

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Coalition is proud to present the Tenth Annual



Immaculate Heart of Mary National Home School and Parent Conference

Celebrating 10 years!

Our New Facility!



Hilton Washington Dulles Hotel

13869 Park Center Road
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Take advantage of the
special IHM room rate!

Free Admission!

Friday, June 10, 2011

9:00 A.M. - 9:00 P.M.

Saturday, June 11, 2011

9:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

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Moving our conference to the Hilton Hotel this year has given us
a wealth of opportunity to expand our speaking programs.

Luxurious ballrooms provide a quiet, calm, and comfortable environment.

In honor of our 10th year, we decided to bring in more new speakers than ever before!



at the Hilton Washington
Dulles Airport Hotel
on June 10 and 11, 2011

IHM National Conference

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*This conference is for everyone, not just home schooling families. All religions are especially welcome.
We love children, but must restrict attendance to teens and nursing babies only.*

Our Featured Speakers Include:



Sr. Rosalind Moss



Fr. Joseph Fessio



Mr. Andrew Pudewa



The Hon. Ken Cuccinelli



Mr. Steve Wood

Special Interest Programs

Our newly expanded speaking program includes two main speaking rooms focusing on a mix of topics of general interest, practical homeschooling, and spiritual strengthening, but we are introducing several new special interest programs which will run throughout the conference.



Friday Morning: This program will offer practical advice to first-time homeschooling parents, whether your children are just entering kindergarten or have formerly been in school.



Saturday: This program is specially designed for our teen attendees (ages 13-19) and features lively speakers on topics of general interest.



Friday Afternoon: Four professional teachers will share advice and tips they have learned from the classroom to help you improve your homeschooling experience!



Saturday Afternoon: A talk on why choose a Catholic college will be followed by colleges from around the country giving presentations about their respective schools. Perfect for teens as well as parents!

Audio recordings will be available after the conference.

+ *Confessions will be heard on both days.* +

Friday Schedule

Potomac Ballroom

Red Fox Room

Piedmont Room

9:00 A.M. Rosary/Address

10:00 - 10:45 A.M.
Fr. Larry Swink

How to Be a Navy Seal Parent

The Bible has great advice on how not to raise delinquent children. This talk will present a Biblical vision of parenting.

10:00 - 10:45 A.M.
Dr. Mitchell Kalpakgian

Yesterday's Manners in Today's World: Lessons from Jane Austen

For marriages to flourish, families and societies must promote social occasions that introduce young men and women to one another. Social events all demand a code of civility that distinguishes between good manners, bad manners, and false manners, a topic that Jane Austen treats with special insight in her works. Manners reflect morals.

10:00 - 10:45 A.M.
Dr. Catherine Moran

Homeschooling 101

This is a must for beginning parents and parents considering homeschooling their children. The "how to's" of starting homeschooling and managing your day are covered. If you wish, bring your pad and pencil to take notes, for you are about to embark on one of the most challenging yet fulfilling times of your life!

11:00 - 11:45 A.M.
Mrs. Virginia Seuffert

Controlling the Chaos: Managing Housework and Schoolwork

Having trouble balancing schoolwork, caring for babies, and housework? The key to getting it all done, while remaining serene and confident, is to simplify. Clutter-free rooms, regular household routines, an orderly curriculum, and straightforward discipline really work.

11:00 - 11:45 A.M.
Fr. Edward Hathaway

Blessed John Paul II and the Family

This practical talk discusses the role of the family through the perspective of Bl. John Paul II on the 30th anniversary of his landmark Apostolic Exhortation, *Familiaris Consortio*. There are four tasks for the family as described by Bl. John Paul II. The family is of the utmost importance, because, in the words of the Holy Father, "The future of humanity must pass by way of the family."

11:00 - 11:45 A.M.
Mrs. Terry Arnold

Transitioning from School to Home School

Many parents who are investigating the possibility of homeschooling wonder how well their children will make the adjustment. This talk will offer a concrete look into that process and how you and your children can renew and refresh a real love of learning together.

Noon - 1:30 P.M. Vendor Area Opens/Lunch

1:30 - 2:15 P.M.
Sr. Rosalind Moss

Faith in the Midst of Unbelief

How do we live out our faith in a world that has, in large measure, turned from God? Follow the journeys of some very special *Old Testament* saints through the dark nights of doubt and unbelief to faith in God. Gain confidence as you see that their victories were not due so much to their own greatness, but to their faith in a very great God Who cannot fail.

1:30 - 2:15 P.M.
Fr. Jerry Pokorsky

Encountering Christ in the Mass

Discover how the new translation of the Mass will renew the sense of the sacred in your family.

1:30 - 2:15 P.M.
Dr. Kevin Vost

Memorize the Faith!

Dr. Vost will explain how Sts. Albert the Great and Thomas Aquinas revived and transformed the ancient Greco-Roman "art of memory," provide a live demonstration with the audience, and show how teachers and students can adapt these ancient methods to learn and remember just about anything. You'll also hear the story of how *Memorize the Faith!* came to be written.

2:30 - 3:15 P.M.
Fr. Edward Connolly

Does God Scare You? If Not, Why Not?

Many persons have a truncated notion of God. This is due, in part, to the popular religious art that floods the markets: the "meek and gentle Jesus" kind, as well as the surfeit of politically correct homilies to which we are subjected. Maybe we all could benefit from a bit more fear in our devotional diet.

2:30 - 3:15 P.M.
Mrs. Amy Kalschauer

Confessions of a Homeschooling Mom

Is it just me? Am I alone in this? I'll open up and tell you about the real reason why I homeschool, the mistakes I've made, and the thing that irritates me the most. Through my personal witness, I hope that you can learn the lessons I've learned and rest assured that you're not alone out there.

2:30 - 3:15 P.M.
Dr. Eleanor Kelly

Teaching Strategies

Learn to focus on and identify your verbal and non-verbal teaching behavior and also learn how to motivate your homeschooler and instill a love of learning.

Friday Afternoon Schedule (continued)

3:30 - 4:15 P.M.
Mrs. Regina Doman

*Seductive Evil and Wimpy Goodness:
What's Wrong with Our Imaginations*

Using examples from books and media, this talk demonstrates the impoverishment of our imaginations and how we can recalibrate this important component using Scripture and the writings of good Catholic authors.

3:30 - 4:15 P.M.
Fr. Mark Pilon

*The Countercultural Catholic:
Surviving in Joy*

Living as a committed Catholic in a culture that is Christian-unfriendly involves more than mere survival. We have a mission to evangelize this unreceptive world and do it with joy. What does this involve?

3:30 - 4:15 P.M.
Dr. Catherine Moran

*Overwhelmed, Unmotivated, Disobedient,
Under-challenged, or Just Plain Lazy?*

Is your child struggling to learn, or avoiding it? Are there days when teaching your child turns into “who’s in control—me or my child?” We all want our children to be obedient and diligent, especially where their studies are concerned. Learn some helpful tips on how to teach these virtues to your children—tools they need to be successful.

4:30 - 5:15 P.M.
Dr. Kevin Vost

From Atheism to Catholicism

Dr. Vost will highlight the enticing ideas of the atheistic philosophers and scientists who pulled him away from the faith in his late teens, and of the philosophers and scientists who brought him back to Christ. He will emphasize the “partial truths” of the atheists that can lead the young to reject the faith, but will show how only the Church can answer our spiritual—and intellectual—yearnings.

4:30 - 5:15 P.M.
Mrs. Terry Arnold

Homeschooling Through Hardship

Mrs. Arnold has homeschooled for 20 years. Some of those years involved extreme hardships, and the lessons her children learned were as important to the formation of their souls as their textbooks were to their academic development. We hope you will find comfort and encouragement in this story of one family.

4:30 - 5:15 P.M.
Deacon Eugene McGuirk

*Why Should I Study That?
I'll Never Use It Again*

This talk covers the philosophical view that Catholic education is not mere job training, but is primarily Salvation training. Sentence diagramming, Algebra, and Latin may not seem important, and may seem to be skills that will never be used again in the ‘real world,’ but, as Mr. Myiagi told Daniel-san, “not everything is as seems.”

5:30 - 7:00 P.M. Vendor Sales/Dinner

7:00 - 7:45 P.M.
Mr. Steve Wood

Strategies for Parenting Pre-teens & Teens

Most Catholic homeschooling parents excel at parenting during the childhood years. This success prompts most parents to keep up the same strategy, or even intensify it, during the pre-teen and teen years. Profound and predictable negative consequences will likely follow the neglect to shift parenting strategies during these transition years. How can parents successfully shift strategies?

7:00 - 7:45 P.M.
Fr. Elias Carr

*Winning the Culture War: Lessons from
the Past to Plan for the Future*

The notion of a Culture War is not new. In fact, the Church faced a similar struggle in Germany in the Nineteenth Century known as the *Kulturkampf*. It is worth considering how Catholics succeeded or failed in this conflict, and whether there are relevant lessons for facing similar challenges today. Then, as now, education was one of the key battlegrounds.

8:00 - 8:45 P.M.
Dr. Dominic Aquila

*Catholic Education as the Last Best Hope
for American Democracy*

Drawing on insights from Bl. Pope John Paul II’s Apostolic Exhortation, *The Christian Family in the Modern World*, this talk covers the particular ways in which homeschooling families can effectively fulfill their mission to contemporary American society, as they also fulfill their primary vocation to educate their own.

8:00 - 8:45 P.M.
Fr. Richard Carr

Slaves of Christ or Slaves of the Devil

Life is a warfare in which we must choose to be a slave and soldier of Christ or by default become a slave of the devil. All of us are tempted daily from within (flesh) and from outside of us (the world and the devil). In what ways are we tempted and what are the spiritual arms which Holy Mother Church offers us as soldiers of Christ to share in the victory of Our Savior?

9:00 P.M. Conference Ends for the Day

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9:00 A.M. Rosary

9:30 - 10:15 A.M.
Mr. Andrew Pudewa

Nurturing Competent Communicators: The Power of Linguistic Patterns

Many parents think that good readers will naturally become good writers. Others think that writing talent is just that—a natural ability—some have it; others don't. Both are myths. What are the two most critical things you can do as a parent to develop a high level of aptitude, from a young age and into high school?

9:30 - 10:15 A.M.
Sr. Mary Joseph Heisler

Discovering God in the Pots and Pans

This talk is a reminder from a Carmelite that changing diapers and ecstatic prayer are not mutually exclusive. There are not “two ways” of holiness and “two heavens” to attain—one for the contemplative and one for the active. All are called to deep prayer, even when being faithful to the daily duties of our state in life seems to belie that reality.

9:30 - 10:15 A.M.
Mr. Mo Woltering

The Church is Real and You are a Member

The Church, or *Ecclesia*, is a hard concept for teenagers and adults to pinpoint, but that is part of what makes it such a rich concept. There are a number of ways to come to understand it, but the most important thing is to understand that the Church is real and you are connected in a real way. Don't miss this introduction to Ecclesiology!

10:30 - 11:15 A.M.
Mrs. Virginia Seuffert

Reaping the Rewards of Homeschooling

Too busy with day-to-day details to see the light at the end of the tunnel? Learn how what you are doing today will bring real rewards in the future. The habits and virtues your children learn in the home mold them into adults of character and integrity, bringing great joy to you, their parents.

10:30 - 11:15 A.M.
Fr. Joseph Fessio

Pope Benedict, the Liturgy, and the New Translation of the Missal

Pope Benedict has made very clear what his desires are for the way Mass should be celebrated. He is not, however, imposing them on the Church. He's hoping for a “new liturgical movement.” What is it he hopes to achieve?

10:30 - 11:15 A.M.
Mrs. Regina Doman

Evangelizing the Imagination

Author and editor Regina Doman leads teens on an interactive discussion to rethink how we imagine good and evil, using examples from recent books and movies and contrasting them with the truths of the Catholic faith.

11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. Vendor Sales/Lunch

1:00 - 1:45 P.M.
The Hon. Ken Cuccinelli

Political Involvement and Why it Matters

While many people don't feel the need to get involved in politics, governments at the local, state, and national levels reach into our lives every day. This talk will cover the role of government in our lives, and why we must play an active part in keeping government within the boundaries our Founding Fathers intended.

1:00 - 1:45 P.M.
Mrs. Elizabeth Yank

The New Face of Homeschooling: The Pros and Cons of Technology

How does technology affect our lives? Is it the answer to all our needs or an evil to be avoided? Unleashing technology's potential, this talk will explore resources to assist our role as homeschooling parents, covering early childhood through high school, special needs, and the college bound student.

1:00 - 1:45 P.M.
Fr. Larry Swink

Seven Habits of Highly Apostolic Teens

Seven things teens can do in their prayer life to bring them closer to our Lord.

2:00 - 2:45 P.M.
Sr. Rosalind Moss

The Family: A Sacrament to the World

Many of the faithful agree that the family is God's holy, unchanging, sacred calling for all of mankind, for populating the earth, for spreading His Kingdom, and for making us saints! That makes the family the enemy's #1 target for destruction! What can we do? This is a talk for all—single or married—who wish to be part of a civilization of love and hope, beginning in the home God has given us.

2:00 - 2:45 P.M.
Mrs. Marie Kennedy

Fitting in Fitness

This talk will cover: taking care of the body God gave you; what should be included in a fitness program; how to fit it in to your busy day; simple and fun programs for the whole family, including busy moms; suggestions for inexpensive equipment to build your own home gym; and useful websites and resources.

2:00 - 2:45 P.M.
Fr. Joseph Fessio

Why Choose a Catholic College?

Why majors don't matter; why “practical” courses and majors aren't the best way to get a job; what employers are looking for and why a Catholic liberal arts foundation will provide it.

Saturday Afternoon Schedule (continued)

3:00 - 3:45 P.M.
Mr. Andrew Pudewa

Reaching the Reluctant Writer

Many children do not like to write. Why? This talk will answer that basic question and teach a specific and successful method of separating the complex process of writing into the smallest possible steps, making it possible for even the most reluctant writer to produce short but complete compositions. He will be proud and motivated to write again. Results guaranteed!

3:00 - 3:45 P.M.
Fr. David Morrier

Conflict Resolution: The True Test of Christian Character

There is a five stage process you can learn to resolve your conflicts and mediate conflicts between others. These stages include discussions on boundaries, how to move from being angry to forgiving from both the head and the heart, discerning the best way to approach the person to start the discussion, and boundaries for the discussion itself.

3:00 - 3:45 P.M.
College Presentations

Five Minute Presentations from the Following Universities and Colleges:

Christendom College, College of St. Mary Magdalen, Franciscan University of Steubenville, John Paul the Great, Our Lady Seat of Wisdom, Thomas Aquinas, Thomas More, University of Dallas, University of St. Thomas, U.S. Air Force Academy, and Wyoming Catholic College. Free copies of the *Newman Guide* will be given to attendees.

4:00 P.M. Conference Closes

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Note: The vendor area opens at noon on Friday, June 10, and will remain open throughout the entire conference.