# Resources for Homeschooling a Child with Special Needs

### Catholic Curricula Providers

The larger providers like Mother of Divine Grace, Seton Home Study School, and Kolbe Academy have resources or programs for students with special needs. Visit their websites, but also check the websites of any other providers you are interested in as there are often resources/accommodations as well.

# Websites/Blogs/Facebook Group

A quick Internet search of 'Catholic special needs homeschooling' brought up these hopeful sites, copied from search page so go and check them out. I have not previewed these, but they look good.

### Special Needs Archives — Today's Catholic Homeschooling

https://www.todayscatholichomeschooling.com/tag/special-needs/

In its early days (1970s-1980s), modern **homeschooling** was often a complete rejection of traditional school. **Homeschooling** parents, many of whom had to fly ...

### Helpful Resources for Catholic Homeschoolers - Homeschool-Life.com

https://www.homeschool-life.com/191/custom/12829

Memoria Press Online Classical Academy (Catholic-friendly). Mother of Divine ... NATHHAN (National Challenged Homeschoolers Special Needs Children).

### Catholic Homeschooling with Special Needs Public Group | Facebook

https://www.facebook.com/groups/111890212269633/

**Catholic Homeschooling** with **Special Needs** has 492 members. This is a group specifically for **Catholic Homeschooling** families with **Special Needs** children....

### Homeschooling and Special Needs – Catholic Homeschool Support

https://www.catholichomeschool.org/homeschooling-and-special-needs/

Nov 9, 2008 - My hope is that this will grow into a lovely list of resources and encouragement for families who are **homeschooling** children with **special needs**.

# **Kimberly at Pondered in My Heart**

Kimberly, a Catholic homeschool mom of seven, also schools her her teen daughter with Down syndrome. Her blog - <a href="https://ponderedinmyheart.typepad.com/">https://ponderedinmyheart.typepad.com/</a>

# Not the Former Things, Shawna Wingert

Not Catholic, but Shawna is a wonderful resource for homeschooling children with special needs. She is a wealth of information and has knowledge of homeschooling in California since she lives in Los Angeles. This blog is a must visit! <a href="https://nottheformerthings.com/">https://nottheformerthings.com/</a>

### Regina Caeli Academy, PSP

Laura Lorona-Kays provides this wonderful list of resources below. Visit her site to find links. <a href="https://reginacaeliacademypsp.org/special-needs-resources">https://reginacaeliacademypsp.org/special-needs-resources</a>

# Special Needs Resources

#### **Homeschool Connections Recommended Resources**

Our trusted Catholic friends at Homeschool Connections has compiled an extensive list of programs, publishers, books, curriculum, magazines, and more, for parents who are putting together their own eclectic program. This is an excellent starting point!

#### **Memoria Press Special Needs Curriculum**

Based on the excellent classical Christian education provided by Highlands Latin School, this curriculum has been adapted especially for students with significant special learning needs. The complete program is available for ages 2-21 and offers 10 key features.

#### **Queen of Heaven Academy**

The Special Education Program at Queen of Heaven Academy is an online program to assist students who have special needs or are struggling in multiple areas. This program provides students, who need it, extra support in order to be successful in completing their education. Mrs. Prosso will work with the student, their family, and our staff to coordinate services and support. Students will be taught skills to help them manage their challenges and strengthen their talents.

### "Homeschooling Children with Special Needs," Sharon Hensley Consulting

Sharon is a Christian former home schooling mother who provides consulting to families teaching children with any type of disability. She holds a Masters in Special Education and her book, *Home Schooling Children with Special Needs*, is recommended by Seton Homeschool Academy

### Easy Peasy/All-In-One Homeschool

A complete, free online Christian Homeschool Curriculum for Grades K-12.

### **Learning Ally**

The world's largest provider of audio textbooks and literature. Their Mission is to promote personal achievement when access and reading are barriers to learning be advancing the use of accessible and effective educational solutions.

# **Marie Fignar**

Marie gave a talk at the SCCHE conference last month. I did not attend her talk, but her write-up is inspiring so I included it here! I searched for a website or Facebook page and could not find one, but I bet we can contact one of the conference organizers and reach out to her. Maybe she would be willing to come to San Diego to speak to a group of us interested in special needs homeschooling.

Marie Fignar - An Answered Prayer: Homeschooling My Children with Special Needs Homeschooling a child with special needs is especially daunting and is not for the faint of heart! Marie will share her grace-filled journey homeschooling her three foster-adopted children with ADHD, Autism, behavioral challenges and mental illness. Her talk is aimed to encourage you and inspire your own homeschooling journey.

Marie Fignar is an adoptive mother of 3 children that are ages 19-12. She has been married to her husband, Rodger, for 19 years. She has been a homeschooler since 2005 and has taught her children from elementary school through high school grades. Her children have struggled with learning disabilities, behavioral problems, and mental illness throughout their schooling years. She is a proponent of self-care and "dates" her husband often to stay balanced. Her favorite Bible verse which she often prays for strength and faith is, "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." ~ Philippians 4:13

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