

Seton Named 1 of 12 in the Nation

2008 CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOR TOMORROW AWARD: *Innovations in Education*

Each year, *Today's Catholic Teacher* magazine honors a dozen Catholic elementary and secondary schools that have led the way by implementing exemplary, innovative programs to improve the teaching and the learning for their students, faculty, and staffs.

“Seton Catholic School is **one of three** schools nationally being cited in **the innovation in curriculum and instruction award** category,” said Harry Selner, Principal. He represented Seton at the awards presentation and special celebration banquet on March 26, 2008 in Indianapolis, Indiana, there to attend the annual convention of the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA).

The award is due to the newly implemented “*Habits of the Heart – A Youth Education Program for Philanthropy*” in the seventh and eighth grades. The project, a collaborative endeavor between the Laurel Lake Retirement Community and Seton Catholic School, is funded by a grant from The Burton D. Morgan Foundation. Seton students complete the *Habits of the Heart* curriculum and apply their knowledge by serving on a board with Laurel Lake mentors and learning the grant-making process. The experience culminates with the opportunity to distribute \$10,000 in grants to the greater community. The students establish grant guidelines, accept and review proposals, interview applicants, and make funding decisions.

The intergenerational project is designed to help young people experience the rewards of serving, caring, and giving. The senior adult mentors bring a wealth of knowledge to help equip students with the skills and motivation required in developing habits of giving. The classroom experience at Seton Catholic School makes a clear connection between the program’s “heart habits” and the principles of social justice which are infused in the Seton curriculum.

Upon notification of the award, Mr. Selner said, “The Seton Catholic School community is proud and validated to be recognized nationally for this fine award. We are honored to share the spirit of Seton with the greater community as we open our classrooms and imaginations to new teaching and learning possibilities. We are very grateful to the students and to Mrs. Neidert and to Mrs. Fritz who brought this opportunity to Seton.”

The following 12 schools received the *2008 Catholic Schools for Tomorrow* award:

Bishop Neumann High School (Wahoo, Nebraska); Christ the King (Norfolk, Virginia); Gesu School (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania); Incarnate Word Academy (Corpus Christi, Texas); O’Hara Catholic School (Eugene, Oregon); Paul VI Catholic High School (Fairfax, Virginia); Rome Catholic School (Rome, New York); Saint Benedict School (Elberta, Alabama); St. Clare School (Staten Island, New York); St. Mary School (Riverside, Illinois); St. Michael’s School (Poway, California); and Seton Catholic School (Hudson, Ohio).