

How do I learn More?

This brochure is meant as an introduction to the concept of Catholic Homeschooling and can not answer the many questions you might have. If you would like to learn more about homeschooling in general and Catholic homeschooling in particular please get in touch with the person listed as a contact. They will be more than happy to talk to you about it.

The following list of selected resources can also help to answer your questions and help you to determine if homeschooling is right for your family.

Catholic Home Schooling: A Handbook of Parents
by Mary Kay Clark
ISBN 0-89555-494-1
Seton Homes Study School Press
1350 Progress Drive, Front Royal, VA 22630
703-636-9990
Web page: <http://www.setonhome.org>

Catholic Education: Homeward Bound
by Kimberly Hahn & Mary Hasson
ISBN 0-89870-566-5
Ignatius Press
PO Box 1339, Ft. Collins, CO 80522
800-651-1531
Web page: <http://www.ignatius.com>

A Catholic Homeschool Treasury (Available Lent 1999)
Nurturing Children's Love for Learning
Rachel Mackson and Maureen Wittmann, Eds.
Ignatius Press (see above)

Designing Your Own Classical Curriculum
A Guide to Catholic Home Education
Laura M. Berquist
Ignatius Press (see above)



HOME STUDY SCHOOLS:

Kolbe Academy
<http://www.community.net/~kolbe>
(707) 255-6499
1600 F Street
Napa, CA 94559

Mother of Divine Grace School
Independent Study Program
(608) 348-6976
PO Box 1440
Ojai, CA 93024

Our Lady of the Rosary School
<http://www.olrs.com>
(502) 348-1338
116 1/2 North Third Street
Bardstown, Kentucky 40004

St. Michael the Archangel Academy
(714) 730-9114
4790 Irvine Blvd, Suite 105-286
Irvine, CA 92620
SMAcademy@aol.com

St. Thomas Aquinas Academy
<http://www.staacademy.qpg.com>
(209) 567-3477
1509 Chapal Way
Modesto, CA 95355

Seton Home Study School
<http://www.setonhome.org>
(540) 636-9990
1350 Progress Dr.
Front Royal, VA 22630

BOOKLETS:

Home Schooling and the New Code of Canon Law
Edward N. Peters
Christendom College Press
<http://www.christendom.edu/press.html>

Implementation of Ignation Education in the Home
Francis Crotty
Kolbe Academy

NATIONAL SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS:

CHSNA
Catholic Homeschool Network of America
PO Box 6343
River Forest, IL 60305-6343
<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/8579/chsna.html>

NACHE - National Association of Catholic
Home Educators
PO Box 787
Montrose, AL 36559-0787
<http://www.nache.org>

TORCH - Traditions of
Roman Catholic Homeschooling
(717) 271-0244 (717) 271-0480 FAX
1306 Christopher Court
Bel Air, MD 21014
strombergj@aol.com
<http://users.aol.com/torchmom/index.htm>

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Treasury: Nurturing Children's Love for Learning.

This is only a partial list of resources. I regret there isn't more room to list them all. A more complete list of resources is available from the above book.

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Catholic Homeschooling

A Lifestyle Choice



"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."

Pope John Paul II
in his 1994 *Letter to Families*



Home... The School of Choice!

One of the first benefits of homeschooling we encountered was family unity. Our family became closer and more loving towards each other. My children get along very well with each other and enjoy being with us, their parents, as well as being able to interact with others. Instead of bonding with a peer group, a homeschooled child bonds with their family.

Homeschooling gives you the opportunity to adjust learning to the child as an individual and not as part of a large group. The method of homeschooling is one-on-one tutoring which is the most effective way to teach and learn. Traditional schools

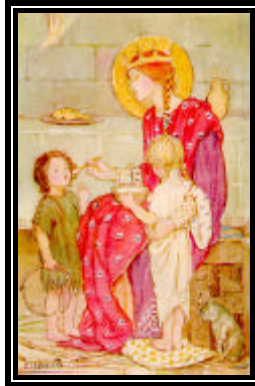
are geared toward the average. Often leaving children who are outside the average to flounder. A child who is having difficulties is lost and frustrated while a child who is



above average is bored and discouraged from moving ahead. Homeschooling offers you the opportunity to tailor a program to fit your child and allow him/her to move ahead at their own pace. It also allows your child to pursue special interests that they normally wouldn't have time for.

How is Catholic Homeschooling different from just homeschooling?

Catholic homeschooling refers to a lifestyle as well as a method of educating your children. The lifestyle is striving to live our Faith daily with our children and learning with them how to love and serve God to our greatest capacity. This doesn't mean living in a restrictive environment but having the freedom to live your Faith more fully with your children. Traditional schools bind families to their schedule.



Homeschooling offers you the freedom of scheduling your life to your own needs as a family. Homeschooling requires much less time spent doing school work. You and your children spend your time doing actual school work instead of taking roll, changing classes, doing needless paperwork, and just the logistics of getting a large class settled down to doing work. Elementary grades require 1 to 4 hours while 7th to 12th grade requires about 4 to 6 hours. That's it! Homeschooling is a very efficient way to educate your children.

Catholic homeschooling also offers you the opportunity to incorporate Catholic teachings into the curriculum so that the values you want your children to learn are reinforced in the curriculum.

What about Socialization? The Moral Child as the Socialized Child by Maureen Wittmann

I am a homeschooling mother of four children. When confronted with the socialization argument, I used to become defensive and point out that my children are involved with scouts and sports and drama club and community work and so on and so on. This argument left the non-homeschooler with the impression that my homeschooled children have to be toted all over the city in the family mini-van in order to keep up with his or her public schooled peers. This couldn't be further from the truth.

The truth is that the moral child is the socialized child. Our children cannot become an integral part of our society without learning basic rules of conduct. Christian values will teach them how to play and share with others. Do not steal. Do not lie. Treat others as you would have them treat you.

When asked how I deal with "diversity." I ask, "what about tolerance?" My children do socialize with a diverse group of children, but that is not the point. The point is that as Christians, my husband and I teach our children to love their neighbor, just as Christ loves all people no matter what their

color, sex, or creed may be. This is the example that we must put before our children.

I firmly believe that our Catholicism should permeate every part of our lives. Whether dealing with my bank, with my neighbor, or with my elderly grandmother, my Catholic education is evident. My moral upbringing is a vital part of me and my position in society. As home educators we have the awesome opportunity to weave the beauty of the Church's teaching into everyday subjects. This is why I believe home education can be superior in socializing children.



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