



*13th-Annual
Minnesota Catholic
Home Education Conference
& Curriculum Fair*

*June 3-4, 2011
University of St. Thomas (UST)
2115 Summit Ave., St. Paul, Minn.
www.mnconference.org*

Dear Attendee,

Thank you for pre-registering for the 13th-Annual Catholic Home Educators Conference and Curriculum Fair. We are looking forward to a wonderful, uplifting event! Please remember the Conference in your prayers.

Note: Building numbers refer to the numbers on the UST campus map. Maps and more detailed workshop descriptions can be found at www.mnconference.org

Registration

This letter should contain the nametags for conference attendees and lunch tickets for any lunches ordered. When you arrive for the Conference**, pick up an information bag, plastic name tag holder, Vendor Area map, and workshop descriptions at the Registration Table located just outside the Field House entrance in Anderson Recreation Center (ARC #25). Be sure to wear your nametag the entire time you are at the Conference (it is your "admission ticket" and proof of payment). If your nametag(s) or lunch ticket(s) are not enclosed with this letter, e-mail info@mnconference.org.

**Friday seminar attendees should check in by 8:15 a.m. on Friday at the following locations:

High School & Beyond Seminar with Linda López - OEC (#4)

Essay Intensive Seminar with Andrew Pudewa - JRC (#2)

On-Campus Lodging

If you have reserved an on-campus room, please pick up your keys between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. on Friday at Koch Commons (#19). Linen packets (pillow, sheets, and towels) will be given at check-in. Rooms are air conditioned.

Curriculum Fair/Used Book Sale

The Vendor Area (ARC Field House #25) will be open from 4 - 9 p.m. on Friday and **after** 7:15 a.m. Mass until 5 p.m. on Saturday. The Used Book Sale is Friday only. Vendors have generously donated door prizes, which will be on display near the Registration Area. Remember to check after Saturday's keynote to see if you've won!

We have insisted that all vendor materials must not conflict with the Teachings of the Magisterium of the Catholic Church. However, use your discernment in purchasing merchandise and alert us to any concerns.

Sales Tax

Vendors will be charging 7.25% sales tax (state + St. Paul tax). If your homeschool is tax-exempt, bring copies of your Certificate of Exemption (Form ST-3) (*You must give a copy to each vendor for every purchase.*) For more information, visit http://legacyhomeschool.com/index.php?main_page=tax_exempt

Children

As stated on the registration brochure, **children are not allowed** at the Conference. Nursing infants and registered teens are welcome, but we cannot accommodate children. Thank you for your understanding.

Food

The Campus Grill in MHC (#5) will be open from 7 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. on Friday and 8 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. on Saturday. Snacks, beverages, and sandwiches will be for sale in the UST Concession Area (outside ARC Gym #25) during the Conference. Complimentary continental breakfast will be available in the Vendor Area immediately after Mass on Saturday. Also on Saturday, previously ordered lunches will be distributed in the Vendor Area beginning at about noon. Lunch includes a sandwich (pesto chicken, smoked turkey, roast beef, ham, tuna salad or vegetarian) and fruit, cookie, and a beverage.

Mass

Our Opening Mass will be celebrated in St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel (#7) at 7:15 a.m. on Saturday.

Workshops

Workshop sessions will begin at 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3 p.m. Each presentation will last approximately one hour, including any question-and-answer session. Some presenters will provide handouts; these will be distributed in the workshop area before the presentation begins.

Recordings

The keynote presentation and each workshop session will be recorded and made available for purchase during the Conference in the Vendor Area or through our web site after the Conference. Because the workshops are being recorded, we ask that you turn off cell phones during presentations and step out of the room if your infant decides to be noisy.

Vendor Presentations

Vendor Presentations are scheduled for 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. on Friday and 8:30 a.m. on Saturday in ARC and OEC. Typically, these 45-minute presentations will introduce you to vendors' products. Some vendors may have recordings of their presentation available; inquire at the vendor's table.

Emergency Phone Number

The number for emergency messages during the conference is (651) 962-5100. The messages will be posted at the Registration Area (ARC Field House #25).

Lost & Found

You can look for or turn in any lost items at the Registration Area (ARC Field House #25). You may want to bring name & address stickers to put on your bags or purchases to identify your things in case they are misplaced.

Nursing & Diaper Changing Area

The women's locker room in lower level of ARC Field House (#25) will have a diaper changing table and supplies.

Support Group Leaders Session

At 3:30 p.m. (before the Conference begins), there will be a session for Support Group leaders in the ARC110 (#25). Any current or future Support Group leaders are welcome to attend; please RSVP to info@mnconference.org

Next Year's Conference - June 2-3, 2012

The 14th-Annual Minnesota Catholic Home Education Conference and Curriculum Fair is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, June 2-3, 2012, at the University of St. Thomas.

Again, your prayers for the Conference are appreciated. We pray that the event will be a blessing and source of encouragement for all. We look forward to seeing you back at UST this year!

Directions

UST is located at 2115 Summit Ave. , St. Paul, MN 55105

From the west: East on I-94, exit at Cretin Avenue. Go right (south) about one mile to Grand Avenue. Take a right at the Grand Avenue stop light. The Anderson Parking Facility will be on your left.

From the east: Take I-94 west to the Cretin/Vandalia exit. Go left (south) on Cretin Avenue about one mile to Grand Avenue. Take a right at the Grand Avenue stop light. The Anderson Parking Facility will be on your left.

From the north: When I-35 splits into 35E and 35W, follow 35E. Take 35E to Exit I-94 going west. Take I-94 west to the Cretin/Vandalia exit. Go left (south) on Cretin Avenue about one mile to Grand Avenue. Take a right at the Grand Avenue stop light. The Anderson Parking Facility will be on your left.

From the south: When I-35 splits into 35E and 35W, follow 35E. Take 35E north to the Randolph exit. Make a left on Randolph (crossing over 35E) and follow Randolph for approximately two miles to Cretin Avenue. Make a right on Cretin Avenue and go approximately 1.5 miles to Grand Avenue. Take a left at the Grand Avenue stop light. The Anderson Parking Facility will be on your left.

Parking

You can park at any UST lot or ramp for no charge. Observe overnight parking restrictions. Recommended parking areas:

Anderson Parking Facility (corner of Cretin and Grand Avenues) After parking, walk north on Cretin, then east (right) on Summit and through UST Arch (between Aquinas Hall & JRC) to avoid construction areas.

Morrison Parking Ramp (beneath Morrison Residence Hall) Enter campus at the intersection of Selby Ave. and Finn St. Follow the drive aisle south, under the skyway, toward the stadium. Take a hard right at the end of the drive aisle. After parking, walk through skyway to Koch Commons and go outside to quad area. ARC will be on your right.

Large vans, buses, trucks with trailers must park on south campus in Lot O (west of the Anderson Parking Facility).

Check in

Conference attendees should check in at ARC Field House (#25) *no earlier than 4 p.m. Friday.*

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Remember, no meals are included with the seminars; the on-campus Grill will be open. An ice-cream social/open house will be held at Sitzmann Hall (#50) immediately following the seminars (hosted by UST Catholic Studies).

On-campus lodging check-in is at Koch Commons (#19).

Please invite a friend to come to the Conference! Conference attendees may register at the door.
(For information about registering for the Friday seminars, email: info@mnconference.org)