

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Coalition and the Apostolate of Roman Catholic Homeschoolers
are proud to present the First Annual



Immaculate Heart of Mary Houston Homeschool and Parent Conference

University of St. Thomas - Jerabeck Athletic Center
3800 Montrose Boulevard, Houston, TX 77006

Free Admission!

Friday, April 20, 2012 **2:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.**
Saturday, April 21, 2012 **9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.**

IHM Houston Conference



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Conference Vendors

ARCH
Classically Catholic Memory
Discovery Toys
EWTN
Hillside Education
Homeschool Connections

Illuminated Ink
mater et magistra Magazine
Our Lady of Victory School
Seton Home Study School
Teaching Textbooks
University of St. Thomas

**Used
Book
Sale!**

Note: The vendor area opens at 2:00 PM on Friday, April 20, and will remain open throughout the entire conference.

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

Friday

2:00 P.M. Registration/Vendor Area Opens

2:20 - 2:45 P.M.
Mrs. Virginia Seuffert

*The Simple Solution to
Homeschool Success*

Ready to take the plunge into homeschooling, but not sure where to start? You can simplify the process by breaking it down into just a few simple steps. Dealing with doubting relatives, setting up school space, finding support, and choosing curriculum are not as daunting as they seem.

3:00 - 3:45 P.M.
Fr. Paul Felix

*The Role of the Christian Family
for the New Evangelization*

Pope Benedict XVI has declared Oct. 2012-Nov. 2013 to be a Year of Faith, which will focus on the New Evangelization. Just what is the "New Evangelization"? Fr. Felix will answer this question and show how the Christian family plays a vital role in the renewal of Western culture.

4:00 - 6:00 P.M. Vendor Sales/Dinner

6:00 - 6:45 P.M.
Mrs. Virginia Seuffert

*The Academic Approach
for All Ages*

You can provide a top flight academic education from preschool to high school. Reach your learning goals with a method proven by centuries of success, emphasizing a well-ordered school day, virtues like obedience and diligence, memorization, and a curriculum based on the finest thoughts of Western culture.

7:00 - 7:45 P.M.
Prof. Joseph Pearce

*Unlocking the Catholicism of
The Lord of the Rings*

J. R. R. Tolkien described his masterwork, *The Lord of the Rings*, as "a fundamentally religious and Catholic work." Prof. Pearce unlocks the Catholic dimension of this bestselling trilogy. Discover the hidden meaning of the One Ring, the spiritual significance of the elves, the hidden meaning of the members of the Fellowship of the Ring, and much more.

8:00 P.M. Day Ends

Signing up for Houston Conference updates is the best way to stay informed about new speakers, vendors, and any updates concerning the schedule. Just visit our website, and in the form on the right-hand side, submit your email address to stay connected. You can also visit us on Facebook!

Want to sell your used books? Details about how to participate in the Used Book Sale can be found on our website.

Saturday

9:00 A.M. Registration and Holy Rosary

9:30 - 10:15 A.M.
Dr. Andrew Hayes

*A Sacrifice Pleasing to God:
Academic Excellence at Home*

An authentic Catholic education joins love of learning to the desire for God, academics, and spirituality. Learn about the fundamental importance of pursuing academic excellence, and get some suggestions on how to achieve it in the home.

10:30 - 11:15 A.M.
Msgr. James Golasinski

*Active Participation:
Pray the Mass, not Pray at Mass*

"Active participation certainly means that, in gesture, word, song and service, all the members of the community take part in an act of worship, which is anything but inert or passive. Yet active participation does not preclude the active passivity of silence, stillness and listening: indeed, it demands it." - Bl. Pope John Paul II

11:30 A.M. - 12:15 P.M.
Prof. Joseph Pearce

*A Matter of Life and Death: The
Battle for a True Education*

Education is quite simply a matter of life and death. The poisoning of education by the architects of secular fundamentalism, and the culture of death it promotes, can only be countered by a restoration of tradition-oriented learning. Joseph Pearce will discuss the deadliness of the poison and will present the ingredients of the life-giving antidote.

12:30 - 2:00 P.M. Lunch/Vendor Time

2:00 - 2:45 P.M.
Mrs. Virginia Seuffert

*How Catholic Home Education is
Changing American Culture*

Catholic home education has evolved from a tiny group of parents to a powerful social movement. Learn how homeschool graduates are using their authentic Catholic education and solid academic training to change the country and the Church, and how your children can be counted among them.

3:00 - 3:45 P.M.
Dr. Dominic Aquila

The Power of Listening

Learn how to expand the musical education of your student. In addition to taking lessons on particular musical instruments, it is also important to consider in greater depth the power of attentive and disciplined listening. Listening carefully to pieces of music together as a family is as important as reading aloud to our children. Together, we'll go through a classic musical work by Mozart and demonstrate the art of listening.

4:00 P.M. Conference Closes

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