

The Lives of the Saints for Girls



Written by
Louis M. Savary

Illustrated by
William Luberoff & Robert Berran



www.catholicbookpublishing.com



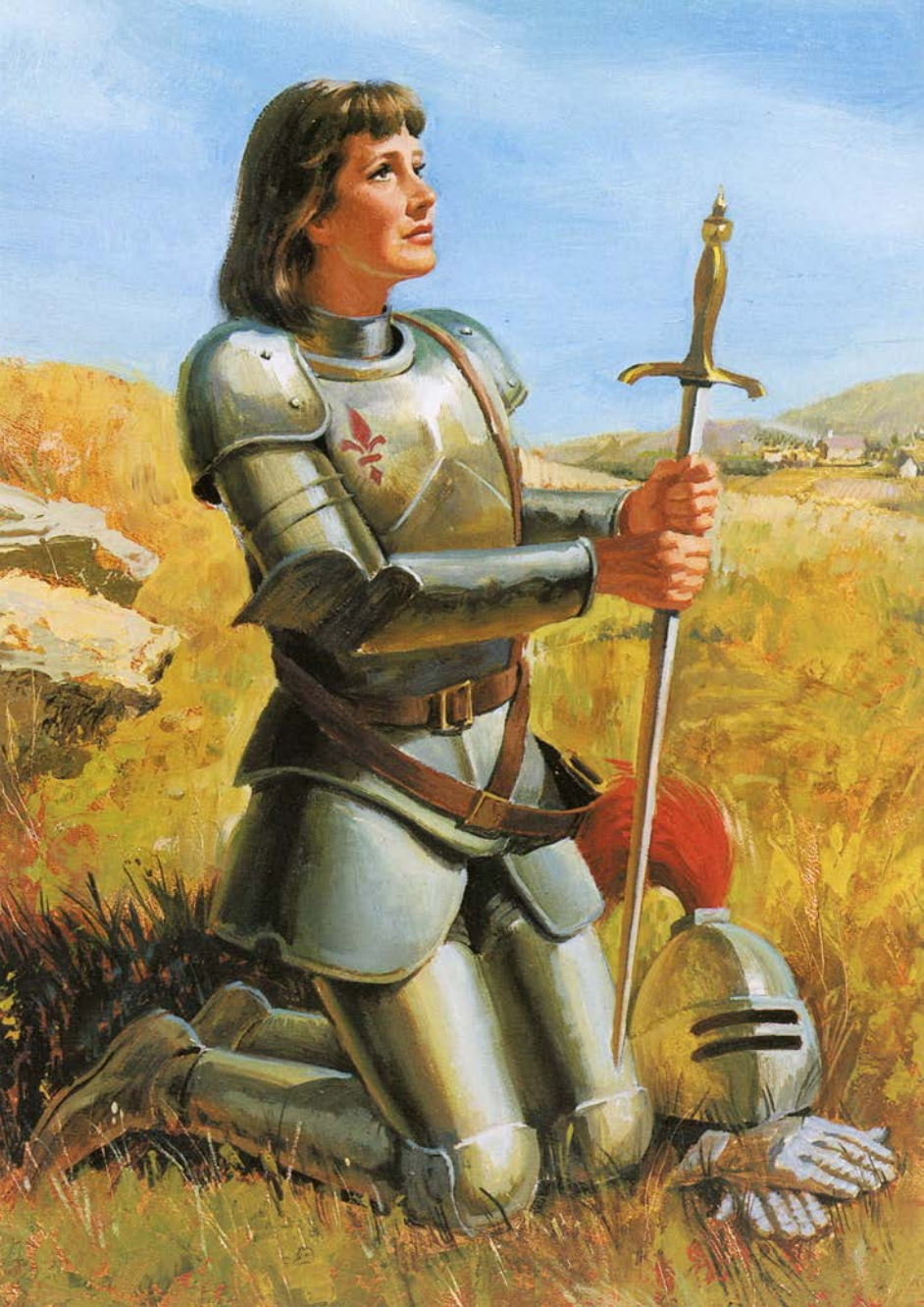
Berran

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

There was much joy in the United States in 1975, for that was the year when Elizabeth Ann Seton was declared a Saint. She was the first American Saint to be born in the United States, but she was not born a Catholic. She was a convert.

In New York, where she lived, she opened a boarding school for children. Her husband had died, and this was the only way she had to support herself and her children. In 1805, when Elizabeth became a Catholic, St. Peter's was the only Catholic church in New York City.

A priest encouraged Elizabeth to move to Baltimore and open a boarding school for Catholic girls, which she did. She and the women who helped run the new school wanted to become religious sisters, so they started their own congregation called the Daughters of Charity in 1809.



Saint Joan of Arc

Joan of Arc was a shepherdess who lived a quiet life with her simple family. At that time, her homeland, France, was being overrun by English soldiers.

As Joan prayed for the freedom of her homeland and the safety of the French soldiers, she began hearing God's voice telling her to go and save her country.

At first, she could not believe God could be asking her to wear armor and ride a horse into battle. Yet the voices continued to urge her, so she led the fearful French soldiers on to victory. Then she herself crowned Charles VII King of France in his palace at Rheims.

When the king was crowned, Joan asked to be allowed to return to her family, but the king refused. In 1431 some of the jealous soldiers turned her over to the enemy who burned her to death.