



*do justice • love tenderly • walk humbly with God* Micah 6:8

**March 13, 2025**

We begin all of our prayer in the presence of our loving Creator; because we are all created in the very image and likeness of God!

**As a Christian community, we know this:**

**Our families are little churches!**

**Daily reflection:**

(Vincentian connection: Elizabeth Ann Seton)

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton was first and foremost a wife, mother of five children and later, a reluctant foundress. Growing up in a “fractured” family herself, she steadfastly faced the joys and challenges of shepherding her children toward deep faith and lasting hope. Truly, her family home was her “little church” but it was MORE THAN a building. It was an interior place of being at home with God. The Vincentian spirit calls us to accompany those in need of both physical shelter as well as spiritual foundation stones to rebuild their lives.

**Daily decision for action:**

As you encounter people needing interior as well as exterior shelter, what is your default response?

Can you be “a little church” for them in some way?

Perhaps a smile or a few moments of eye contact will help people know they have an undeniable human dignity that deserves our reverence for them.

Let us be alert to ways we can advocate for local city/state issues that could impact the availability of adequate housing, so that others can build their own ‘little church’.

**Intercessions/ our prayer for our world:**

For Church and world leaders, that they will defend the unity of families of all shapes and sizes.

For people who are separated from those who are dear to them, may they be reunited in God’s love.

That our own families, our own communities will always be the home of God’s love.

For all of us, may Jesus always be with us to help us love each other.

**Blessing:** *(the prayer of Aaron over the people of God: Num. 6:23b–26)*

May the Lord bless you and keep you!

May the Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you!

May the Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!

*And we say together with all of the people of God:*

**Amen.**