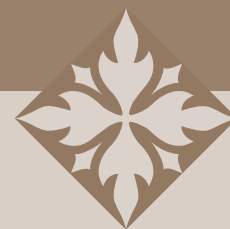




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SCHEDULE

(Subject to change)

Friday

3:30 P.M. SUPPORT GROUP LEADERS MEETING

4-9 P.M. CURRICULUM FAIR & USED BOOK SALES

4:30 P.M. VENDOR PRESENTATIONS

Math-U-See: Math Without Tears - Linda Fugleberg
Equipping Students with Language Survival Skills - Jay Patterson
RightStart Math: Building a Solid Foundation - Dr. Joan Cotter
Bloggers' Gathering

5:30 P.M. VENDOR PRESENTATIONS

Is It That He Can't Or He Won't? (Part 1) - Jennifer Beyst
MN Knows: Online Resources for Minnesotans - Minitex Librarian
Finding Time for God - Julia Taube
Little Angel Catholic Readers - Linda Bromeier
Preparing Your Child for the Professor-Student Relationship - Dr. Carol Reynolds
Special Needs Discussion

6:30 P.M. VENDOR PRESENTATIONS

Is It That He Can't Or He Won't? (Part 2) - Jennifer Beyst
Moti-Venture: Motivating Kids Through Adventure - Rob Snavelly
CYC: Planting Seeds of Faith - Julie Strahan
Family Formation 101 - Family Formation Team Members
The Logic of English - Denise Eide

7:30 P.M. THE PROFOUND INFLUENCE OF MUSIC ON LIFE BY ANDREW PUDEWA

Saturday

7:15 A.M. MASS (AQUINAS CHAPEL) FOLLOWED BY COMPLIMENTARY CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST & VENDOR AREA OPENING

8:30 A.M. VENDOR PRESENTATIONS

Engaging Early Learners - Nancy Bjorkman
PUREly YOU: Growing God's Way (Helping Parents Help Their Children Understand "Growing Up") - Sue Lewis and Gretchen Thibault
Preventing and Teaching Struggling Readers and Spellers - Denise Eide
Socratic Seminars in Classical Homeschooling - John Niemann
Hymns and Their Role in Home Education - Dr. Carol Reynolds

9:30 A.M. KEYNOTE

Freedomship Education: Rebuilding Your Education Paradigm by Andrew Pudewa

This inspiring and empowering session presents an alternative path to the "conveyor belt" approach of institutional education by which most of us were shaped. This approach develops true thinkers, leaders, and communicators — so desperately needed in today's world.

11:00 A.M. WORKSHOPS

Beginning Homeschooling by Cathie Baier

New to homeschooling? Where do you start? How do you ensure a good homeschooling experience, especially in that important first year? This practical how-to session will help you determine the first steps on your homeschooling adventure.

Organize Your Home, Enrich Your Life by Colleen Billing

Do you tell the kids to hide if someone shows up unexpectedly at your door? Come listen to professional organizer Colleen Billing give you some tips for doing the exterior decluttering that will bring interior peace!

Vocation: Our Path to Happiness and Holiness by Fr. Troy Przybilla

Following the vocation for which God made you brings peace. This peace comes from knowing that God will take care of everything while leading you where He wants you to be. Fr. Przybilla will share insight and encouragement to help our children determine and live out the vocation to which God has called them.

What is Classical Education? by Martin Cothran

Learn about classical education, the predominant education in America and the Western world until the early 20th century, and how you can implement it in your own home.

**Two
Friday
Seminars!**

Two Seminars before Conference Begins:

Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

(45-minute break for lunch)

Parents & teens may attend either seminar, but pre-registration is required.

High School & Beyond Workshop

By Linda López

Learn how to develop a four-year plan for high school, how to keep records, create a transcript, and prepare your student for college including testing, applications, PSEO, and scholarships. Includes a 100-page handout.

High School Essay Intensive Seminar

By Andrew Pudewa

Get experience and inside tips on the SAT and ACT test essays. Participants write two essays and study the College Board evaluation criteria. Includes resource booklet and lessons for continued practice.

You must pre-register for the conference to attend either seminar. \$30 per attendee fee in addition to conference registration fee.

C O N F E R E N C E R E G I S T R A T I O N

(Please DO NOT mail after **May 6**; instead, register at the door.)



Conference registration fee: \$25/attendee (spouses & teens same price); \$10 additional at the door. Each person must pre-register for the Conference to attend either Friday seminar. Fee for Friday seminar is \$30 in addition to Conference fee.

Pre-registration Required

	Conference only (\$25) (\$10 add'l at the door)	Conference & High School Workshop (\$55 total)	Conference & Essay Intensive Seminar (\$55 total)	
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Those who provide an email address will receive confirmation of their registration.

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Fri. Used Book Table Rental (\$25/8-foot table) \$ _____
Used Book sellers not attending Conference pay table rental only.

Sat. Boxed Lunch ____ (# of lunches) x \$9.50 \$ _____
Includes sandwich (pesto chicken, smoked turkey, roast beef, ham, tuna salad or vegetarian), cookie, fruit, & beverage.

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Thank you for pre-registering!
 Name tags will be mailed 10 days prior to the conference.

COMPLETE & MAIL TO ADDRESS ABOVE OR REGISTER ONLINE: WWW.MNCONFERENCE.ORG. ADULTS, TEENS, AND NURSING INFANTS ONLY, PLEASE.

1:30 P.M. WORKSHOPS

Nurturing Competent Communicators – The Power of Linguistic Patterns by Andrew Pudewa

With humor and insight, Andrew will share the two easy but unbelievably powerful things you can do to build language patterns and nurture competent communicators in your family.

Discerning the Will of God by Fr. Troy Przybilla

For many of us, determining God’s will presents one of life’s greatest challenges. How do we know if we are doing what God desires in our lives? In this presentation, Fr. Przybilla will help you to recognize God's voice in your life and open yourself to it fully.

Family: An Intimate Community of Life and Love by Anne Bielejeski

“The future of humanity passes by way of the family.” Anne Bielejeski, homeschooling mother of 11, will share her vision for family life and give realistic ways to maintain a firm foundation at home during the changing seasons of family life.

The Loving Father: The Why and How of Dads Telling Stories by Jim Weiss

In an age in which children receive many confusing messages, stories are among the greatest and longest-lasting gifts that a father can give his child.

3:30 P.M. WORKSHOPS

Nature Deficit Disorder: Causes, Consequences, & Cures by Andrew Pudewa

Although we as homeschoolers strive to provide the best education for our children, we may also be overlooking the importance of sufficient time in a natural environment—an essential component of raising children in an environment saturated with goodness, truth and beauty.

Technology in the Homeschool: To Boldly Go Where No Homeschool Has Gone Before! by Cathie and Kevin Baier

While we are all trying to raise saints, we know that we must prepare our children for the technological world in which they will eventually work. Find out what it takes to keep your kids safe while becoming technically savvy.

A Saint, a Criminal and a Country Priest: The Writing of G.K. Chesterton by Jim Weiss

Chesterton’s famous Father Brown mysteries will be brought to life by renowned storyteller Jim Weiss. Jim will also share some of Chesterton’s reflections on St. Francis of Assisi, a saint for whom Chesterton had deep affection and admiration.

Coping with Stress and Burnout by Colleen Billing

Are you feeling overwhelmed? Come listen to some practical ideas that will help you foster spiritual, physical, and emotional well-being, as well as bring peace to your spirit, your body, and your home!



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“Every individual born and raised in a family constitutes a potential treasure which must be responsibly accepted, so that it will not be diminished or lost, but will rather come to an ever more mature humanity. Parents are the first and most important educators of their own children, and they also possess a fundamental competence in this area: **they are educators because they are parents.**”

— Pope John Paul II, *Letter to Families (Gratissimam Sane)*, 1994



Detailed workshop descriptions, speaker biographies, driving directions, parking information, lodging options (including on-campus lodging), online registration & more available at:

www.mnconference.org

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