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It's that time of the year to give thanks and express our gratitude for our many blessings. People across America are already busy preparing to celebrate Thanksgiving.

As Catholics, we celebrate Thanksgiving every time we go to Mass. The very word eucharist comes from the Greek word for thanksgiving and is a reminder that as followers of Christ we have so much to be thankful for. We are thankful for his love and mercy. We are thankful for the Catholic faith that has been passed on to us by the Communion of Saints. In our gratitude, we find peace and joy.

Our experience as Catholics shows the path to a fulfilling and joyful life. To be happy, be grateful. But we can't stop there. We are called to share our gratitude and blessings with others. That is the lesson of the Thanksgiving feast.

So for this Thanksgiving and every day that follows, we are challenged to be the hands and feet of Christ to all that we encounter and share the mercy and love God has showered upon us. Gather not only around the dinner table but at the alter where we celebrate the eucharistic thanksgiving.

Finally, we are thankful to our priests and religious who lead us with passion to a growing relationship with Jesus Christ in the hopes of an eternal life with YOU.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Men of Action