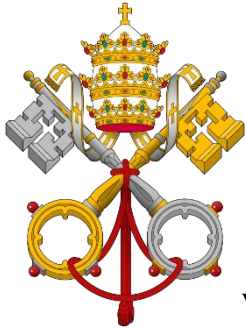


# A Beginner's Guide to Catholic Home Education



**Why Catholic home education?** Our children are our most precious possessions. As parents, it is our primary duty to raise our children in the truths of the Faith so that they might save their souls to one day be with us in heaven for all eternity. The home, under the loving direction of the parents, may be the best place to educate children in truth and virtue.

Through Catholic home education, parents are able to:

- ✚ Evangelize their children in the Faith providing both catechesis in doctrine and the development of an active spiritual and moral life based upon the sacraments, prayer, and good works.
- ✚ Provide their children with a challenging academic education in the liberal arts and sciences reflected in the light of Catholic teaching and perspective.
- ✚ Individualize curriculum to meet the needs and goals of each child.
- ✚ Personally direct and share in the intellectual, spiritual, moral and emotional growth and development of their children.
- ✚ Provide a loving environment which affirms the individuality of each child who is made in the image and likeness of God and which promotes the practice of virtue on a daily basis.
- ✚ Fulfill the role of the family as the domestic church and predominant socializing agent of children into an authentic Catholic living of the Faith.
- ✚ Protect their children from harmful influences of a secular environment, bad companions, and immoral sex education programs.

**Can I do it?** Most parents do not have teaching degrees and learn with their children. Parents often find that home education can be stimulating for them as well as their children. Motivated by love, parents are the natural educators of their children. If necessary, help in subjects such as math, science or languages can be found from curriculum providers,

friends, relatives, other home educating families, or tutors. Some high school students have successfully taken classes at community or local colleges. Lastly, we must remember that because God has made the education of children a primary responsibility of parents, He gives parents the necessary graces through the sacrament of marriage.



## **Does the church approve of home education?**

The Church has always affirmed the primary right and duty of parents to educate their children. The new Catechism of the Catholic Church (1994) makes the following statements:

- #2221 The right and the duty of parents to educate their children is primordial and inalienable.
- #2223 Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children.
- #2225 Through the sacrament of marriage, parents receive the responsibility and privilege of evangelizing their children.
- #2229 As those first responsible for the education of their children, parents have the right to choose a school for them which corresponds to their own convictions. This right is fundamental.

The Charter Rights of the Family issued by the Vatican in 1983 makes this statement: “Since they have conferred life on their children, parents have the original, primary and inalienable right to educate them; hence they must be acknowledged as the first and foremost educators of their children.”

Pope John Paul II in his Letter to Families for the International Year of the Family in February 1994 makes this statement: Parents are the first and most important educators of their own children, and they also possess a fundamental competence in this area: They are educators because they are parents. Additional documentation of the Church's consistent support and recognition of parental rights with regard to the education of their children can be found in the documents of Vatican II and numerous encyclicals.

**How does home education affect family life?** Because home education encourages parents to talk with their children about not only school subjects, but the important issues of life, the parent-child bond is strengthened, which is especially important during teen years. By catechizing their children, parents usually find that their own faith is renewed and deepened. Parents often reflect that home schooling helps them to aspire more fervently in the acquisition of virtue since they cannot give to their children that which they themselves do not have. Patience, self-discipline, etc. are suddenly practical necessities.



Children and parents also need to work together in managing household tasks which develops a spirit of cooperation. Children learn generosity from the self-giving example of their parents. We don't need to be perfect to give good example of striving for holiness and perseverance.

**What about socialization?** Home education provides the best means for socialization - the family. Parents and older brother and sisters are usually far better role models for children than the peer group. Children of the same age, when left to themselves, often cannot provide each other with the guidance and training necessary for the development of proper behavior. The family also knows and understands the needs and personality of each child, and is therefore, better able to guide the child in overcoming his weaknesses and developing his strengths. Children taught at home are free to be who they are without being critiqued by an insecure peer group whose judgment most often rests upon such superficial matters as appearance or athletic ability. Because children in home educating families are not required to cater to the demands and tastes of the peer group in order to be accepted, they are frequently more self-confident and independent than children socialized predominately by peers.



Home educated children also learn to relate and appreciate people of all ages, which more closely reflects the society in which they will live. Home educated children also have ample time to develop relationships outside the home in other activities such as sports, music, volunteer

work, etc. Local Catholic support groups often plan field trips and other social activities or outings, such as picnics, plays and service projects.

**Which curriculum should I choose?** Parents can choose from among complete curriculum programs, guided curriculum programs, unit studies approach, or a self-designed program. The complete curriculum programs offer testing, lesson plans, tests, and record keeping, etc. The guided programs offer either a suggested curriculum or help in



designing a curriculum, but no lesson plans or tests. Complete and guided programs offer parents some certainty that all essential material is being covered with continuity from year to year. Parents need to be aware that even the complete programs may need to be modified and adapted to meet the needs and learning style of each individual child.

Unit studies cover successive topics from all aspects incorporating related history, literature, science, geography, etc. A self-designed program allows the parent to put together her own curriculum by choosing materials for each child individually. Designing your own curriculum offers greater flexibility but may require a greater knowledge of resources and materials. While the complete and guided curriculum programs usually require tuition payment or a service fee, a self-designed program too can be costly since inexperienced parents sometimes find themselves purchasing materials which are never used. Parents frequently choose one curriculum approach and change to another in the following years as needs change and as they begin to know themselves and their children's needs better.

It is good to find a mentoring friend for the first year or two, but do not simply follow in their footsteps- your family is unique what is perfect for your friend is not necessarily perfect for you. As you learn more about your children and yourself, you too will become an expert on your own family! Learn & grow together.

**Is it important to have a Catholic curriculum?** Yes, it is extremely important to have a Catholic curriculum in order to provide our children with a truly Catholic education which will prepare them not only for this life but for eternal life as well. Only Catholic catechisms and religion



texts will teach our children the Faith properly. Catholic readers and literature provide inspiration while a child is acquiring reading skills.

Only Catholic history texts incorporate the lives of the saints and give the unique Catholic perspective on such events as the life of Christ, the Protestant Revolution, contributions of Catholics in America, etc. Even when a Catholic text is not available for a subject in a particular grade, one should always strive to incorporate Catholic materials and ideas. For example, one should incorporate the teachings of the

Church on evolution when studying high school biology. Several Catholic Homeschool curriculums are outlined later in this document.

With home education you now have the flexibility to attend daily Mass and go to adoration as it fits your schedule. You will be surprised how many families and older ladies will be glad to sit with you and help manage crying babies or bathroom trips during Mass. Also, each day you can incorporate the “science of the saints” and study their lives. Remember heaven is our goal!

**What about the Christian programs that are not Catholic?** Christian programs are designed to instruct according to Protestant traditions and teachings. Some programs, such as Abeka and Bob Jones, are at times decidedly anti-Catholic, openly attacking Catholic doctrine even in unexpected places. Perhaps even more problematic, however, is the integration of Protestant belief into the curriculum which unfortunately is not always recognized by Catholics. Parents may find it difficult to recognize subtle Protestant errors. The guidance of orthodox Catholic materials assists parents in teaching the Truth. Protestant programs also omit or have a different understanding of many Catholic beliefs such as

the sacraments, the role of Mary and the Saints, man's redemption, the Bible, the authority of the Pope, etc. Protestant history texts particularly distort and omit facts since the history of civilization is so closely intertwined with the history of the Catholic Church.

To check out more on our catholic faith see:

<http://w2.vatican.va/content/benedict-xvi/en/audiences.index.html>

### **What about secular texts?**

All texts present some point of view of man and his relationship to the world. Secular texts are basically from an atheistic or, at best, indifferent viewpoint with regard to the existence of God and His role in our lives. Modern secular texts, either as a result of omission, or by direct indoctrination, promote materialism and humanism. Catholic education should integrate a Catholic perspective throughout the curriculum. We would never knowingly teach incorrect math or science facts, so why should we knowingly distort reality for our children by omitting God from life?

Using Catholic materials helps our children to see the Faith as part of our daily life. Stories of great Catholic men and women and their accomplishments in various fields help to inspire our children and create a Catholic outlook with regard to all avenues of life. Most importantly, Catholic texts and programs help parents and older students learn to evaluate the classical, secular works of literature, history etc. in the light of Catholic teaching. All of the content of our curriculum and our daily life should be evaluated from a Catholic perspective.



Angelicum Academy

Phone: 410-282-6172 Website: [www.angelicum.net](http://www.angelicum.net)

*Catholic Heritage Curricula*

Phone: 800-490-7713 Website: [www.chcweb.com](http://www.chcweb.com)

*Kolbe Academy Home School*

Phone: 707-255-6499 Website: [www.kolbe.org](http://www.kolbe.org)

*Mater Amabilis* (free curriculum)

Website: [www.materamabilis.org/ma](http://www.materamabilis.org/ma)

*Mother of Divine Grace*

Phone: 805-646-5818 Website: [www.modg.org](http://www.modg.org)

*Our Lady of the Rosary School*

Phone: 502-348-1338 Website: [www.olrs.com](http://www.olrs.com)

*Our Lady of Victory*

Phone: 208-773-7265 Website: [www.olvs.org](http://www.olvs.org)

*Seton Home Study Program*

Phone: 540-636-9990 Website: [www.setonhome.org](http://www.setonhome.org)

*St. Thomas Aquinas Academy*

Phone: 209-863-8400 Website: [www.staa-homeschool.com](http://www.staa-homeschool.com)

## ONLINE CLASSES

*Homeschool Connections*

Phone: 888-372-4757 Web: [www.homeschoolconnectionsonline.com](http://www.homeschoolconnectionsonline.com)

*Kolbe Academy Home School*

Phone: 707-255-6499 Website: [www.kolbe.org](http://www.kolbe.org)

*Queen of Heaven Academy*

Phone: 817-805-8717 Website: [www.queenofheavenacademy.org](http://www.queenofheavenacademy.org)

*Rolling Acres School*

Phone: 507-825-8251 Website: [www.rasonlineacademy.com](http://www.rasonlineacademy.com)

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### ow do I design my own curriculum?

This approach offers the greatest flexibility but also requires knowledge of curriculums and resources and possibly greater self-discipline. The

decision to use a particular program or a self-designed approach does not necessarily have to be a permanent decision. Families periodically reevaluate their curriculum choices and often make changes as needs or circumstances change. If your children have already been in school, you might want to go with a "total package program" (like Seton, CHC or MODG) for one year. This will give you peace of mind knowing that you covered all necessary bases and will give you another year to look at the options and decide if you want to create your curriculum. Doing this will also likely give you some confidence. You will be spending this first important year, not creating, discovering or second guessing individual subject and curriculum choices. You can "dive right in", focus on home schooling itself and blending that with outside opportunities (including support group activities) with your child. That being said, many homeschoolers opt to create their own curriculum for their child. It can be more work, but it is fun and can really make you feel good when you've fit something well with your child. For most programs, you can buy the books without purchasing the full service. This may be less expensive but you won't have the school's help and advice so you may want to enlist a veteran home school friend.

If you choose to design our own program a good starting place would be to take the FREE teaching style test developed by Dr. Andrea Chen (a home schooling 13+ years) psychologist and mom: <http://24.24.8893/mercyacademy/teachingTest.jsp>. This will give you a good idea of your personal best should you homeschool based on your own personal convictions and personality. This test will also recommend if you seem to gravitate towards formal curriculum from a provider or seem to lean more towards creating your own curriculum. It is just a tool to help you discover your style for your family.

Have your child take this learning style inventory and test: <http://24.24.88.93/mercyacademy/testing.htm> There is a \$20 fee but it is well worth it. You will receive 8-10 pages of analysis of your child's distinct learning style and specific recommendations for curriculum (Dr. Chen is completely objective and not associated with any curriculum provider herself she can aid you in finding the right books and manipulatives for your child with unbiased knowledge). For example, you may find, after administering the test that you have an auditory/visual learner. Her curriculum recommendations will include providers that stress that type of learning. She may lead you to providers that are heavy on visual helps or suggest you use certain audio tapes or CDs in certain subjects. She will say "Teaching

Textbooks 7 audio tape from Teaching Textbooks" would be a good fit for this child. Dr. Chen's recommendations will provide you with a concrete list of curricula to look at that fits each particular child (and each child within a family can be different as every mother knows!).

Either way you choose to go, you don't have to spend a fortune. Many purchase expensive counting and sorting manipulatives when sorting the socks and laundry will do. Buy all the extras slowly as you learn your children and work out your schedule.

### **Do colleges accept home-educated children?**

Yes. Check with the colleges you are considering before you begin high school. They will tell you what they require. Most colleges recognize home educated students as assets to their programs. Some colleges will require a diploma which is provided to a student enrolled in a complete and guided program. Colleges recognize that there is a great deal of discrepancy between academic standards of all high schools. They rely more on the student's scores on the ACT and SAT college entrance tests as an indicator of the student's ability to succeed in college. Again, check with the college- some prefer one test over the other. Most home school students score very well on these exams. Colleges also look to see if students have taken academic subjects rather than a vocationally geared program. Because students who are home educated usually have developed good study habits and are accustomed to working independently, they quickly adjust to and function well in the college setting.

### **Is home education legal?**

Yes. An important first step for any home educator is to become familiar with their state's regulations related to home education. The State of Georgia Regulations are available from the Georgia Department of Education. A link to these regulations is available at <http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Pages/Home-Schools.aspx>

Parents should also visit the HSLDA homepage for more information on legal issues related to homeschooling in your state. HSLDA recommends you never offer more information than is required by law to the schools.

### **What is HSLDA?**

The Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA) is a Christian organization which offers experienced legal counsel and representation by qualified attorneys to every member family who is challenged by government officials in the area of home schooling. All attorney fees and costs are paid in full directly by the association. HSLDA fee is a little over \$100 per year. Many homeschool support organizations and some curriculum offer discounts on HSLDA memberships. HSLDA's monthly newsletter and e-mail updates keep homeschooling families well informed on legal issues related to homeschooling across the US and overseas.



Phone: 540-338-5600 Web: [www.HSLDA.org](http://www.HSLDA.org)

### **Is support available?**

For a list of Catholic Support groups across the US check out [Catholichomeschool.org](http://Catholichomeschool.org) or HSLDA for a list of homeschool support groups in your area. Finding good local support can be a tremendous help especially to families new to homeschooling.

### **Catholic Colleges and Universities**

Albertus Magnus College - New Haven, CT - <http://www.albertus.edu>  
Alvernia University - Reading, PA - <http://www.alvernia.edu>  
Alverno College - Milwaukee, WI - <http://www.alverno.edu>  
Ancilla Domini College - Donaldson, IN - <http://www.ancilla.edu>  
Anna Maria College - Paxton, MA - <http://www.annamaria.edu>  
Aquinas College - Grand Rapids, MI - <http://www.aquinas.edu>  
Aquinas College - Nashville, TN - <http://www.aquinascollege.edu>  
Aquinas Institute of Theology - St. Louis, MO - <http://www.ai.edu/>  
Assumption College - Worcester, MA - <http://www.assumption.edu>  
Assumption College for Sisters - Mendham, NJ - <http://www.acs350.org>  
Athenaeum of Ohio-Mount Saint Mary's of the West - Cincinnati, OH - <http://www.athenaeum.edu/>  
Augustine Institute - Greenwood Village, CO - <http://www.augustineinstitute.org/>  
Ave Maria School of Law - Naples, FL - <http://www.avemarialaw.edu/>

Ave Maria University - Ave Maria, FL - <http://www.avemaria.edu>  
Avila University - Kansas City, MO - <http://www.avila.edu>  
Barry University - Miami Shores, FL - <http://www.barry.edu>  
Bellarmino University - Louisville, KY - <http://www.bellarmino.edu/>  
Belmont Abbey College - Belmont, NC -  
<http://www.belmontabbeycollege.edu>  
Benedictine College - Atchison, KS - <http://www.benedictine.edu>  
Benedictine University - Lisle, IL - <http://www.ben.edu>  
Boston College - Chestnut Hill, MA - <http://www.bc.edu>  
Brescia University - Owensboro, KY - <http://www.brescia.edu>  
Briar Cliff University - Sioux City, IA - <http://www.briarcliff.edu>  
Byzantine Catholic Seminary of SS. Cyril and Methodius - Pittsburgh, PA - <http://www.bcs.edu/>  
Cabrini College - Radnor, PA - <http://www.cabrini.edu>  
Caldwell College - Caldwell, NJ - <http://www.caldwell.edu>  
Calumet College of Saint Joseph - Whiting, IN - <http://www.ccsj.edu>  
Canisius College - Buffalo, NY - <http://www.canisius.edu>  
Cardinal Stritch University - Milwaukee, WI - <http://www.stritch.edu>  
Carlow University - Pittsburgh, PA - <http://www.carlow.edu>  
Carroll College - Helena, MT - <http://www.carroll.edu>  
Catholic Distance University - Charles Town, WV -  
<http://www.cdu.edu>  
Catholic Theological Union - Chicago, IL - <http://www.ctu.edu/>  
Chaminade University of Honolulu - Honolulu, HI -  
<http://www.chaminade.edu>  
Chatfield College - Saint Martin, OH - <http://www.chatfield.edu>  
Chestnut Hill College - Philadelphia, PA - <http://www.chc.edu>  
Christ the King Seminary - East Aurora, NY -  
<http://www2.cbu.edu/cbu/index.htm>  
Christendom College - Front Royal, VA - <http://www.cks.edu>  
Christian Brothers University - Memphis, TN - <http://www.cbu.edu/>  
Clarke University - Dubuque, IA - <http://www.clarke.edu>  
College of Mount Saint Joseph - Cincinnati, OH - <http://www.msj.edu>  
College of Mount Saint Vincent - Riverdale, NY - <http://www.cmsv.edu>  
College of Saint Benedict - St. Joseph, MN - <http://www.csbsju.edu/>  
College of Saint Elizabeth - Morristown, NJ - <http://www.cse.edu/>  
College of Saint Joseph in Vermont - Rutland, VT - <http://www.csj.edu>  
College of Saint Mary - Omaha, NE - <http://www.csm.edu>  
College of Saint Mary Magdalen - Warner, NH -  
<http://www.magdalen.edu/>  
College of Saint Scholastica - Duluth, MN - <http://www.css.edu>  
College of the Holy Cross - Worcester, MA - <http://www.holycross.edu>

Creighton University - Omaha, NE - <http://www.creighton.edu>  
D'Youville College - Buffalo, NY - <http://www.dyc.edu>  
De Paul University - Chicago, IL - <http://www.depaul.edu>  
DeSales University - Center Valley, PA - <http://www.desales.edu>  
Divine Word College - Epworth, IA - <http://www.dwci.edu>  
Dominican College - Orangeburg, NY - <http://www.dc.edu>  
Dominican House of Studies - Washington, DC - <http://www.dhs.edu/>  
Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology - Berkeley, CA -  
<http://www.dspt.edu>  
Dominican University - River Forest, IL - <http://www.dom.edu/>  
Dominican University of California - San Rafael, CA -  
<http://www.dominican.edu/>  
Donnelly College - Kansas City, KS - <http://www.donnelly.edu>  
Duquesne University of the Holy Spirit - Pittsburgh, PA -  
<http://www.duq.edu>  
Edgewood College - Madison, WI - <http://www.edgewood.edu>  
Elms College - Chicopee, MA - <http://www.elms.edu>  
Emmanuel College - Boston, MA - <http://www.emmanuel.edu>  
Fairfield University - Fairfield, CT - <http://www.fairfield.edu>  
Felician College - Lodi, NJ - <http://www.felician.edu>  
Fontbonne University - St. Louis, MO - <http://www.fontbonne.edu>  
Fordham University - Bronx, NY - <http://www.fordham.edu>  
Franciscan School of Theology - Berkeley, CA - <http://www.fst.edu/>  
Franciscan University of Steubenville - Steubenville, OH -  
<http://www.franciscan.edu>  
Gannon University - Erie, PA - <http://www.gannon.edu>  
Georgetown University - Washington, DC -  
<http://www.georgetown.edu>  
Georgian Court University - Lakewood, NJ - <http://www.georgian.edu>  
Gonzaga University - Spokane, WA - <http://www.gonzaga.edu>  
Good Samaritan College of Nursing and Health Science - Cincinnati, OH -  
<http://www.gscollege.edu>  
Gwynedd-Mercy College - Gwynedd Valley, PA - <http://www.gmc.edu>  
Hilbert College - Hamburg, NY - <http://www.hilbert.edu>  
Holy Apostles College & Seminary - Cromwell, CT -  
<http://www.holyapostles.edu/>  
Holy Cross College - Notre Dame, IN - <http://www.hcc-nd.edu>  
Holy Family University - Philadelphia, PA - <http://www.hfc.edu>  
Holy Name Medical Center School of Nursing - Teaneck, NJ -  
<http://www.holyname.org/SchoolOfNursing/>  
Holy Names University - Oakland, CA - <http://www.hnu.edu>  
Holy Spirit College - Atlanta, GA - <http://www.holyspiritcollege.org/>

Immaculata University - Immaculata, PA - <http://www.immaculata.edu>  
Iona College - New Rochelle, NY - <http://www.iona.edu>  
Jesuit School of Theology - Berkeley, CA - <http://www.scu.edu/jst/>  
John Carroll University - University Heights, OH - <http://www.jcu.edu>  
John Paul the Great Catholic University - San Diego, CA -  
<http://www.jp catholic.com/>  
King's College - Wilkes-Barre, PA - <http://www.kings.edu>  
La Roche College - Pittsburgh, PA - <http://www.laroche.edu>  
La Salle University - Philadelphia, PA - <http://www.lasalle.edu>  
Labouré College - Dorchester, MA - <http://www.caritaschristi.org>  
Le Moyne College - Syracuse, NY - <http://www.lemoyne.edu>  
Lewis University - Romeoville, IL - <http://www.lewisu.edu>  
Loras College - Dubuque, IA - <http://www.loras.edu>  
Lourdes College - Sylvania, OH - <http://www.lourdes.edu>  
Loyola Marymount University - Los Angeles, CA - <http://www.lmu.edu>  
Loyola University Chicago - Chicago, IL - <http://www.luc.edu>  
Loyola University Maryland - Baltimore, MD - <http://www.loyola.edu>  
Loyola University New Orleans - New Orleans, LA -  
<http://www.loyno.edu>  
Madonna University - Livonia, MI - <http://www.madonna.edu>  
Manhattan College - Riverdale, NY - <http://manhattan.edu/>  
Manor College - Jenkintown, PA - <http://www.manor.edu>  
Maria College - Albany, NY - <http://www.mariacollege.edu>  
Marian Court College - Swampscott, MA - <http://www.mariancourt.edu>  
Marian University - Indianapolis, IN - <http://www.marian.edu>  
Marian University - Fond du Lac, WI -  
<http://www.marianuniversity.edu>  
Marquette University - Milwaukee, WI - <http://www.mu.edu>  
Marygrove College - Detroit, MI - <http://www.marygrove.edu>  
Marylhurst University - Marylhurst, OR - <http://www.marylhurst.edu/>  
Marymount College - Rancho Palos Verdes, CA -  
<http://www.marymountpv.edu>  
Marymount School of Practical Nursing - Cleveland, OH -  
[http://my.clevelandclinic.org/locations\\_directions/regional-locations/marymount-hospital/about/school-practical-nursing.aspx](http://my.clevelandclinic.org/locations_directions/regional-locations/marymount-hospital/about/school-practical-nursing.aspx)  
Marymount University - Arlington, VA - <http://www.marymount.edu>  
Marywood University - Scranton, PA - <http://www.marywood.edu>  
Mercy College of Health Sciences - Des Moines, IA -  
<http://www.mchs.edu/>  
Mercy College of Ohio - Toledo, OH - <http://www.mercycollege.edu>  
Mercyhurst College - Erie, PA - <http://www.mercyhurst.edu>  
Merrimack College - North Andover, MA - <http://www.merrimack.edu>

Misericordia University - Dallas, PA - <http://www.misericordia.edu/>  
Molloy College - Rockville Centre, NY - <http://www.molloy.edu>  
Mount Aloysius College - Cresson, PA - <http://www.mtaloy.edu>  
Mount Angel Seminary - St. Benedict, OR -  
<http://www.mountangelabbey.org/seminary/>  
Mount Carmel College of Nursing - Columbus, OH -  
<http://www.mccn.edu>  
Mount Marty College - Yankton, SD - <http://www.mtmc.edu>  
Mount Mary College - Milwaukee, WI - <http://www.mtmary.edu>  
Mount Mercy University - Cedar Rapids, IA - <http://www.mtmercy.edu>  
Mount Saint Mary College - Newburgh, NY - <http://www.msmc.edu>  
Mount Saint Mary's College - Los Angeles, CA -  
<http://www.msmc.la.edu>  
Mount Saint Mary's University - Emmitsburg, MD -  
<http://www.msmary.edu>  
Neumann University - Aston, PA - <http://www.neumann.edu>  
Newman University - Wichita, KS - <http://www.newmanu.edu>  
Niagara University - Niagara University, NY - <http://www.niagara.edu>  
Notre Dame College - South Euclid, OH -  
<http://www.notredamecollege.edu>  
Notre Dame Seminary - New Orleans, LA - <http://www.nds.edu/>  
Notre Dame de Namur University - Belmont, CA -  
<http://www.ndnu.edu>  
Notre Dame of Maryland University - Baltimore, MD -  
<http://www.ndm.edu>  
Oblate School of Theology - San Antonio, TX - <http://www.ost.edu/>  
Ohio Dominican University - Columbus, OH -  
<http://www.ohiodominican.edu/>  
Our Lady of Holy Cross College - New Orleans, LA -  
<http://www.olhcc.edu>  
Our Lady of the Lake College - Baton Rouge, LA -  
<http://www.ololcollege.edu>  
Our Lady of the Lake University - San Antonio, TX -  
<http://www.ollusa.edu>  
Presentation College - Aberdeen, SD - <http://www.presentation.edu>  
Providence College - Providence, RI - <http://www.providence.edu>  
Quincy University - Quincy, IL - <http://www.quincy.edu>  
Regis College - Weston, MA - <http://www.regiscollege.edu>  
Regis University - Denver, CO - <http://www.regis.edu>  
Resurrection University - Oak Park, IL - <http://resu.edu/>  
Rivier College - Nashua, NH - <http://www.rivier.edu>  
Rockhurst University - Kansas City, MO - <http://www.rockhurst.edu>

Rosemont College of the Holy Child Jesus - Rosemont, PA - <http://www.rosemont.edu>  
SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary - Orchard Lake, MI - <http://www.sscms.edu/>  
Sacred Heart School of Theology - Hales Corners, WI - <http://www.shst.edu/index.aspx>  
Sacred Heart University - Fairfield, CT - <http://www.sacredheart.edu>  
Saint Ambrose University - Davenport, IA - <http://www.sau.edu>  
Saint Anselm College - Manchester, NH - <http://www.anselm.edu>  
Saint Anthony College of Nursing - Rockford, IL - <http://www.sacn.edu/>  
Saint Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry - Rochester, NY - <http://www.stbernards.edu/>  
Saint Bonaventure University - Saint Bonaventure, NY - <http://www.sbu.edu>  
Saint Catharine College - St. Catharine, KY - <http://www.sccky.edu>  
Saint Catherine University - St. Paul, MN - <http://stkate.edu/>  
Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary - Wynnewood, PA - <http://www.scs.edu/>  
Saint Edward's University - Austin, TX - <http://www.stedwards.edu>  
Saint Elizabeth College of Nursing - Utica, NY - <http://www.secon.edu/>  
Saint Elizabeth School of Nursing - Lafayette, IN - <http://www.steson.org/Index.aspx?tabindex=0&tabid=1>  
Saint Francis College - Brooklyn Heights, NY - <http://www.stfranciscollege.edu>  
Saint Francis Medical Center College of Nursing - Peoria, IL - <http://www.sfmcon.edu/>  
Saint Francis University - Loretto, PA - <http://www.sfcpa.edu>  
Saint Gregory's University - Shawnee, OK - <http://www.stgregorys.edu>  
Saint John's Seminary - Camarillo, CA - <http://www.stjohnsem.edu/>  
Saint John's Seminary - Brighton, MA - <http://www.sjs.edu/>  
Saint John's University - Jamaica, NY - <http://www.stjohns.edu>  
Saint John's University - Collegeville, MN - <http://www.csbsju.edu>  
Saint Joseph Seminary College - Saint Benedict, LA - <http://saintjosephabbey.com/>  
Saint Joseph's College - Rensselaer, IN - <http://www.saintjoe.edu>  
Saint Joseph's College - Brooklyn, NY - <http://www.sjcny.edu/>  
Saint Joseph's College of Maine - Standish, ME - <http://www.sjcme.edu>  
Saint Joseph's University - Philadelphia, PA - <http://www.sju.edu>  
Saint Leo University - St. Leo, FL - <http://www.saintleo.edu>  
Saint Louis University - St. Louis, MO - <http://www.slu.edu/>  
Saint Martin's University - Lacey, WA - <http://www.stmartin.edu>  
Saint Mary Seminary and Graduate School of Theology - Wickliffe, OH - <http://www.stmarysem.edu/>  
Saint Mary's College - Notre Dame, IN - <http://www.saintmarys.edu>  
Saint Mary's College of California - Moraga, CA - <http://www.stmarys-ca.edu>  
Saint Mary's Seminary and University - Baltimore, MD - <http://www.stmarys.edu/>  
Saint Mary's University - San Antonio, TX - <http://www.stmarytx.edu>  
Saint Mary's University of Minnesota - Winona, MN - <http://www.smumn.edu>  
Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College - St.Mary-of-the-Woods, IN - <http://www.smwc.edu/>  
Saint Meinrad School of Theology - St. Meinrad, IN - <http://www.saintmeinrad.edu/>  
Saint Michael's College - Colchester, VT - <http://www.smcvt.edu/>  
Saint Norbert College - De Pere, WI - <http://www.snc.edu>  
Saint Peter's College - Jersey City, NJ - <http://www.spc.edu/pages/1.asp>  
Saint Thomas Aquinas College - Sparkill, NY - <http://www.stac.edu/>  
Saint Thomas University - Miami Gardens, FL - <http://www.stu.edu/>  
Saint Vincent College - Latrobe, PA - <http://www.stvincent.edu>  
Saint Vincent Seminary - Latrobe, PA - <http://www.saintvincentseminary.edu/>  
Saint Vincent's College - Bridgeport, CT - <http://www.stvincentscollege.edu/>  
Saint Xavier University - Chicago, IL - <http://www.sxu.edu/>  
Salve Regina University - Newport, RI - <http://www.salve.edu/>  
Santa Clara University - Santa Clara, CA - <http://www.scu.edu>  
Seattle University - Seattle, WA - <http://www.seattleu.edu>  
Seminary of the Immaculate Conception - Huntington, NY - <http://www.icseminary.edu/>  
Seton Hall University - South Orange, NJ - <http://www.shu.edu>  
Seton Hill University - Greensburg, PA - <http://www.setonhill.edu>  
Siena College - Loudonville, NY - <http://www.siena.edu>  
Siena Heights University - Adrian, MI - <http://www.sienaheights.edu/>  
Silver Lake College of the Holy Family - Manitowoc, WI - <http://www.sl.edu>  
Spalding University - Louisville, KY - <http://www.spalding.edu>  
Spring Hill College - Mobile, AL - <http://www.shc.edu>  
Stonehill College - Easton, MA - <http://www.stonehill.edu>



The Catholic University of America - Washington, DC - <http://www.cua.edu>  
The College of New Rochelle - New Rochelle, NY - <http://www.cnr.edu/Home/Home>  
The College of Saint Rose - Albany, NY - <http://www.strose.edu/>  
The College of Saints John Fisher & Thomas More - Fort Worth, TX - <http://www.fishermore.edu>  
The Institute for the Psychological Sciences - Arlington, VA - <https://ipsciences.edu/>  
The Mexican American Catholic College - San Antonio, TX - <http://www.maccca.org/>  
Thomas Aquinas College - Santa Paula, CA - <http://www.thomasaquinas.edu/>  
Thomas More College - Crestview Hills, KY - <http://www.thomasmore.edu/>  
Thomas More College of Liberal Arts - Merrimack, NH - <http://www.thomasmorecollege.edu/>  
Trinity Washington University - Washington, DC - <http://www.trinitydc.edu>  
Trocaire College - Buffalo, NY - <http://www.trocaire.edu>  
University of Dallas - Irving, TX - <http://www.udallas.edu>  
University of Dayton - Dayton, OH - <http://www.udayton.edu>  
University of Detroit Mercy - Detroit, MI - <http://www.udmercy.edu>  
University of Great Falls - Great Falls, MT - <http://www.ugf.edu>  
University of Mary - Bismarck, ND - <http://www.umary.edu>  
University of Notre Dame du Lac - Notre Dame, IN - <http://www.nd.edu>  
University of Portland - Portland, OR - <http://www.up.edu>  
University of Saint Francis - Fort Wayne, IN - <http://www.sf.edu>  
University of Saint Joseph - West Hartford, CT - <http://www.usj.edu>  
University of Saint Mary - Leavenworth, KS - <http://www.stmary.edu>  
University of Saint Mary of the Lake/ Mundelein Seminary - Mundelein, IL - <http://www.usml.edu>  
University of Saint Thomas - Houston, TX - <http://www.stthom.edu>  
University of Saint Thomas - St. Paul, MN - <http://www.stthomas.edu>  
University of San Diego - San Diego, CA - <http://www.sandiego.edu>  
University of San Francisco - San Francisco, CA - <http://www.usfca.edu>  
University of Scranton - Scranton, PA - <http://www.uofs.edu>  
University of the Incarnate Word - San Antonio, TX - <http://www.uiw.edu/>  
Ursuline College - Pepper Pike, OH - <http://www.ursuline.edu>

Villa Maria College of Buffalo - Buffalo, NY - <http://www.villa.edu/>  
Villanova University - Villanova, PA - <http://www.villanova.edu>  
Viterbo University - La Crosse, WI - <http://www.viterbo.edu>  
Walsh University - North Canton, OH - <http://www.walsh.edu>  
Washington Theological Union - Washington, DC - <http://www.wtu.edu/>  
Wheeling Jesuit University - Wheeling, WV - <http://www.wju.edu>  
Wyoming Catholic College - Lander, WY - <http://www.wyomingcatholiccollege.com/>  
Xavier University - Cincinnati, OH - <http://www.xu.edu>  
Xavier University of Louisiana - New Orleans, LA - <http://www.xula.edu>

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In closing we offer a prayer:

Father of lights and of all true wisdom. I humbly recommend to you the success of my children in the pursuit of learning. Mercifully grant the measure of success that will be good for them to achieve. And thus may there be a genuine sense of fulfillment as a result of efforts made. May all knowledge attained be tempered by humility.

Grant that my child's endeavors may always be guided by a sense of solid values and help me to instill these values. And so may all their striving for knowledge be made, not with the aim of surpassing others or of making vain show of ability, but rather as a worthy return to you of the talents that you have bestowed. And above all else, I ask that every degree of knowledge achieved may bring my children to a greater closeness to you and to a more abundant share of your love. Amen.

