

Beginning Homeschooling 2018

Minnesota Catholic Home Educators Conference - Cathie Baier

Websites and Resources

Scholaric Planning Software: (<http://www.scholaric.com>)
Cathswap – Catholic Curriculum Resale Site: (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Cathswap>)
The Catholic Woman’s Daily Planner (<http://www.family-centered.com>)
Ecce Homo Press (<http://www.eccehomopress.com>)
Adoremus Books (<http://www.adoremusbooks.com>)
Aquinas and More (<http://www.aquinasandmore.com>)
Bethlehem Books (<http://www.bethlehembooks.com>)
Emmanuel Books (<http://www.emmanuelbooks.com>)
Hillside Education (<http://hillsideeducation.com>)
Ignatius Press (<http://www.ignatius.com>)
Neumann Press (<http://www.neumannpress.com>)
Our Father's House (<http://ourfathershouse.biz>)
RC History (<http://www.rchistory.com>)
Reading Your Way Through History (<http://readingyourwaythroughhistory.com>)
Sacred Heart Books and Gifts (<http://www.sacredheartbooksandgifts.com>)
Sophia Institute Press (<http://www.sophiainstitute.com>)
St. George Books and Gifts (<http://www.stgeorgebooks.com>)
Stone Tablet Press (<http://www.stonetabletpress.com>)
TAN Books (<http://www.tanbooks.com>)
Love2Learn (<http://www.love2learn.net>)
Catholic Icing (<http://www.catholicicing.com>)

Recommended Books:

Catholic Education: Homeward Bound by Kimberly Hahn and Mary Hasson
A Catholic Homeschool Treasury by Rachel Mackson and Maureen Wittman
The Catholic Homeschool Companion selected and edited by Maureen Wittman and Rachel Mackson
Catholic Homeschooling: A Handbook for Parents by Mary Kay Clark
For the Love of Literature by Maureen Wittman
A Picture Perfect Childhood by Cay Gibson
Haystack Full of Needles: A Catholic Home Educator’s Guide to Socialization by Alice Gunther
Designing Your Own Classical Curriculum by Laura Berquist
A Little Way of Homeschooling: Thirteen Families Discover Catholic Unschooling by Suzie Andres
20 Teachable Virtues: Practical Ways to Pass on Lessons of Virtue by Jerry Wyckoff
Hold On to Your Kids: Why Parents Need to Matter More Than Peers by Gordon Neufeld and Gabor Mate M.D.
A Mother’s Rule of Life by Holly Pierlot
Mondays With Mary by Meredith Henning
Catholic Mosaic by Cay Gibson

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Survey Says!

Become a part of a homeschool support group or co-op.

Stick with a Schedule

Have a mentor

Have a plan for:

- Keeping toddlers busy*
- Things kids can do when you are not available*
- Snacks they may have without asking permission*

Top 10 Things I Wish I Knew My First Year of Homeschooling

10. Make sure you go to a homeschool conference and attend homeschool group meetings whenever possible.
9. Beware of the Winter Doldrums!
8. It doesn't matter what anyone else thinks.
7. I will probably change my mind about curricula and/or my approach to homeschooling.
6. I will need support.
5. My child will not become a social misfit.
4. Jump in, get started. Don't be paralyzed with analysis paralysis!
3. I don't have to follow someone else's schedule, but I should follow one.
2. I need to keep my eyes on my own work.
1. My children are learning, even if we didn't open a book today.

Friendly Suggestions:

- Develop your support system.
- Choose your Homeschooling Method first, and then find a curriculum that works.
- It's best to fit the curriculum to the child than the child to the curriculum!
- Factor your values in to your schedule.
- Don't forget Prayer time, Personal time and Partner time.
- One of the most important things you can do is read aloud to your kids. It develops their grammar, vocabulary, values, language, speech, self-expression and character.

MN Compulsory Homeschool Law in a Nutshell

- Full report only once - "Initial Report to the Superintendent"
- Update yearly thereafter - "Letter of Intent to Continue Homeschooling"
- www.mache.org** has fill in forms that meet the letter of the law without giving any more information than is required by law

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