

# Program and Admissions Guide



**Seton**  
Home Study School

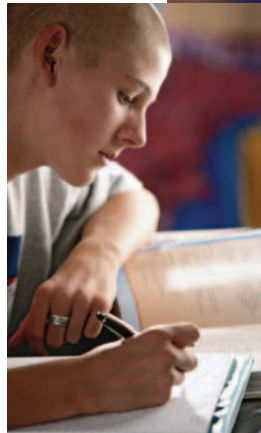
**The tools and support you  
need to teach your children  
both spiritual truths and  
academic knowledge in  
today's challenging world**

**K-12**



# Welcome to Seton Home Study School

Since 1980, Seton Home Study School has continued to develop a reputation for devoted Catholicity and high levels of academic excellence. Seton is a complete, full-service academic program for grades K through 12, built around the needs of individual students and families.



Home-schooled students score higher than their counterparts in public schools on standardized achievement tests, including the ITBS and TAP batteries. On the SAT, Seton high school students have obtained perfect scores and average in the 84th percentile, while public school students average in the 50th percentile.





## Seton support services go far beyond coursework

In addition to our detailed program, the Seton approach incorporates a variety of specialized services and state-of-the-art technological offerings to insure the success of your child, such as:

- web based planning and course work
- Catholic textbook publishing
- academic counseling
- standardized testing and
- a department for students with special needs.

## Seton in the community

Seton is located in Front Royal, Virginia, one mile from Christendom College and Human Life International. We maintain a 45,000 square foot facility, provide for an enrollment of well over 10,000 students and employ

a staff of over 135 employees, dedicated to the continuing success of our Catholic home schooling apostolate.

Individualized education has been proved to be the best method of teaching. In over 80 different studies, children taught in individualized programs averaged 30% higher on achievement tests than children educated in a traditional classroom environment.

## Accreditation and Diocesan recognition

Seton is recognized by the Bishop of Arlington as a Catholic school in the Diocese of Arlington, Virginia, under Canon 803 of the Code of Canon Law. Seton is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and by the Commission on International and Trans-regional Accreditation. In addition, Seton holds a certificate to operate as a private school by the State of Virginia.

Why Seton? Many programs have become available over the last 25 years, and each one offers elements beneficial to a family's home schooling experience. But no other home school program offers the level of service that Seton achieves. We offer not only a completely individualized program adapted to your child's pace and style of learning, but also the support services you need to give your child the best education possible.



Have questions about curriculum? Need advice along the way? Call our helpful counselors Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. EST.



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**Learn why Seton is the leading Catholic Home Study School program in the US ►**



# All you need for success in home schooling



## 1 Our Curriculum—Scholastic Education

Seton employs a Thomistic (based on the teachings and philosophy of St Thomas Aquinas) approach to education. This “common sense” approach to education emphasizes the need to establish a firm foundation in basic Catholic education and focuses special

**Seton offers a complete program from Kindergarten through High School**

attention on the study of the rudiments of the English language, writing expression, literary analysis, reading, mathematics, the history of Western Civilization and Catholic culture. We consistently refer to the lives of the

saints, Holy Scripture, prayer and magisterial teachings in all subjects and weave integrated Catholic thought and experience throughout the educational process to create a well-rounded Catholic education.

But above all, the curriculum of Seton Home Study School is Christ-centered and built around a single idea — enhance and support parents in their role as primary educators of their children. The students and families of Seton Home Study School have the unique opportunity to partake of the fullness of Catholic truth as they experience the beauty, freedom and peace that comes from Catholic moral formation in a family setting.

## 2 On the World Wide Web—SetonHome.org

Experience Seton on the Web today and experience the future of home schooling. At SetonHome.org you'll find a wealth of information on the subject of home school-

**Seton's Web site provides daily tools that simplify and organize your teaching efforts**

ing, including audio clips from Home Schooling Conferences, as well as sample pages from some of our course manuals, lessons plans and texts.

Additionally, your child's entire experience can be managed electronically with daily online lesson plans, electronic submissions and grading, correspondence with Seton Staff and online counseling. Your family will have your own “My Seton” page customized for your children.

**“The task of the modern educator is not to cut down jungles, but to irrigate deserts.”**  
– C. S. Lewis





### 3 Our Textbooks— Seton Publishing

The Seton program utilizes Catholic textbooks whenever possible. Our staff has written Catholic histories, phonics, English and science books for several grades, in addition to handwriting, reading comprehension workbooks and spellers.

**Seton textbooks combine solid academics with formation in the Catholic faith**

Currently, Seton stands as the largest publisher of authentically Catholic academic textbooks and workbooks for children in the United States. Publishing our own Catholic textbooks has become an

integral function of Seton Home Study School, and we employ a full staff of writers, editors, typists, curriculum developers, artists and publishing technicians to develop and manage the production of our books.

### 4 In the Trenches— Detailed Daily Lesson Plans

Seton's daily lesson plans provide both structure and flexibility. They are designed to help you stay organized, on time and on track, so that you are able to complete the entire course in a standard 36-week school year.

We understand that your child is unique and may require more or less study depending on the concept or subject. For this reason, we have indicated throughout our lesson plans what is required, optional and supplemental. You can then adjust the lesson plans to suit the needs of your child and of the family. And we

**"Adjust the program to fit the child, not the child to fit the program."**  
— Dr. Mary Kay Clark

have a full staff of experienced counselors available to assist you should the need arise.

In simple terms, you have complete and total flexibility to ensure that your child gains

the maximum benefit from their formative years of education and so that he or she is prepared to excel at the most advanced academic levels.

### 5 Behind the Scenes— Grading and Record Keeping

In the interest of keeping accurate records and establishing the necessary documentation of your child's years at Seton, we will maintain transcripts, issue certificates for the completion of kindergarten and eighth grade and award high school diplomas when all graduation requirements are met.

**Seton provides the security and objectivity of an accredited institution**

You may also send your child's tests to Seton for grading, along with a quarterly report form, which includes his or her grades for weekly assignments, via the Internet or through ground mail.

Our professional staff will then evaluate your child's progress and make suggestions on how better to approach individual subjects. Our staff constantly strives to maintain a cordial, cooperative relationship with parents, and we rely on frequent communication with parents to achieve the best in individualized instruction.

### 6 Counseling Services— Here to Help

At Seton, we do not simply give you a box of books and wish you well. To help you in the task of educating your children, Seton counselors are available by phone weekdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Seton counselors offer practical and personal experience to help you teach**

EST. Counselors are also available to answer questions by email and on our message boards.

Besides general counseling on home schooling and family issues,

Seton also offers expert counseling in specific subjects such as math, science and foreign languages. With a Seton counseling just a phone call or email away, you need never feel alone in this important undertaking.



**How to get started in the rewarding task  
of educating your children at home ►**

# How do I begin?

## Seton makes it easy.

You only have one chance to provide your child with the foundation he or she will need during the early stages of moral and intellectual formation — an important responsibility to say the least. We've helped thousands of families just like yours to not only survive the modern educational arena, but to excel and move on to the highest levels of advanced education.

Visit [SetonHome.org](http://SetonHome.org) to review our online demonstrations and to read more about our curriculum and how we can develop a customized learning experience for child, no matter where he or she is in the educational development process. Then let us help you put your child on the path to academic success.



### The heart of the matter— Seton enrollment and counseling

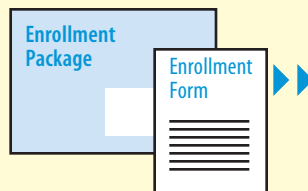
#### Full enrollment at Seton includes:

- detailed daily lesson plans, available in print and online
- all tests and answer keys
- helpful counseling support, available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. EST
- grading and record keeping services
- all textbooks and workbooks for courses
- twelve issues of our monthly newsletter
- shipping inside the continental US

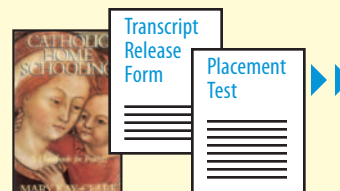
#### Additionally, Seton Home Study School offers:

- yearly achievement tests
- quarterly exams
- progress reports
- permanent records on file
- transcripts (for transfers or graduation)
- an accredited diploma from Seton School

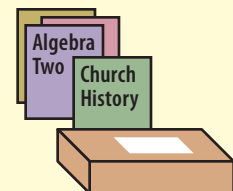
### Our streamlined enrollment process



**1** Request an enrollment package by phone, fax or email. Complete and return the enrollment form.



**2** You'll receive a placement test for your child and a transcript release form, plus *Catholic Home Schooling, A Handbook for Parents*.



**3** Return the completed test; Seton will score and evaluate it promptly. Then we'll ship your curriculum via UPS.



Enrollment plans

Seton offers full-year, half-year and single course enrollments based on your individual needs. Our full enrollment fees include daily lessons plans, tests, answer keys, counseling support, grading and record keeping services, all necessary textbooks and workbooks, a year's subscription to our monthly Seton newsletter and shipping fees within the continental United States.

Our full-year enrollment is our most requested option as it utilizes the full array of Seton support and on line academic materials.

Placement test

Upon enrollment, your child will receive a placement test, Dr. Mary Kay Clark's book, *Catholic Home Schooling: A Handbook for Parents* and a transcript release form. Once you have returned the completed placement test, we will have it scored and evaluated within 24 hours. Unless you request a counseling call (or should we feel one is necessary), your curriculum will be quickly shipped via UPS, and you're on your way.

Please contact us for a complete enrollment package and detailed information on getting your child started on a Seton program customized to fit his or her specific needs.

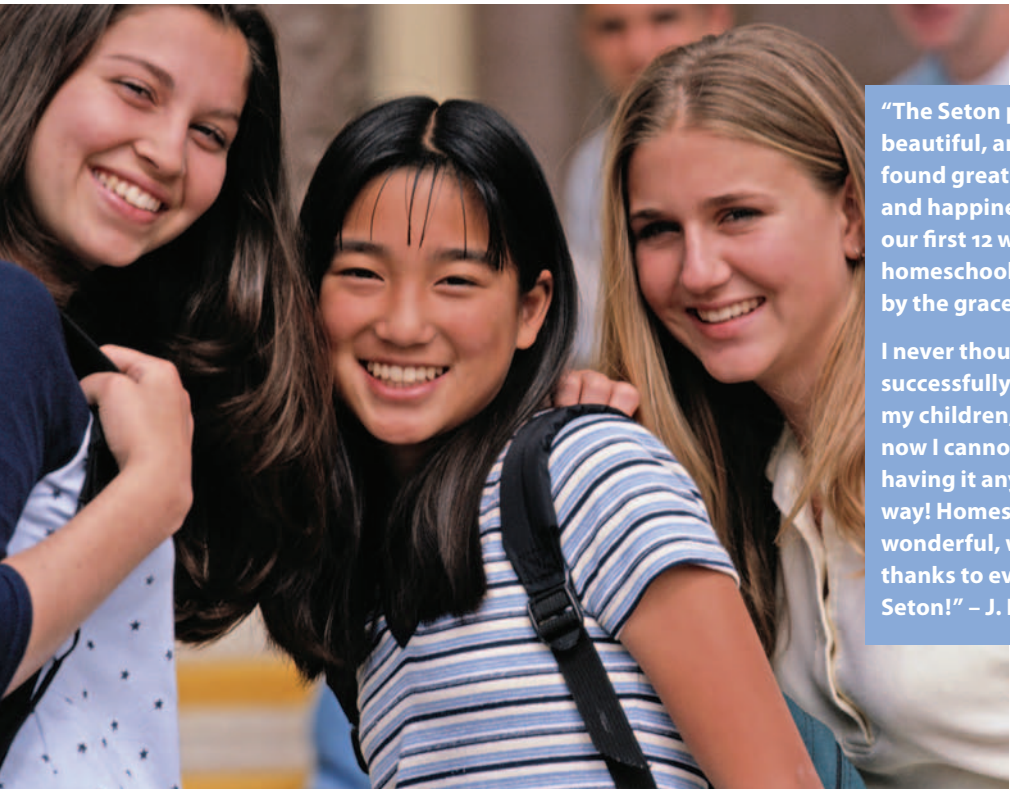
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The curriculum is flexible to meet the needs of each student. Choose the appropriate grade level independently for different subjects.



"The Seton program is beautiful, and we have found great strength and happiness through our first 12 weeks of homeschooling efforts, by the grace of God.

I never thought I could successfully homeschool my children, and now I cannot imagine having it any other way! Homeschooling is wonderful, with a special thanks to everyone at Seton!" – J. K., parent

# Seton Home Study School:

## More than 25 years of experience in helping parents

### Humble beginnings

In 1975, Dr. Anne Carroll founded Seton Junior and Senior High School in Manassas, Virginia. Seton was one of a large number of parent-operated Catholic schools founded around this time.

As Seton's reputation for Catholicity and academic excellence grew, families from other parts of the country began sending their children to Manassas to attend Seton. It was, of course, a difficult burden on both parents and children to suffer such a separation. And not every family could afford to pay for room and board as well as tuition at Seton. Dr. Carroll began receiving requests from parents who wanted their children to take courses by correspondence. Realizing that this was the only way to serve a growing number of families, Dr. Anne Carroll founded Seton Home Study School in 1980.

At first, the home study division of Seton occupied only a single room at the school. When Dr. Mary Kay Clark became director in 1985, the home study division moved to its own offices in Front Royal, Virginia.

With more space, more employees, and more know-how, Seton began to expand rapidly. After a few years,



**Dr. Mary Kay Clark  
with John Paul II**

Seton was able to move into a new building, with over 6,000 square feet. Then, only 18 months later, Seton relocated to its present headquarters and soon built an additional 5,000 square foot warehouse to handle the thousands of books needed for

the students. Another section added to the building brought the total square footage to 45,000. We've come a long way from the one room office where we began!

### Looking forward

Seton has added many new services over the years, notably book publishing and book sales. Seton is the largest publisher of Catholic academic textbooks and workbooks for children in the United States.

Seton serves approximately 10,000 students, and several thousand more families through book sales and by furnishing materials to Catholic schools.



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