

† Novena for the Start of the School Year †

Dear Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, venerable Holy Family whom we seek to emulate, we invoke your powerful intercession as we begin our school year. We pray for the grace to be cooperative each day like the child Jesus, attentive in all things like mother Mary, and always upright like St. Joseph.

Dear Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, pious foundress and teacher, please pray for us that we be granted the same perseverance you had in times of adversity. We pray that, though we may occasionally get discouraged, we will always embrace the same joy and love of learning and teaching that you preserved.

Dear Saint Thomas Aquinas, thoughtful scholar, please pray for us that we remain always mindful of the eternal and divine purpose of our studies. We pray that we remain on the straight and narrow path that leads to eternal life, and do not become distracted by those frivolous or worldly pursuits that might lead us away from our heavenly goal.

Dear Lord, we seek to do your holy will with our time and resources. May our home be filled with your peace, and our days be ordered to you.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen. †