



At the end of each quarter, the quarterly spelling test words in these lesson plans should be dictated for an end of quarter spelling test. You may mail your student's test spelling words with the quarter report form. However, if you choose, you may send the test to Seton over the internet. Simply go to the Seton web site at [www.setonhome.org](http://www.setonhome.org). Click on My Seton, then Log on, then click on Courses, then scroll down to Spelling. Move your cursor to the red-sleeved hand icon on the right, for "Send (upload) work to Seton."

We recommend that students have a dictionary. The biggest secret of excellent spellers is that they have a dictionary on their desk, or not farther than arms' length. Good students know the importance of using a dictionary to help them with both spelling and the meaning of words. The Seton SEM department sells the *Merriam-Webster School Dictionary*.

### **INTEGRATING SPELLING WITH OTHER SUBJECTS**

After reviewing the basic spelling rule and word pattern taught in each lesson, you may want to apply these spelling lessons to words from other subjects. As the textbooks are read in history or science or reading during this week, the student could take a second look at words which follow the current week's spelling rule, and see if he can spell them.

You may wish to use Catholic words which follow the weekly rule from the *Baltimore Catechism*, from the *Church History* book.

Some of the lessons may contain such a broad rule that there would be too many examples in other textbooks. However, some of the more interesting lessons may be those with words from the Latin, or words with suffixes or prefixes, or words from science.

### **HOME SCHOOLERS WIN FIRST PRIZE AT SPELLING BEE**

Many home schooling students are First, Second, and Third Place winners at local, state, and even the National Spelling Bee. The three winners in the 1999 National Spelling Bee were all home schoolers.

"This is outstanding confirmation of the academic excellence of home schooling. I can't wait until home schoolers are winning Oscars and the presidency," said Michael Farris, president of the Home School Legal Defense Association.

The First Place winner won \$10,000 that year.

Although home schooled students comprised about two percent of the school age population in 1999, 11 percent of the contestants were home schooled.

### **CALL OR EMAIL A COUNSELOR**

If you have any questions, comments, or problems, please call a Seton counselor at 540-636-9990.