



SETON TEACHING
FELLOWS

Cohort 10

Proudly introducing the Fellows who will serve with us this year.

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FELLOWS

FROM

37

UNIVERSITIES

WITH

30

DIFFERENT
MAJORS

FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY



ICON KEY:



2nd Year Fellow



Mission Trip



Student Leader



Honor Student



FOCUS Student

Brittanie Bruck

Dundee, MI



University of Toledo

Applied Mathematics major
Communications Studies minor

What about the Catholic faith are you most excited to share with your future students?

I'm excited to share the stories of the saints and the beauty of the sacraments!

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

An influential teacher taught me the value of having someone hold you to high standards and believe you can reach them.

Patron saint for your year as a Fellow:

St. John Paul II

Madison Hornikel

Rootstown, OH



Kent State University

Integrated Language Arts Education major
English minor

What are you most excited about as a future Seton Teaching Fellow?

The fact that I get to live this year fully in service to the Lord and His children.

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

My high school guidance counselor taught me that failure should never be the end of the story, but rather the beginning. It's not about how many times we fall, it's about picking ourselves back up again and continuing to pursue God's will.

Patron saint for your year as a Fellow:

St. Therese of Lisieux

**Maria
Vazquez-Cordova**
Forest City, IA



Loras College
Social Work major

What are you most excited about as a future Seton Teaching Fellow?

I am most excited about sharing the faith with the young Church!

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

My teacher once told me, "Always strive to learn more about God and the Church, but never get to a point that you forget to pray."

Patron saint for your year as a Fellow:

St. Padre Pio

Rachel Riordan
Front Royal, VA



Christendom College

Theology major
Classical and Early Christian Studies minor

What are you most excited to learn as a Fellow?

I am most excited to learn to appreciate my faith even more and to rediscover its beauty anew by studying it together with the children and seeing it through their eyes.

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

One thing one of my professors used to remind us all the time was that no matter what hardships or loneliness we might be struggling with, we always have a Friend in the tabernacle, Who will always be there for us.

Patron saint for your year as a Fellow:

St. Francis Xavier



Erin Murray

Bluffton, OH



Bowling Green State University

Philosophy, Politics, Economics, and Law major
History minor

What are you most excited to learn as a Fellow?

I'm very excited to learn how to teach! I've received good formation in the Faith, and I want to learn how to share it well.

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

I said "yes" to STF because I wanted to allow God to teach me how to love. Seton will draw me out of myself, and when I am less focused on myself, I will be able to see Him more clearly.

Patron saint for your year as a Fellow:

St. John Paul II

Megan Chappie

Clarksville, OH



Wright State University

English Literature major
History, Classical Languages and Cultures minor

What about the Catholic faith are you most excited to share with your future students?

How the goodness, truth, and beauty of the Catholic faith satisfy every part of the human person.

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

"I love you" - my K-12 teacher (aka my mom)

Patron saint for your year as a Fellow:

St. Isaac Jogues



Lauren Lapinski

Liberty City, OH



What are you most excited to learn as a Fellow?

I'm most excited to learn to receive feedback.

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

Out of trust and obedience to God that this was how I could love him and his people best.

What about the Catholic faith are you most excited to share with your future students?

True devotion from the heart.

Patron saint for your year as a Fellow:

St. Therese of Lisieux

**"My whole strength lies in prayer
& sacrifice; these are my invincible arms;**

**they can move hearts far better
than words."**

St. Therese of Lisieux

Angela Vodola
Sandy Hook, CT



Mount St. Mary's University

Elementary and Special Education major
Theology minor

Fun Fact about yourself:

I have an identical twin.

Your Fiat: why did you say “yes” to STF?

I felt called to begin my career as an educator by diving into service and faith, and Seton Teaching Fellows was the perfect fit!

Patron saint for your year as a Fellow:

St. Faustina

Irma Alvarado
Mission, TX



Texas A&M University

Allied Health major
Spanish minor

Your Fiat: why did you say “yes” to STF?

To make an impact on my community from an aspect of faith and connection.

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

A teacher once told me the priceless value of education: it's one thing no one can take from you.

Patron saint for your year as a Fellow:

St. Francis of Assisi

Jeannette Sanchez
Brooklyn, NY



John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Gender Studies major
Anthropology minor

What about the Catholic faith are you most excited to share with your future students?

Just everything, how beautiful the Catholic faith is and I just want to make it fun for the kids. I want God to truly be part of their lives!

Your Fiat: why did you say “yes” to STF?

I felt like God kept putting this on my heart, and I kept hearing him say, “Trust me, I have a greater plan for you.”

Patron saint for your year as a Fellow:

St. Mary Magdalene

Megan Rubalcaba
Grand Junction, CO



Baylor University

Integrated Studies major

What are you most excited to learn as a Fellow?

How to prioritize the Lord in my life after college, and what it looks like to live selflessly in my relationships.

Your Fiat: why did you say “yes” to STF?

It is so important that young people grow up knowing that truth exists and that truth is not exclusive to spiritual life. I said “yes” to STF because there is no attempted separation of education and Truth, and I feel called to be a part of an organization that humbly and patiently fights for all that is truly beautiful.

Patron saint for your year as a Fellow:

St. Elizabeth of Hungary



BRILLA
Paterson



Grace Meyer

Delaware, OH



Bowling Green State University

English major

Media Studies & Production minor

What are you most excited to learn as a Fellow?

I am excited to learn about what it means to serve others and how God wants to use my skills for His kingdom.

Your Fiat: why did you say “yes” to STF?

I said ‘yes’ to Seton Teaching Fellows because I’ve felt that God wants me to grow closer to Him through community.

Patron saint for your year as a Fellow:

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Isabella Marcelino

Columbia, MD



University of Maryland, Baltimore County

Psychology major

Spanish minor

What are you most excited about as a future Seton Teaching Fellow?

I am excited for my heart to be stretched and to become my most fully-alive self through community, education, and faith. I am certain that I will come out as a completely changed woman.

What are you most excited to learn as a Fellow?

I am excited to learn the heart of Christ the Teacher and all the areas I lack in which He will fill and grow Himself. I cannot wait to learn how to fully live out the scriptures in my year of mission.

Patron saint for your year as a Fellow:

Our Lady of Guadalupe



BRILLA
Paterson



Kourtnei Willburn

Amarillo, TX



Texas Tech University

Human Development and Family Sciences major

What are you most excited about as a future Seton Teaching Fellow?

Building community alongside the students.

What are you most excited to learn as a Fellow?

I am excited to learn how to better love the people around me and be Christ to them.

Patron saint for your year as a Fellow:

St. Mary Magdalene

Laure Duhamel

Oak Ridge, TN



Tennessee Technological University

Elementary Education major

What are you most excited to learn as a Fellow?

How to live out the Gospel authentically while being the hands of Christ to His most beloved children.

Fun Fact about yourself:

I absolutely LOVE reading and in my dream house, I want to have a room dedicated to being a library with a sliding ladder.

Patron saint for your year as a Fellow:

St. Theodore Guerin



BRILLA
Paterson



Sarah Henderson

Goddard, KS



Emporia State University

Elementary Education major

What about the Catholic faith are you most excited to share with your future students?

I am excited to teach my students about the Eucharist and teach them about prayer.

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

One of my teachers showed me how much he actually cared about me. We weren't just students; he cared about our well being.

Patron saint for your year as a Fellow:

St. Mary Magdalene

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples
with the news:

“I have seen the Lord!”...

John 20:18



BRILLA CARITAS
Elementary School



James Leroux

Severna Park, MD



Brown University

Classics major

What about the Catholic faith are you most excited to share with your future students?

The fun-ness of the Catholic intellectual tradition!

Your Fiat: why did you say “yes” to STF?

I’m at a point in my life where I need more time to figure out what I want to do next, and I can think of no better way to figure that out than by spending a year staying close to Jesus as a missionary!

Patron saint for your year as a Fellow:

St. Jerome

Marianne Gleason

Fresno, CA



Loras College

Politics, Literature, and Creative Writing major
Peace and Justice, and Catholic Studies minor

What about the Catholic faith are you most excited to share with your future students?

I am so excited to teach students about forgiveness as well as the unconditional love that the Lord has for each and every person!

Fun Fact about yourself:

I played a total of three collegiate sports: cross country, lacrosse, and track and field!

Patron saint for your year as a Fellow:

St. Joan of Arc



BRILLA CARITAS
Elementary School



Patrick Kerrigan
Toledo, OH



Ohio State University

History major
Education, Political Science, and Geography minor

What are you most excited about as a future Seton Teaching Fellow?

I am most excited to share joyful experiences with my future students. I really look forward to seeing the light of understanding in my future students regarding both academics and the Faith.

Fun Fact about yourself:

I have eleven siblings. And no, the rest of my family actually is not Catholic.

Patron saint for your year as a Fellow:

St. Jean-Baptiste de La Salle

Rachel Warren
Ham Lake, MN



Hillsdale College

English major
Classical Education minor

What are you most excited about as a future Seton Teaching Fellow?

I'm most excited about having a community of Fellows to be challenged and supported by and alongside whom I will learn to teach and love better.

What are you most excited to learn as a Fellow?

I'm excited to learn the art of teaching and how to make lessons meaningful and memorable.

Patron saint for your year as a Fellow:

St. Joseph



BRILLA PAX
Elementary School



Abigail Polansky
Williamsburg, VA



George Mason University
Neuroscience major

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

My 5th-grade teacher had a poster on her wall that said, "The cure for boredom is curiosity. There is no cure for curiosity." That saying has stuck with me and fueled my love of discovery for discovery's sake.

Fun Fact about yourself:

I ride horses.

Patron saint for your year as a Fellow:
St. Mary Magdalene

Caroline Columbro
Miami, FL



Miami Dade College
Early Childhood Education major

What about the Catholic faith are you most excited to share with your future students?

Mother Mary!

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

To be able to be a part of a child's faith development and knowing that I can touch a parent's heart by leading their child to Christ really strikes my heart.

Patron saint for your year as a Fellow:
St. Teresa of Calcutta



BRILLA PAX
Elementary School



Małgorzata Psurek
Gaithersburg, MD



2nd
YEAR



University of Maryland – College Park

Chemistry major
Soil Science and Sustainability Studies minor

What about the Catholic faith are you most excited to share with your future students?

We all have patron saints who pray for us from Heaven.

What are you most excited to learn as a Fellow?

I'm excited to keep growing as a teacher who educates the whole person, body, and soul.

Patron saint for your year as a Fellow:

St. Cecilia

Maria Gianna Coffey
Havertown, PA



Christendom College

History major
Literature minor

What are you most excited to learn as a Fellow?

How to serve where I feel underqualified.

Your Fiat: why did you say “yes” to STF?

Throughout college, I felt conflicted as to whether to be a teacher or a missionary, and I felt both callings tugging at my heart. Seton encompasses both callings.

Patron saint for your year as a Fellow:

St. Therese of Lisieux



BRILLA COLLEGE PREP
Elementary School



Abigail Burns

Dubuque, IA



2nd
YEAR



University of St. Thomas

Principles of Education and Catholic Studies major

What about the Catholic faith are you most excited to share with your future students?

I am excited to teach through word and witness about the enduring, stable, ever-gentle, and ever-new love of God.

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

Walk boldly in confident faith, and trust that you have a Good Father who will never cease to guide you.

Patron saint for your year as a Fellow:

St. Therese of Lisieux

Abigail Cain

Poway, CA



Thomas Aquinas College

Liberal Arts major

What are you most excited about as a future Seton Teaching Fellow?

I am most excited about being able to serve Christ in a real way by making him known to the students.

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

The most influential thing teachers have taught me is that I have a voice that this world needs and that I have specific gifts allowing me to show up in ways others need.

Patron saint for your year as a Fellow:

St. Teresa of Calcutta



BRILLA COLLEGE PREP
Elementary School



Emily Flamion
Saint Croix, IN



Indiana University Southeast
Art Education and Ceramics major

What about the Catholic faith are you most excited to share with your future students?

I'm so excited to teach my students about God's perfect love for us, and the amazing gift we have in the Eucharist!

Fun Fact about yourself:

I grew up on a lovely little farm with lots of cows and crops.

Patron saint for your year as a Fellow:

St. Juliana Falconieri

Grace Loftus
Hays, KS



Kansas State University

Human Development & Family Science, & Gerontology major
Well-Being minor

What are you most excited about as a future Seton Teaching Fellow?

I am excited to live in a community with others who share a common goal of getting to Heaven! I am also really excited to step out of my comfort zone in many different ways.

What are you most excited to learn as a Fellow?

You can learn a lot about God's love through the witness of children, and I am excited to see what the children in the Bronx teach me about God's love.

Patron saint for your year as a Fellow:

St. Martin de Porres



BRILLA COLLEGE PREP
Elementary School



Josie Edel
Forest City, IA



Loras College

Politics, Spanish, and Theology major
Catholic Studies minor

What are you most excited about as a future Seton Teaching Fellow?

I'm looking forward to sharing the beauty of our Faith with my disciples! I want my students to fall in love with Christ and His Church as I have.

What are you most excited to learn as a Fellow?

I'm so excited to learn from my disciples! Kids have so much to teach us: holy curiosity, wonder and awe, child-like faith, and contentment in simplicity.

Patron saint for your year as a Fellow:

St. José Sánchez del Río

Theresa Scheier
Lee's Summit, MO



University of Missouri

Biochemistry major
Psychology and Biology minor

What are you most excited about as a future Seton Teaching Fellow?

I am super excited to join the community of Seton Teaching Fellows and share in the joys and difficulties of living mission together.

What about the Catholic faith are you most excited to share with your future students?

The total, absolute, endless, mind-boggling love that the Father has for them.

Patron saint for your year as a Fellow:

St. Edith Stein



BRILLA COLLEGE PREP
Elementary School



Victoria Rojas-Solis
Inglewood, CA



2nd
YEAR



University of California, Los Angeles
History major

What are you most excited about as a future Seton Teaching Fellow?

Being able to emulate the goodness and love of God not by my words, but by my actions.

Your Fiat: why did you say “yes” to STF?

I see such goodness in this mission, and I know there is still so much more that God is calling me to do here. He desires for me to fall deeper in love with him, build more relationships in the Bronx, and be a beacon of support for incoming fellows.

Patron saint for your year as a Fellow:

St. Josephine Bakhita

“To teach means not only to impart what we know, but also to reveal who we are by living what we believe.”

Pope St. John Paul II



BRILLA COLLEGE PREP
Middle School



Anna Janowski
Marquette, MI



University of Michigan

Music Education major
English minor

What are you most excited about as a future Seton Teaching Fellow?

I am most excited to see curiosity about God on the faces of El Camino disciples!

What are you most excited to learn as a Fellow?

As a Fellow, I am most excited to develop a deeper trust in God's care for me and to not rely on external settings and routines for peace.

Patron saint for your year as a Fellow:

St. Joseph the Worker

Ariel Fernandez
Rosamond, CA



University of California, Los Angeles

Physiological Science & Neuroscience major
Study of Religion minor

What about the Catholic faith are you most excited to share with your future students?

I want all of my students to know that they are eternally, personally, and greatly loved by the Father! And that they can become saints who change the world, one act of love at a time!

What are you most excited to learn as a Fellow?

I am excited to learn more about surrender and having child-like trust in God! In college, it was easy for me to fall into habits of self-reliance and independence; however, I'm looking forward to growing more in vulnerability and learning from the STF community and the children we encounter!

Patron saint for your year as a Fellow:

St. John Paul II



BRILLA COLLEGE PREP
Middle School



Elizabeth Stephens
Birmingham, AL



University of Alabama at Birmingham

Studio Art major
Painting minor

What are you most excited about as a future Seton Teaching Fellow?

To unwaveringly pour out the love of Jesus on our kids! I'm so excited to see how the Holy Spirit will use me to impact their lives in a unique way.

What are you most excited to learn as a Fellow?

To learn to be little and childlike again, as well as to live in the most present way I can, realizing the beauty of each moment.

Patron saint for your year as a Fellow:

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Kari Reuter
Littleton, CO



Colorado State University

Biology and Natural Sciences (Science Education) major
Spanish and Chemistry minor

What about the Catholic faith are you most excited to share with your future students?

I am most excited to share the Catholic Faith's reverence for each person and the simple truth that we exist because God wants us and willed us for a specific, irreplaceable purpose.

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

That it is a lie that some students "just don't care."
It's hard not to hide behind this excuse sometimes as an educator, and his commitment to fighting for his students inspires (and awes me) on those tough days in the classroom.

Patron saint for your year as a Fellow:

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



BRILLA COLLEGE PREP
Middle School



Kyle Thorn
Eugene, OR



University of Oregon

Biology major
Chemistry minor

What about the Catholic faith are you most excited to share with your future students?

Hope, Love, and Truth.

Your Fiat: why did you say “yes” to STF?

The Holy Spirit led me here, so it's my pleasure to be able to say yes (there's a fun story that's a little too long for this). In short, I wanted to.

Patron saint for your year as a Fellow:

St. John the Baptist

Thomas Nardi
Prior Lake, MN



University of St. Thomas (Minnesota)

Theology and Catholic Studies major

What are you most excited to learn as a Fellow?

I am most excited to learn the value of patience and going with the flow!

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

The most influential thing I learned from a teacher was the importance of keeping a consistent prayer life with my studies; sometimes life gets so busy, but it is important to keep a prayer life going no matter what.

Patron saint for your year as a Fellow:

St. Francis of Assisi



BRILLA VERITAS
Elementary School



Carol Cunningham
Poway, CA



University of Mary

Elementary Education major
Catholic Studies minor

What are you most excited about as a future Seton Teaching Fellow?

As a 2nd year Fellow, I am most excited to continue to grow in every aspect of my life: spiritually, emotionally, professionally, etc. My 1st year taught me so much about myself and made me aware of gifts that God gave me that I haven't had the chance to foster.

What are you most excited to learn as a Fellow?

To continue to learn to love people by meeting them where they are at and looking at them through the eyes of Christ

Patron saint for your year as a Fellow:

St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Caroline Urlwin
Centreville, VA



James Madison University

Interdisciplinary Liberal Studies & Special Education major
Special Education and K-12 Adapted Curriculum minor

What about the Catholic faith are you most excited to share with your future students?

Hope.

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

That the most important thing we can become (besides a saint) is a lifelong learner... to always have wonder, and to always pursue truth in the questions we ask.

Patron saint for your year as a Fellow:

St. Teresa of Calcutta



BRILLA VERITAS
Elementary School



Eva Simons

Orange County, CA



Benedictine College

Art major
Education minor

What are you most excited about as a future Seton Teaching Fellow?

I am so excited to encounter Christ in each of the children I have the joy of meeting and walking with.

What are you most excited to learn as a Fellow?

Something as simple as putting aside my emotions during a hard day, truly focusing on others, and becoming more others-centered through serving!

Patron saint for your year as a Fellow:

St. Therese of Lisieux

Julia Lindell

Forest Lake, MN



University of St. Thomas (Minnesota)

Electrical Engineering, Physics, Catholic Studies,
Operations & Supply Chain Management major
Data Analytics and Philosophy minor

What are you most excited about as a future Seton Teaching Fellow?

I am most excited about how the formation and community life will fill us with such great love for one another that it overflows to our students.

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

The purpose of education is for the enlivening of the human spirit and the recognition of Christ in the world. It's very much not about your grades.

Patron saint for your year as a Fellow:

St. Thomas Aquinas



BRILLA VERITAS
Elementary School



Luke O'Reilly

Brainerd, MN



University of St. Thomas (Minnesota)

Philosophy and Catholic Studies major

What are you most excited to learn as a Fellow?

More about myself and how I am called to follow God's calling and also more about teaching.

Fun Fact about yourself:

I play the violin.

Patron saint for your year as a Fellow:

St. Philip Neri

Rachel Roeber

West Bend, WI



University of St. Thomas (Minnesota)

Elementary Education major
Catholic Studies minor

What about the Catholic faith are you most excited to share with your future students?

God's crazy infinite love and the fact that we all have a family in the Church!

What are you most excited to learn as a Fellow?

I'm excited to learn and grow in my teaching skills and let teaching become a way of praising God.

Patron saint for your year as a Fellow:

St. Teresa of Calcutta



BRILLA VERITAS
Elementary School



Rebecca Kaminski

Batavia, IL



Christendom College

Theology major

What about the Catholic faith are you most excited to share with your future students?

I am excited to share my love for Eucharistic Adoration and inspire faith in the Real Presence.

Your Fiat: why did you say “yes” to STF?

I said yes because I was inspired by one of the Fellows’ witnesses when he shared that STF is a program where you have to forget about yourself and focus on others almost exclusively.

Patron saint for your year as a Fellow:

Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati

“Wonder is the desire of knowledge.”

St. Thomas Aquinas



BRILLA VERITAS
Middle School



Abigail Jones

Trevor, WI



Loras College

Public Relations major
Business and Catholic Studies minor

What are you most excited about as a future Seton Teaching Fellow?

I am most excited to get to know the disciples and to learn from them just as much as they will learn from us.

Fun Fact about yourself:

I worked the first-ever Field of Dreams MLB game.
(Summer of 2021)

Patron saint for your year as a Fellow:

St. Teresa of Calcutta

Marlo White

Dadeville, AL



Troy University

Social Work major

What are you most excited about as a future Seton Teaching Fellow?

To meet, know, and love my students!

What about the Catholic faith are you most excited to share with your future students?

The importance and joy of the sacraments; especially the Eucharist.

Patron saint for your year as a Fellow:

Little Li





BRILLA VERITAS
Middle School



William Brock
Cleveland, GA



**Presbyterian College,
Colorado School of Mines**

Accounting major
Masters in Engineering Technology Management

**What are you most excited about as a future
Seton Teaching Fellow?**

The chance to encounter Christ.

Your Fiat: why did you say “yes” to STF?

I have a chance to deny myself and dedicate this time solely to Christ.

Patron saint for your year as a Fellow:

St. Martin de Porres



**“Let your chief study
be to acquaint yourself with God
because there is nothing greater than God...**

**it is the only knowledge which
can fill the heart with a peace and joy,
which nothing can disturb.”**

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton