



Archdiocese of San Antonio

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Seton Home Gala Remarks

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Good evening,

Tonight marks a truly joyful moment in the Archdiocese of San Antonio....it was 35 years ago today, that this symbol of the heart of our city began to prove the truth behind the words of its patroness, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, "The way to do much in a short time is to love much. People do great things if they are stirred with enthusiasm and love." Every day, for 35 years, those who support the mission of Seton Home have helped to transform lives by giving real meaning to St. Elizabeth's words. Every child born, every life saved, every young mother given new hope throughout the years, are evidence of the power of faith and love. Every child born represents the true treasure of our community.

One day, Pope Francis held a telephone conversation with a single mother from Los Angeles. The young girl had been struggling, raising twin daughters in a homeless shelter, and needing hope and encouragement. The Holy Father said to her: "You're a brave woman because you're capable of bringing these two daughters into the world. ... You respected the life you were carrying inside you and God is going to reward you for that and he does reward you for that. Don't be ashamed. ... I congratulate you." The spirit of his message is evident

each day in the lives of the girls we serve, and through the work that is done with great love by the administration and staff. But we know that the true heroines in this institutions are the young women who have come to Seton home and have shown the courage to begin life anew with dignity and the Grace of God.

As I reflect back over these 35 years of service, I cannot help but to see the faces of little babies who have been given a chance of living a new life, young mothers who have been raised out of poverty and given new opportunity, and hearts that have been healed because of the love and generosity of benefactors like each of you who have made this possible.

I thank you with all my heart for making Seton Home a "Family of Families"; a place where there is always light because of our deeply held faith in Jesus Christ. I am confident that Our Blessed Mother, herself a young mother, will always hold the brave young women who come to us and their babies lovingly in her arms, keeping her Son's light always burning brightly. Thank you and may God Bless Seton Home.