

Sister's Spin

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This coming week, many area catholic schools and catholic schools across the nation will celebrate the week known as Catholic Schools Week. They want to share with their local communities the many successes and benefits that Catholic Schools give to our nation and our world. The week is a busy, but fun one with a variety of activities in many schools. Thinking about this week brings to mind the American Saints. Those who have been canonized from this country have had a great influence on Catholic Education. Elizabeth Seton began her school and Religious Community because she needed to support herself, yet her efforts began an educational system that continues to this day. John Neumann gave great support to the many missionary communities--including my own SSND Community--who traveled to this country to instruct the many immigrants who came to start new lives. Katherine Drexel shared her wealth to found institutions for Black and Native Americans who struggled even to find a place in some Catholic Schools. Marianne Cope brought education to the Hawaiian Islands to assist Father Damian in the leper colonies. What a proud heritage to celebrate in this coming week. Added to this group, of course, are all those, religious or lay, who serve and have served in our Catholic Schools, continuing the tradition started by these special saints. It's a good week to say a special prayer for blessing on our Catholic Schools and maybe to add a word of thanks for that special teacher who made a difference in your life. LET THE CELEBRATION BEGIN!

-Sister Marcianne

