

Proudly introducing the Fellows
who will serve with us this year



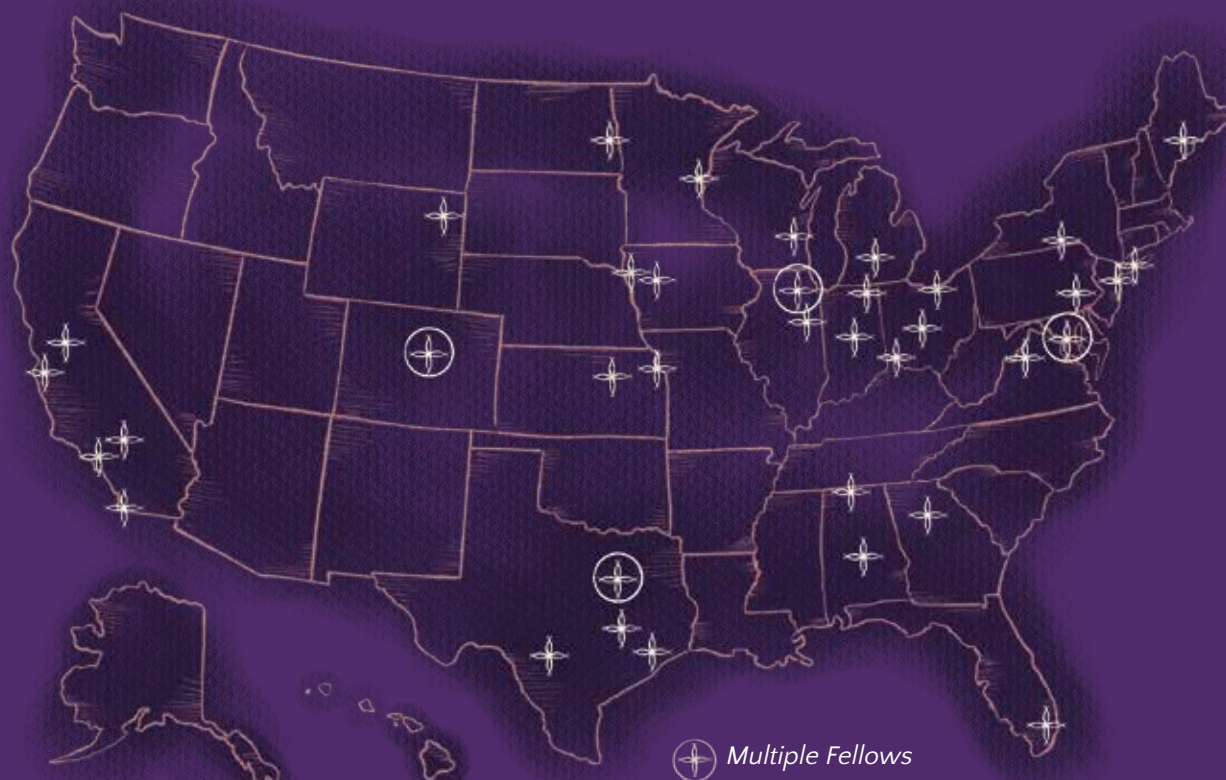
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FELLOWS' HOMETOWNS



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ICON KEY:



FELLOW SERVING
2ND YEAR



INVOLVED WITH FOCUS
(Discipleship or Bible Study)



WENT ON MISSION TRIP
(National or International)



FELLOW GRADUATED
WITH HONORS



HELD LEADERSHIP POSITION
(President or VP of College Club/ORG)



Anna Donnelly

Houston, TX

University of St. Thomas

Theology & Philosophy major
Classical Languages minor

Fun Fact about yourself:

I discerned religious life with the Nashville Dominicans for 2.5 years!

What's the most influential thing a teacher told you?

Servile fear is not of God—perfect love casts out all fear!



Lydia Watson

Fairfax Station, VA

Providence College

Global Studies major
Spanish and Marketing minors

What are you most excited to learn?

I am looking forward to learning more about myself as a daughter of Christ. There is so much that I can learn from my new community and my students that will help me see how Christ sees me.

What about the faith are you most excited to teach?

I cannot wait to be a witness of Christ's love for others and to share with my students that the Lord loves them where ever they are at and how the Lord desires a personal friendship with each student.





Alexya Taryn Patz

Cleveland, OH

Franciscan University of Steubenville

Theology and Catechetics major

What do you look forward to most as a future STF?

I'm very excited to give myself—to my community and to my students, to grow that way and get the privilege to love new people!

What about the faith are you most excited to teach?

Jesus Himself! I want every one of my students to know that one of the most important things about our faith is that you can be close to Jesus like a friend.



Stephanie Mendoza

Ligonier, IN

Ball State University

Telecommunications major
Film and Screenwriting minors

What do you look forward to most as a future STF?

I'm excited to see Christ in these kids!

What's the most influential thing a teacher told you?

Be who you needed when you were younger!



BRILLA COLLEGE PREP
Elementary School



Carol Cunningham

San Diego, CA

University of Mary

Elementary Education major
Catholic Studies minor

What are you most excited to learn?

How to connect with students who have a different background than me, and how to celebrate every one of my students individually while still creating a connected, family environment!

What about the faith are you most excited to teach?

That the love of Christ is unconditional.



Grace Heinlein

Boca Raton, FL

University of Miami

Psychology and Political Science major

What are you most excited to learn?

I am most excited to be inspired by my students and their child-like joy. I want to renew in myself what it is like to have a child-like faith with complete dependency on the Lord.

What about the faith are you most excited to teach?

I am most excited to share that I firmly believe that Jesus is present in the Eucharist. If my students can grasp that concept at an early age, it will help to keep them rooted in the faith.



BRILLA COLLEGE PREP
Elementary School



Julia Eschbach

Lantana, TX

Christendom College

English Language and Literature major

What are you most excited to learn?

I am excited to learn more about Love Himself, and how to live a life more focused on sharing that Love.

What's the most influential thing a teacher told you?

I will never forget the moment my high school theology teacher told us that we, too, not only can be saints, but are called to be great saints.



Juliette Roach

Irving, TX

University of Dallas

Classical Philology (Latin) major
Vocal Studies minor

What do you look forward to most as a future STF?

I'm most excited to help children grow in their relationships with God.

Your Fiat: why did you say "yes" to STF?

I realized that this is where God wanted me!



Maria Medina

Arlington, TX

Texas A & M

Political Science & Public Service and Administration major

Fun Fact about yourself:

I grew up with farm animals.

What do you look forward to most as a future STF?

Having the opportunity to continue meeting Jesus through others.





BRILLA COLLEGE PREP
Elementary School



Matilda Pugh

Sac City, IA

University of Mary

Social Studies Education major
History minor

What are you most excited to learn?

I am excited to learn how to live in community and to be challenged in the different parts of my life.

What do you look forward to most as a future STF?

I would hope to impact the students by sharing the love God has given me through my faith and education. I hope to encourage the students to be lifelong learners and to share their knowledge and love of Christ throughout their lives.



Megan Chappie

Clarksville, OH

Wright State University

English Literature major
History, Classics minor

Your Fiat: why did you say "yes" to STF?

I knew I had to take my faith to the next level—that thinking about how much sense Catholicism makes, or loving how beautiful it is, wasn't enough to make me a saint. "Whatsoever you did to the least of my brethren, you did it to me." It's not enough to live for Jesus in my head, or even in my heart; I have to use my hands.

What about the faith are you most excited to teach?

I want to share with my students how REAL it is—how the teachings of the Church not only are fully compatible with reason, but how God's revelation is the only thing that makes sense of this big scary world in any truly satisfying way—how He is here for them, really here for them, in the sacraments.





Olivia Roberts

Olathe, KS

Kansas State University

Elementary Education major
Mathematics minor

What do you look forward to most as a future STF?

I am so excited to meet and live life with my community! I can't wait to get to know each of them and make memories that will last a lifetime!

What about the faith are you most excited to teach?

I am most excited to share God's love and the Eucharist with my students. I know that today, more than ever, people need to know how much God loves and desires them, and I can't wait to convey that to my students!



Patrick Frazier

Herscher, IL

Franciscan University of Steubenville

Communication Arts major
Theatre minor

What are you most excited to learn?

More of God's perfect plan for my life.

What about the faith are you most excited to teach?

The Communion of Saints, because it's such a witness to how we're all called to holiness.





Adam Ferrero

Port Tobacco, MD

Christendom College

Philosophy major

History minor

Fun Fact about yourself:

I was born in Alaska.

What about the faith are you most excited to teach?

I'm most excited about sharing about how Christ came to die and rise from the dead for each of these students and that he wants an individual, personal relationship with each of these students.



Anne Heisler

Front Royal, VA

Christendom College

English Language & Literature major

Fun Fact about yourself:

I worked with my Dad sanding and refinishing hardwood floors for a year.

What about the faith are you most excited to teach?

The great feeling of knowing that Jesus loves each one of us!



Catherine Love

Lodi, CA

Grand Canyon University

Elementary Education major

What about the faith are you most excited to teach?

I'm excited to teach my students how to PRAY!! I'm still learning new ways to pray everyday and it's such an exciting and Christ-filled experience.

What's the most influential thing a teacher told you?

My mentor teacher for my student teaching semester taught me about the dire need for passionate Catholic educators, which helped me say yes to God's calling.



Christine Quirion

Winslow, ME

Saint Anselm College

Business major
Theatre Arts minor

What's the most influential thing a teacher told you?

To believe in myself. I was a very shy kid and being able to have confidence in myself has helped me be more sure of myself and I've been able to accomplish so much because of that.

What about the faith are you most excited to teach?

I am most excited to teach about the virtues of the Catholic Church. Specifically, how the teachings of the Catholic Church allow us to live out our faith, and how that brings joy and peace into our lives.



Leah Madson

Fargo, ND

University of Mary

English & Literature major
Philosophy & Catholic Studies minor

What's the most influential thing a teacher told you?

That being holy isn't becoming something you're not, but becoming more fully yourself.

What about the faith are you most excited to teach?

I am excited to share the depth and breadth of God's love for them, especially through the Eucharist.



Abigail Burns

Sioux City, IA

University of St. Thomas

Double Major in Principles of Education & Catholic Studies

What's the most influential thing a teacher told you?

I had a theology teacher who started by writing on the board, "What is the meaning of life?" And after having a few answers from the students, he wrote in bold letters, "Love." He turned back to us and said explicitly and with a smile on his face, "Love is the meaning of life."

What do you look forward to most as a future STF?

Being with the little ones as we journey together deeper into the love of God. Kids have such a beautifully simple way of inquiring, discovering, and receiving the love of the Father.





Shannon Griffin

Hartland, WI

The Catholic University of America

M.A. Integral Economic Development Mgmt.
International Economics and Finance major

Fun Fact about yourself:

I was studying abroad in Spain during the spring of 2020 when Covid hit, and I lived in quarantine in Spain for about a month and a half.

What about the faith are you most excited to teach?

That God truly loves them personally. I hope to teach/show my students that God is our Father and that we are His beloved children, that Jesus Christ is our personal Lord and Savior and is necessary in our lives, and that the Holy Spirit truly does work in our lives.



Victoria Rojas

Hesperia, CA

University of California, Los Angeles

History major

Fun Fact about yourself:

I love dancing to Spanish music!

Your Fiat: why did you say "yes" to STF?

This is something bigger than myself and I believe it aligns with helping me fulfill my purpose.



Sarah Torres

Norco, CA

University of California, Santa Barbara

English major
Translation (Spanish) minor

Fun Fact about yourself:

My hometown is known as Horsetown, USA

What about the faith are you most excited to teach?

I'm excited to teach them about the infinite love Jesus has for them.



BRILLA COLLEGE PREP
Middle School



Anna Cannon

San Antonio, TX

Hillsdale College

Philosophy major
Classical Education minor

Your Fiat: why did you say "yes" to STF?

I wanted to do something mission-oriented right after I graduated, rather than just jump straight into my career. I am passionate about education, and Seton seemed like the perfect fusion of mission, education, work, and faith.

What about the faith are you most excited to teach?

I most truly hope to leave my students knowing that they need Jesus and that God truly loves them personally. I am most excited to share how God wants to be personally be a part of our lives.



Anne Naughton

Saint Paul, MN

University of St. Thomas

Math and Catholic Studies major
Statistics minor

What's the most influential thing a teacher told you?

To find education not only as a means to get a career but to make it a life long endeavor.

What are you most excited to learn?

I am excited to learn from the other fellows. There is so much to learn from others when you live in community.



BRILLA COLLEGE PREP
Middle School



Ezekial Jimenez

Manhattan, KS

Kansas State University

Mechanical Engineering major

Your Fiat: why did you say "yes" to STF?

I am passionate about showing the beauty of the Catholic Church to the youth and making it known that God is in no way boring.

What's the most influential thing a teacher told you?

A high school teacher showed me through his actions that the subject doesn't matter as much as how much the teacher cares about the students.



Faith Starnes

Bryan, TX

University of Dallas

Theology major

Ethics concentration

What's the most influential thing a teacher told you?

One of the most influential things a teacher taught me was the importance of caring for the students in the classroom, but also showing them genuine care outside the classroom.

What about the faith are you most excited to teach?

I'm most excited to share with my students the simplicity but also the magnificent beauty of the Catholic faith and also the peace and love that God gives all of us.



BRILLA COLLEGE PREP
Middle School



Jennifer Kerstiens

Manorville, NY

Magdalen College of the Liberal Arts

Literature major

Fine Arts minor

What are you most excited to learn?

What it means to serve.

What about the faith are you most excited to teach?

The love and forgiveness of God.



Madeleine Sanders

Denver, CO

The Catholic University of America

Theology major

Philosophy minor

What about the faith are you most excited to teach?

How personally Jesus loves each of them, to teach them about prayer, and to "introduce" them to Mary and the saints!

Your Fiat: why did you say "yes" to STF?

I realized the Lord wanted abundance and joy for me! Through several little desires and confirmations, especially the desires to share the faith and "see the Lord" through teaching and Catholic community, I knew that saying "yes" to STF was an invitation to trust and joy!





Anna Stevenson

Dallas, TX

The University of Dallas

English major

Your Fiat: why did you say "yes" to STF?

It brings together my two loves: mission work and teaching.

What do you look forward to most as a future STF?

To grow in love for Christ and others.



Ciara McAleer

Arlington Heights, IL

Saint Mary's College

Social Work major

What's the most influential thing a teacher told you?

My teacher told me this quote by a writer who writes about the gifts and talents that God gives us. The writer says, "When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left, and could say, 'I used everything you gave me.'"

What about the faith are you most excited to teach?

I'm excited to teach my students that when they follow God's plan, he will not disappoint. God's plan for us is so much bigger and better than we could ever imagine!



Lenaya Sharp

New York, NY

State University of New York at Potsdam

Psychology major

Your Fiat: why did you say "yes" to STF?

I gave my 'yes' to STF because when the Lord calls, who am I to decline Him? God has shown me that the things He placed on my heart from the moment of my conversion, up until now, have led me to and prepared me for this 'yes' in living out/spreading the Gospel through Seton Teaching Fellows.

What do you look forward to most as a future STF?

As a future Seton Teaching Fellow I am most excited about living out how I will be used in the unfolding of God's Divine plan. I am also excited about serving a community that is close to my heart in a new way.



Patrick Negulescu

Santa Clara, CA

University of California, Berkeley

Chemical Engineering major

Your Fiat: why did you say "yes" to STF?

I felt a call to be a teacher and a missionary and nothing was more perfect for me than Seton Teaching Fellows. I said yes in an act of trust in the Lord, knowing that He brings abundant fruit from everything offered to Him.

What about the faith are you most excited to teach?

I am most excited to share the joyfully overwhelming truth that God loves each of my students with a perfect and infinite love.



Adam Grand

Lansing, MI

University of St. Thomas

Philosophy & Catholic Studies major

Fun Fact about yourself:

I worked on a lavender farm for 7 years.

What do you look forward to most as a future STF?

To give myself totally in the service of God and others.



Ariana Cudney

Sundance, WY

Black Hills State University

Elementary Education major
Reading minor

Fun Fact about yourself:

I went to World Youth Day 2016 and got to experience the Universal Catholic church.

What do you look forward to most as a future STF?

I am excited to live in a community and to further support Catholic education and formation.



Mairwen Minson

Manassas, VA

Hollins University

Classical Studies & Art History major

Your Fiat: why did you say "yes" to STF?

I am so excited to serve the children and the community.

What about the faith are you most excited to teach?

The support and strength that God's love is for every situation that they encounter.



James Klatt

Highwood, IL

University of Dallas

Psychology major
Leadership minor

What are you most excited to learn?

How to love people where they are at, not where I want them to be.

Your Fiat: why did you say "yes" to STF?

To cultivate my spiritual life, I knew that if I went back home and got a traditional job my faith life would drastically diminish. The people that you surround yourself with make your life, so I decided to surround myself with Catholics.



Meaghan Quirk

Suwanee, GA

Benedictine College

History & Theology majors

What are you most excited to learn?

Selflessness. I know that I will be taught so much in selflessness and how I need to grow in charity and willingness to sacrifice for others. I know I will learn humility as a Fellow and I am very excited for that.

What's the most influential thing a teacher told you?

The most influential thing a theology professor told me was that if I want to be a good Christian and an example, then I needed to first and foremost love rather than teach, because loving is teaching.



Clare Fay

Birmingham, AL

Christendom College

English major

Your Fiat: why did you say "yes" to STF?

I felt that God was calling me to serve others and reach outside of my comfort zone.

What's the most influential thing a teacher told you?

That Jesus would still die for me, even if I was the only person who ever existed.



Alex Espinal

Reading, PA

University of Pittsburgh

Accounting major

What about the faith are you most excited to teach?

We have eternity waiting for us.

What's the most influential thing a teacher told you?

A common thread among many of my influential teachers is the idea of contributing to society. What will I contribute to the world for the betterment of my neighbor? This question has led me to seek ways to be a better citizen, a better neighbor.



Bridget Kane

Binghamton, NY

Saint Mary's College

Elementary Education major
Reading & Social Work minors

What's the most influential thing a teacher told you?

In college, a priest at Notre Dame asked me what was better, "my plan or God's plan?" Ever since I was asked that, I learned to trust in God in everything that I do in my life, regardless of how difficult the situation may be. God's plan is always better.

What about the faith are you most excited to teach?

I am excited to share it all, but if I had to choose one thing, I am most excited to share with my students how merciful God's love is and how He has a plan for every one of us.



Evan Vautour

Columbus, OH

Ohio State University

History major
Economics minor

Fun Fact about yourself:

I am an avid Bluegrass musician.

What do you look forward to most as a future STF?

I am most excited to be a firm fixture in my community and immerse myself both in the brothers I live with and the families I serve.





Gabrielle Grant

Denver, CO

University of Notre Dame

Program of Liberal Studies (Great Books Program)
Poverty Studies minor

What about the faith are you most excited to teach?

The real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and our every day lives.

Your Fiat: why did you say "yes" to STF?

I was most inspired by STF's mission to get kids to college and to heaven—the combination of academic excellence and striving for holiness.



Hannah Lafiosca

Fishers, IN

Birmingham-Southern College

Biology major

Fun Fact about yourself:

I am a (very) amateur birder and can do some pretty accurate bird calls.

What about the faith are you most excited to teach?

I can't wait to share that God wants to have a personal relationship with each of us and how He exemplifies this through His presence in the Eucharist.



Maggie Psurek

Gaithersburg, MD

University of Maryland, College Park

Chemistry major
Soil Science & Sustainability Studies minors

Fun Fact about yourself:

I was born in Poland and go back to visit family there every few years.

Your Fiat: why did you say "yes" to STF?

1 Timothy 4:12 says, "Let no one have contempt for your youth, but set an example for those who believe, in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity." I want to live by those words and that means teaching my students to also live by them.