



# Cohort 7

Proudly introducing the Fellows who will serve with us in 2020-2021

**40**  
FELLOWS

**26**  
UNIVERSITIES

**21**  
MAJORS

**3.5**

## FELLOWS' HOMETOWNS



## AVERAGE FELLOW GPA

- 7** CERTIFIED TO TEACH
- 12** SERVED AS RA'S
- 8** COLLEGE ATHLETES



## UNIVERSITY WITH MOST FELLOWS

### Icon Key:



Fellow serving a 2nd year



Fellow went on mission trip  
(National or International)



Fellow graduated with honors



Fellow held leadership position  
(President or VP of College Club/ORG)



Fellow involved with FOCUS  
(Discipleship or Bible Study)



**BRILLA COLLEGE PREP**  
Elementary School



## **Ms. Rebecca Morris**

San Antonio, TX

**University of Dallas**

Biology  
Drama & Biopsychology

### **To my future students:**

I am very eager to meet you all in these upcoming months. I hope to get to know each of you very well, and I hope not just to teach you, but to learn from you and be there for you, whatever you need.

### **About Me:**

I spent a great deal of my time working as a light designer for the drama department at UD.

I am most excited to forge friendships while serving and getting to know the Seton/Brilla community.



## **Ms. Amanda Fischer**

Ann Arbor, MI

**St. Mary's College, Notre Dame**

Communication Studies  
Film Minor

### **To my future students:**

"Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer." -St. Padre Pio

### **About Me:**

My fun fact is that I have performed in a show in Hollywood!

I am most excited about sharing Christ and the beauty of the Gospel message with my students, their families, other Fellows, and everyone else I encounter in the Bronx. There is no greater gift than sharing the faith with others, and being a Fellow, I will get to do this every day. I can't wait to learn and grow in faith together.



## **Ms. Anna Dalton**

Lincoln, NE

**Benedictine College**

English  
Theology Minor

### **To my future students:**

I am so excited to meet each of you. I am praying for you and for our year together!

### **About Me:**

My fun fact is that when I was younger I really wanted to have the job of coming up with new names for crayon colors.

I'm most excited to meet my students and to spend the year drawing closer to Jesus's heart together.



## **Ms. Dannie Mahler**

Ancaster, Ontario

### **King's University College: UWO**

Catholic Studies

### **Redeemer College**

Education

#### **To my future students:**

I am beyond excited to meet you! I pray that you will come to discover and develop the wonderful gifts that God has given you, and I promise to use the gifts that God has given me so that I may do my very best to joyfully serve you.

#### **About Me:**

My fun fact is that even though I am Canadian (shhh, don't tell anybody), I have been to almost 20 states and I hope to one day visit all 50!

I am most excited to grow deeper in love of Christ and neighbor through the unique opportunity for worship, service, and fellowship that Seton offers.



## **Ms. Jenny Garcia**

Garland, TX

### **University of North Texas**

Early Childhood Education

#### **To my future students:**

Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire!

#### **About Me:**

My fun fact is that I love dancing to 80s music! I enjoy listening to music from the 50s, 60s, and 70s. I also like to watch *The Office*!

I am excited to see students build a profound relationship with Christ. I can't wait to see students realize how much Jesus loves them and wants to be their friend, too.



## **Mr. Ross Gilliland**

Parrish, AL

### **University of Alabama**

Human Resources Management  
Computing Technology &  
Applications Minor

#### **To my future students:**

I absolutely cannot wait to meet you all and get to know you! I know we're going to have a blast together, and I'm so excited for what the Lord has in store for us.

#### **About Me:**

My fun fact is that, on a good day, I can put both of my legs behind my head.

I'm most excited to be able to work in a school and spend such a large part of the day with the students.



## **Mr. Samuel Shaffer**

Harrisburg, PA

### **Temple University**

Communication Studies

#### **To my future students:**

Ask God every day to make you a saint.

#### **About Me:**

My fun fact is that I can make a sound like a goat and like a didgeridoo.

I am most excited about learning how to be a child again.



## Ms. Therese Goldinger

Morgantown, WV

**Edinboro University of Penn.**

Early Childhood & Special Education



### To my future students:

I am so excited to know each one of you! I am praying for you, and I cannot wait to teach you about our awesome God!

### About Me:

My fun fact is that I have been to 27 states!

I am most excited to be able to teach children about the unconditional love God has for them and guide them in developing a personal relationship with Christ.



## Ms. Michaela Andrues

Novato, CA

**Thomas Aquinas College**

Philosophy & Theology

### To my future students:

I am so excited to meet each of you, and I very much look forward to all the things we will learn together. Until then, "be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you." (Deuteronomy 31:6)

### About Me:

My fun fact is that I love to paint!

I am most excited to live in community with girls in my same stage of life who share the desire to grow closer to God together.



## Ms. Margaret Howerton

Rocky Mount, NC

**Christendom College**

English Literature

### To my future students:

I can't wait to get to know all of you and see where God and this coming year take us!

### About Me:

My fun fact is that I have an ancestor from each side of my family that came over on the Mayflower. I'm also a distant cousin of Henry VIII's only surviving wife, and I'm pretty good at climbing trees :)

I look forward to growing in my faith and in relationship with my peers, as well as being a part of something that is bringing God's love to so many children and families.



**BRILLA COLLEGE PREP**  
Middle School



## **Ms. Bethany Hojnowski**

Pownal, VT

### **DeSales University**

Dance  
History for Business

#### **To my future students:**

I can't wait to get to know all of you, and I'm praying for you! :)

#### **About Me:**

My fun fact is that I once fed a chipmunk peanuts from my hand in my backyard.

I'm most excited to get to know all of my future scholars and disciples! I can't wait to grow right alongside them.



## **Ms. Caroline Guinee**

North Andover, MA

### **Thomas Aquinas College**

Philosophy & Theology  
Math Minor

#### **To my future students:**

I'm praying for you already! I cannot wait to meet you!

#### **About Me:**

My fun fact is that I've won two pie-eating contests.

I am most excited to meet all my future students and co-Fellows! I can't wait to be a part of their lives and help them in any way I can!



## **Ms. Katie Fallon**

New Orleans, LA

### **Auburn University**

Spanish Education  
Philosophy & Religion Minor

#### **To my future students:**

I'm so very excited to grow even more in our love for the Lord together!

#### **About Me:**

My fun fact is that I have an extensive rock collection from different parts of the world.

I'm most excited about seeing once again how much joy the Lord brings to the world through the presence of these children.





## **Ms. Kelly Lou Pelicano**

Blythe, CA

**Southern Utah University**

Mechanical Engineering

### **To my future students:**

You are God's beloved, and He calls you by name to do something only YOU can do! I am so honored to walk alongside and learn with you on this journey.

### **About Me:**

My fun fact is that I can sing every song from the *High School Musical* series. I know the choreography to nearly all the songs, too!

I am most excited to continue loving the Lord by serving as His hands and feet to those in the Bronx and my community.



## **Ms. Mary Costantino**

Abington, MA

**Regis College**

Secondary Education  
History

### **To my future students:**

I want you to know that although life seems to bring endless struggles, if you look at it from a different perspective, you will be able to see the beauty right in front of you.

### **About Me:**

My fun fact is that I love collecting baby spoons from local "hole in the wall" cafes.

I'm most excited about teaching. It is one of the most influential jobs in today's society. It can bring one to enjoy the concept of "ceaseless learning," as well as having hope in life. One must be able to connect with their students for them to truly love learning—both in and out of the classroom.



## **Mr. Matthew Lines**

Chester Springs, PA

**Geneva College**

Political Science

### **To my future students:**

I can't wait to come alongside you in pursuing truth, beauty, and goodness. We'll have fun while we do it!

### **About Me:**

My fun fact is that I love laughing and stand-up comedy!

I'm most excited about serving the underserved alongside Spirit-filled brothers and sisters in Christ.



## **Mr. Samuel Morales**

Woodbridge, VA

**Christendom College**

English

### **To my future students:**

I'd like to tell them that I'm excited to meet them and that they should get ready for a fun year!

### **About Me:**

My fun fact is that my fingers are double-jointed!

I'm most excited about the ability to serve others while living in a Catholic community.



**BRILLA VERITAS**  
Elementary School



## **Ms. Bianca Trujillo**

Corpus Christi, TX

**Texas A&M University**

Psychology

### **To my future students:**

I'd like to tell my future students that they are loved and that they are in my prayers. I know this upcoming year will be great!!

### **About Me:**

My fun fact is that I've been a cheerleader for the majority of my life!

I'm most excited to grow in knowledge and faith with my new Catholic community. The Lord has incredible plans for us all and I'm eager to see how He works through each of our hearts this upcoming year, knowing we must depend wholly on God.



## **Ms. Cecilia Anthony**

Dallastown, PA

**Franciscan University**

Theatre

### **To my future students:**

I am praying for all of you, and I can't wait to meet you all! We're going to have a beautiful year together!

### **About Me:**

My fun fact is that I play the ukulele and I sing and write songs.

I am the most excited about the opportunity to spread Christ's love to the children I will be working with, as well as the chance to teach children more about Christ and our Church and her teachings.



## **Mr. Alejandro Uribe**

Miami, FL

**Florida International University**

Business Administration: Management

### **To my future students:**

You can count on me for anything you may need! I'll be there to help you in any way possible.

### **About Me:**

My fun fact is that I have an identical twin brother, he's married and is studying physical therapy.

I am most excited to teach and mentor the kids in our Catholic faith, and to be a reflection of God's love for them. I'm also excited to meet everyone and to be part of a community of young Catholic adults!



## **Ms. Ellie Augustine**

Bucyrus, KS

### **University of Kansas**

Classical Languages  
Philosophy & Spanish Minors

### **About Me:**

My fun fact is that I took French for four years in high school, but I hardly remember a word of it!

I'm most excited to meet my co-Fellows, meet my students, and learn how to be a great teacher!

### **To my future students:**

I can't wait to meet you all! I know we're going to learn a lot and laugh a lot. :)



## **Ms. Emily Pillatzki**

Corona, SD

### **Franciscan University**

Theology

### **About Me:**

My fun fact is that I have not lost a sock in at least three years.

I am most excited to build relationships and grow closer to our Lord with the scholars, disciples, teachers, Fellows, and people of the Bronx that I will have the opportunity to encounter every day.

### **To my future students:**

I want you to know how excited I am that we get to become a part of each other's lives. I cannot wait to meet each of you and discover your unique gifts and talents. You are essential and loved!



## **Ms. Jesslyn Manni**

Leesburg, VA

### **Mount St. Mary's University**

Elementary Education

### **About Me:**

My fun fact is that I can make balloon animals and sing the alphabet backwards.

I am most excited about getting the opportunity to work with the students and gain more teaching experience. I am also really excited about being a part of the El Camino program.



## **Ms. Mary Grace Lewis**

Keller, TX

### **Benedictine College**

Theology & Business

### **About Me:**

My fun fact is that I had seven different kinds of animals as pets when I was growing up.

I am most excited about getting to know my future students, living in community, and growing closer to Christ.

### **To my future students:**

I am beyond excited to meet all of you! I am looking forward to our year together and to growing closer to Christ with you. I'm already praying for you. Please pray for me too!





## Ms. Natalie Dykemann

Lenexa, KS

### Benedictine College

Biology  
Education Minor

#### To my future students:

I would like for them to know how loved they are by God and by all the people around them. I would also like to tell them I am so excited to get to know them and journey with them this next year!



## Mr. Nicholas Silva

Santa Ana, CA

### Thomas Aquinas College

Theology & Philosophy  
Math & Science Minor

#### To my future students:

You guys are so smart and passionate. It was your zesty personalities that totally won me over to come to NYC! We're going to have so much fun learning together—trust me!

#### About Me:

My fun fact is that I stood in line for 12 hours and got front row at a Beyonce concert and ended up catching her sweat towel (yes, it's in a frame at my house).

I am most excited to grow in relation with my future students and serve them wholeheartedly. I am also excited to live in community and in a very different environment than I have ever lived in while growing and serving in my Catholic faith.

#### About Me:

My fun fact is that I'm an amateur composer of sacred music. Let's fill the churches with those angelic chords!

I can't wait to see the faces of these kids light up with wonder and awe at the power and love of Christ, their Savior.



**BRILLA CARITAS**  
Elementary School



## **Ms. Molly Keane**

Arlington Heights, IL

**University of Kansas**

Elementary Education

### **To my future students:**

I cannot wait to share endless laughs, create endless memories, and learn with you throughout next year! Know that I am praying for you and already love you!

### **About Me:**

My fun fact is that I went on a spontaneous birthday trip to Ireland with my roommate last fall. We found and booked cheap tickets within the span of ten minutes! It was one of the most fun and spur-of-the-moment trips I have ever been on!

I cannot wait to meet all of the scholars, along with the other Fellows and teachers. I love new experiences and stepping out of my comfort zone. I think that this upcoming year will be full of amazing experiences and lots of surprises!



## **Ms. Therese Drake**

Lafayette, LA

**Franciscan University**

Theology & Catechetics  
Youth Ministry Minor

### **To my future students:**

I am so excited to meet y'all!

### **About Me:**

My fun fact is that I've been alligator hunting.

I am most excited for community!



## **Ms. Rowena Owen**

St. Paul, OR

**Christendom College**

History

### **To my future students:**

I can't wait to see you this fall!

### **About Me:**

My fun fact is that I've been in over 30 states, and I love art!

I can't wait to meet my students and be submerged into the community. I am really excited to be serving in this intentional faith community and fulfilling the mission with the other Fellows. I hope to get my students excited about learning and grow with them in virtue and a personal relationship with Christ.



## Ms. Rosaura Contreras

Perris, CA

### University of California Santa Barbara

Psychology  
Applied Psychology &  
Spanish Minor

#### About Me:

My fun fact is that I love all things matcha! I will never say no to a matcha latte.

I'm most excited about building genuine friendships and growing in humility by learning to live for the purpose of serving others.

#### To my future students:

I have heard nothing but amazing stories about all of you and there's no doubt in my mind you're what makes becoming a Seton Teaching Fellow so great. I cannot express how excited I am to learn from you all!



## Ms. Anne Marie DiProperzio

Rye, NY

### Franciscan University

Theology  
Mathematics Minor

#### To my future students:

I can't wait to meet you! This year is going to be great!

#### About Me:

My fun fact is that I love to collect comic strips. I occasionally write my own.

I am most excited about getting to know the students. I can't wait for all the fun we will have!





**BRILLA PAX**  
Elementary School



## **Ms. Abigail Chavez**

Miami, FL

**Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College  
at FAU**

Biological & Physical Sciences  
Liberal Arts & Sciences  
Concentration in  
Cellular Neuroscience and Psychology

### **To my future students:**

Beloved scholars and disciples, I can't wait to meet you and grow with you. Let's help each other be saints!

### **About Me:**

My fun fact is that I grew up in a small town in Peru known for its sweets (like honey and ice cream) in the middle of the Andes: Caraz Dulzura, for those who are curious!

I can't wait to be back in the Bronx and call it my new home. I am ready to meet everyone and to grow in an intentional community. I also am really curious and excited to learn how to be a better teacher, but also to just learn about those around me and myself.



## **Ms. Bailey Raymond**

Moorestown, NJ

**Mount St. Mary's University**

Health Sciences (Pre-OT)  
Italian  
Psychology Minor

### **To my future students:**

I'm looking forward to meeting each and every one of you. I know that we have an exciting year ahead, and I'm looking forward to seeing what God has in store for us. Know that you are in my prayers!

### **About Me:**

My fun fact is that I had the opportunity to attend three public audiences with Pope Francis.

I am most excited to grow in my faith with both my students and community of Fellows. To share God's unending love with the youngest members of the Body of Christ is such a privilege. I'm looking forward to learning along with them. I'm excited to deepen my relationship with God through community with the other Fellows. I'm looking forward to seeing what the Lord has in store for this year!



## **Ms. Victoria Smith**

Wappingers Falls, NY

**Catholic University of America**

Music Performance  
Management Minor

### **To my future students:**

I am so excited to get to know you by learning with you and growing closer to Christ together. I have been praying for you, and I cannot wait to meet you!

### **About Me:**

My fun fact is that my top two karaoke songs are Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody" and "Somebody to Love", for both of which I will sing the guitar solos as well.

I am most excited to be a part of the mission of Seton Education Partners and to live within a loving and faith-filled community.



## Ms. Jennifer Saloio

Ludlow, MA

**Franciscan University**

Early Childhood Education

### About Me:

My fun fact is that when I was in high school I sang on stage in front of 23,000 people at the National Catholic Youth Conference.

I am most excited to get to know the students and to see all of the wonderful ways we will learn and grow together!

### To my future students:

I can't wait to see all of the amazing things you will do next year. I know that school can be challenging, but I really believe that you can do anything you put your mind to! I am praying for you, and I am so very excited to meet you all.



## Ms. Brianna Rizzo

Pequannock, NJ

**Mount St. Mary's University**

Theology

Psychology

### To my future students:

I am so excited to get to know each and every one of you! I know you will all transform my life and I hope that I can bless you in some ways as well. I want you to know that you are so incredibly loved by Christ and your identity as His child is all that matters. The peace, joy, and love you desire is only found in Him.



### About Me:

My fun fact is that I love to cook!

I am most excited about growing in relationship with my community and future students. I know we will all be blessings in each other's lives and help each other grow in our relationships with Christ. When I visited I was blown away by our students, and I know they will have an immense positive impact on me!

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# ROMERO ACADEMY RESURRECTION



## Mr. Antonio Mata

Angelton, TX

### University of St. Thomas Houston

Theology Education  
Classical Language

#### To my future students:

I hope that in that time I have been blessed to have with you, I can show the way that Christ is present in each of you and in everyone around you.

#### About Me:

My fun fact is that I enjoy going to the beach and playing frisbee. It is odd that I like the beach because I do not know how to swim.

I am most excited about joining my future students in their journey to Christ. I am looking forward to seeing them illuminate with the love they have for God and one another!



## Mr. Alex Rodriguez

Portland, OR

### Benedictine College

Theology  
Secondary Education Minor

#### To my future students:

I am blessed to be a Fellow and walk alongside you through this academic year and at El Camino. I'm excited to learn from you, grow with you, and to lead one another to God our Father. God gave His life for YOU to be redeemed and join Him in heaven for all eternity, in perfect happiness forever. I don't know about you but that sounds like something I want to be a part of. Let's get there together! God bless you and your families!

#### About Me:

My fun fact is that I forgot how to speak English when I was in first grade and had to re-learn the language in ELD classes.

I'm thankful for the opportunity to see the gaze of Christ in the eyes of the disciples that I will have the privilege of seeing every day, the relationships that we'll build, and the opportunity to help them set and achieve goals for the year and for their future.





## Mr. Corey Kieffer

Columbia, MD

### Mount St. Mary's University

Elementary & Special Education  
Religious Education Minor

#### To my future students:

I am excited to meet and get to know each one of you, and I am sure there will be many amazing things I learn from you during this year!



## Mr. John Kiernan

Bedford, NH

### Troy University

Interdisciplinary Studies:  
Business, Psychology & Leadership

#### To my future students:

If you can beat me in a staring contest, I'll buy you your favorite candy bar!



#### About Me:

My fun fact is that I ride a motorcycle.

I am most excited for God's perfect will for these kids coming into fruition.