



HSP Teacher Biographies

Mrs. Teresa Pikar, History

After graduating Thomas More College 30 years ago, I taught 3rd and 4th grades at a couple of Diocesan schools. During that time, I married my husband, Dan, and began our family. One of my greatest treasures was home-educating my 4 children for 12 years. When my husband's job relocated us to Florida, I taught at our parish CCD program in Sarasota, Florida. We moved back to our hometown in 2013 and were blessed to join Saint Anthony Parish, where I shared the faith with the children of PREP for 5 years. I also taught PSR at Saint Augustine Parish. I enjoy music, art, and crafting.

Mrs. Hollie Schutte, Science

Hollie Schutte and her husband, Mike, have lived in Florence for the last 22 years and are parishioners of Immaculate Heart of Mary. They have 4 children, ranging in age from 13-24. Hollie has been homeschooling for the last 14 years and has a degree in engineering from the University of Cincinnati. She loves to spend her time with family, traveling, exploring nature, reading and cooking. She is excited to have the opportunity to teach Algebra 1 again.

Mrs. Terry Roessler, Literature

Having been very blessed, I am the mom of five grown children and 14 grandchildren. Home education became a way of life for us very early on when my oldest came home in the second grade. I considered this to be my calling and a way to impart the Catholic Faith, instill the Gospel of Life and protect my children's innocence. With God's grace and much diligence we were able to accomplish eight grades and have many memories of projects, field trips and fun family activities. Eventually there became a need for a more structured High School format, so Totus Tuus, Maria Homeschool Co-op was born. There I was founder along with a group of very dedicated teachers and parents. We emphasized the "Great Books," Church, World, and American Histories, Catechesis and the Sciences. There, I was privileged to teach Grade Nine Literature based on the Seton Model: Grammar, Literature and Writing. I loved opening the eyes of the students and exposing them to the insights and knowledge of those that went before them and who left behind these beautiful writings for them to explore. Our co-op was in existence for ten years, serving families from Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio.

I am currently working on a Certification in Catechesis from Franciscan University and serve as Coordinator of Religious Ed at Divine Mercy and St Bernard Parishes.

I understand and quote Saint John Paul II in stating “Since they have conferred life on their children, parents have the original, primary and inalienable right to educate them; hence they must be acknowledged as the first and foremost educators of their children.”

I am happy to once again be an aid in helping parents achieve these goals for their children and hope that we can together enlighten them, nurture them and catechize them into the loving arms of Jesus.

Mrs. Laura Nix, Composition

I am excited to join the Homeschool Enrichment Program here at St. Joseph Academy teaching Composition. After graduating from the University of Michigan with a degree in Linguistics and Mathematics, I served in the Air Force as an Acquisitions Officer. My husband, Trey, was also a USAF officer; we have been married for 28 years. We are active parishioners at St. Timothy Parish in Union. For the past two years, I taught Math and Reading to the junior high students at Mary, Queen of Heaven School. One of my proudest accomplishments is co-founding St. Timothy American Heritage Girls Troop KY 1412 in 2014.

One of the highlights of my life was homeschooling our four children (now 13 to 24) from 2001 until 2018. It was a blessing to share the faith and my love of learning with my children. I am very grateful for the open communication and close family relationships we established. I truly believe that those years at home were significant in helping Ryan, Kathryn, Sophie and Stefany to become the amazing people they are today. I look forward to using the gifts I've been given to assist homeschooling families by teaching composition and grammar.

1 Thessalonians 5:18:

“In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.”