refugees in a variety of social work roles prior to her appointment as Provincial Archivist for the Daughters of Charity, Province of Emmitsburg (1999).

Sister Betty Ann worked with the Advisory Committee for the publication of the multi-volume opus *Elizabeth Bayley Seton Collected Writings*, 3 vols. (New York City Press, 2000-2005), and with the DePaul University Vincentian Studies since 1988.

As an author on the Vincentian and Setonian tradition, Sister Betty Ann's work has been widely published; she has conducted workshops, retreats, etc. in North America, Europe, and Asia. Among her publications are the following:

- • Author of *15 Days of Prayer with Elizabeth Seton* (Liguori Publications: Liguori, MO, 2002).
- • Co-author with Martha Libster, "*Enlightened Charity: The Holistic Nursing Care, Education, and Advices Concerning the Sick of Sister Matilda Coskery, D.C., (1799– 1870)*" (Golden Apple Publications, 2009).
- • Editor, update of the definitive Seton biography, Annabelle Melville, *Elizabeth Bayley Seton 1774-1821* (Sheridan Press, 2009).
- • Editor, *Light & Grace, Elizabeth Seton on Life, Faith, and Eternity. Daily Reflections*, (Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph's: Emmitsburg, Maryland, 2009). An edition in Spanish, *Luz y Gracia*, is forthcoming.
- • *Compiler and Editor, Friendship of My Soul. Letters by Elizabeth Ann Seton. 1803-1809*, (Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph's: Emmitsburg, Maryland, 2010).
- • Compiler and editor, *Balm of Hope—Charity Afire Impels Daughters of Charity to Civil War Nursing. A Compendium. The Civil War Records of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul Province of the United States* (DePaul University Vincentian Studies Institute, 2015).
- • Editor, M. Alderman and J. Burns, *Praying with Elizabeth Ann Seton* (2nd ed.), (Chicago: DePaul University, 2017). An edition in Spanish, *Orando con Elizabeth Seton*, is forthcoming.
- Since 2012, Sister Betty Ann is a Vincentian Scholar-in-Residence in the Division of Mission and Ministry at DePaul University, Chicago, and serves as adjunct faculty in Catholic Studies of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, DePaul University. Currently she teaches a course for undergraduates, *Notable Vincentian Women—Elizabeth Bayley Seton*.
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