

MCHEC 2026 Conference Companion

Prepare • Pray • Plan

Welcome

Welcome to the Minnesota Catholic Home Education Conference & Curriculum Fair.

Whether you are just beginning your homeschool journey or have walked this road for years, we pray this conference renews your vision, strengthens your resolve, and reminds you that you are not alone in this calling.

Take this guide with you throughout the day as a place to pray, reflect, plan, and process what God may be speaking to your family.

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord.” — Colossians 3:23

PART I: PREPARE YOUR HEART

Why Am I Here?

Before the conference begins, take a moment to reflect.

What has been life-giving in our homeschool this year?

What has been difficult or discouraging?

Where do I most need guidance right now?

What am I hoping God will reveal to me through this conference?

Recalling Your Mission

Homeschooling is more than academics—it is formation.

What kind of adults do we hope our children become?

What virtues matter most in our home?

What is the Lord asking of our family in this season?

PART II: PLAN WITH PURPOSE

Curriculum Reflection

What Is Working Well?



What Needs to Change?

Which Subjects Need Attention?

What Is No Longer Serving Our Family?

PART III: VENDOR HALL STRATEGY



Shop with Intention

The vendor hall can be exciting—and overwhelming. Take time to plan before you browse so you can shop with purpose.

Vendors to Prioritize

Curriculum & Core Academics

- [Full Mind Learning](#)
 - [Heppner's Legacy Homeschool Resources](#)
 - [Kolbe Academy](#)
 - [Oxrose Academy](#) **
 - [RC History LLC](#)
 - [RightStart Math](#) **
 - [Schola Publications](#)
 - [Teach to the Text](#) *
 - [Teaching Textbooks](#)
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Books, Literature & Learning Resources

- [Hidden Life Library](#)
 - [Morning Star Seeds](#) *
 - [PaperPie Learning](#)
 - [Tracing Tradition](#) *
 - [Verity Lucia Books](#) **
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High School / College Prep / PSEO

- [Augsburg University](#)
 - [Inver Hills Community College](#)
 - [North Central University](#)
 - [Pine Technical & Community College](#) *
 - [Saint Mary's University of Minnesota](#)
 - [Thomas Aquinas College](#)
 - [Wyoming Catholic College](#)
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Enrichment, Arts, Music & Activities

- [Camp Angelus at Round Hill](#)
 - [Catholic Youth Camp \(CYC\)](#)
 - [Children's Music Academy](#) **
 - [Civil Air Patrol – Minnesota Wing](#)
 - [Discovery Toys](#)
 - [Great Start Karate](#)
 - [Hearth & Field](#)
 - [HomeGrown LLC](#)
 - [Jubilate Dance Company](#)
 - [Music Is Forever](#) *
 - [Scouting America](#)
 - [Stroke of Beauty](#)
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† Faith Formation, Ministry & Catholic Organizations

- [Center for Mission](#) **
 - [Emily Wilson Ministries](#)
 - [Family Formation](#)
 - [Freedom to Love](#) **
 - [Guiding Star Wakota](#)
 - [Knights of Columbus](#) *
 - [Schoenstatt Family Movement](#)
 - [St. John Paul II Education Guild](#)
 - [The Avila Institute](#)
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🏠 Educational Services, Programs & Support

- [Adventures in Excellence](#)
 - [Forged and Tempered LLC](#)
 - [Home Based Educators Accrediting Association](#)
 - [MID-METRO ACADEMY](#)
 - [Raising Well-Mannered Children](#)
 - [Tutoring with Betsy](#)
 - [Veritas in Academia Homeschool Classes](#)
 - [World Class Programs](#)
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Note: 12 Vendor Presentations will be offered Friday evening. * = 5:30 p.m. ** = 6:30 p.m.



Miscellaneous / Retail / Other Vendors

- [Audio Solutions Plus](#)
 - [Klobe Residential](#)
 - [Schneider Goods Co](#)
 - [St. Michael's Broadcasting, Inc.](#)
 - [The Ember Collective](#)
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My Must-Visit Booths

1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____
 5. _____
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Questions to Ask Vendors

Use these to evaluate curriculum wisely:

- Is this mastery-based or grade-level based?
 - How much parent preparation is required?
 - Can multiple children use this together?
 - Is this student-led or parent-led?
 - How is faith integrated?
 - What learning style does this serve best?
 - What is the total yearly cost?
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PART IV: BUILD COMMUNITY

You Are Not Meant to Do This Alone

Homeschooling thrives in community.

One of the greatest gifts of this conference is the opportunity to meet other families walking the same road.

Take time today to introduce yourself, ask questions, and build relationships that may bless your family for years to come.

“The joy of love experienced by families is also the joy of the Church.”

— Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia*

Families I Want to Connect With

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Questions to Start Conversations

- How long have you been homeschooling?
 - What curriculum has worked well for your family?
 - What has surprised you most about homeschooling?
 - Are you part of a co-op or support group?
 - What advice would you give someone in my season of homeschooling?
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Ways We Hope to Build Community This Year

- Join a homeschool co-op/group: _____
- Schedule regular family fellowship/playdates: _____
- Find a prayer/accountability family: _____
- Serve with other homeschool families: _____

PART V: LEARN & GROW

Workshop Notes



Session:

Speaker: _____

Key Insights:

Ideas to Implement:

Resources Mentioned:

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Speaker: _____

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Ideas to Implement:

Resources Mentioned:

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PART VI: PRAYERFULLY PROCESS

My Biggest Takeaways

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

What I Feel Called to Change

What I Need to Pray About Before Deciding

PART VII: TAKE ACTION

My 90-Day Plan

June

July

August

A Prayer for Homeschool Families

Lord Jesus,
Thank You for entrusting these children to our care.
Grant us wisdom in our teaching, patience in our struggles,
joy in our daily work, and trust in Your grace.
Help us to remain faithful in the small things
and to remember that You are building something eternal
through our hidden sacrifices.
Amen.

Final Encouragement

“The future of humanity passes by way of the family.”

— Pope St. John Paul II, *Familiaris Consortio*
