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In the footsteps of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton 200 years later

On November 1, over 300 teens and adults convened at a Chapel on Mary's Mountain located at the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, to embark on a pilgrimage, that would end at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton. This pilgrimage, strengthened by the Eucharist, recreated the trek made many times by Mother Seton and her small community of sisters.

The five stations that were planned focused on Saint Elizabeth Ann's life and to which teens could easily relate to - prayer life, the importance of family and friends in her life, her conversion, sorrows and hardships, and her love of the Eucharist. Sister Mary Catherine Conway, D.C., dressed as Mother Seton, lead the various stations, assisted by several teens.

According to Sister Nancy Murphy, D.C., "We encountered a glitch when the state police forgot to show up to escort our group on the public roads, and we were forced to abort the pilgrimage and shuttle 300 people back to the Basilica of the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton. We incorporated Plan B and changed two of the five planned stations. In reality, as the two stations we thought we had to miss - 'the Eucharist,' one was actually celebrated at Mass, and 'sorrows and hardships,' which was also changed - actually happened."

Before Mass, Sister Ann O'Neill, D.C., entertained the group with a short talk, Mother Seton's second miracle. Father Abel Agbulu, C.M., celebrated the All Saints Day Mass. The Saint Timothy's Life Teen Musicians provided exceptional music. The turnout of Sisters helping with the pilgrimage and attending the liturgy was amazingly wonderful and a great show of presence for the teens. It was a blessed event – despite the glitches.

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Link to video of the pilgrimage:

http://animoto.com/play/0CqUINaAPXIAm6WPhq1Qsg?utm_campaign=share_email&utm_medium=email&utm_source=share_email



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