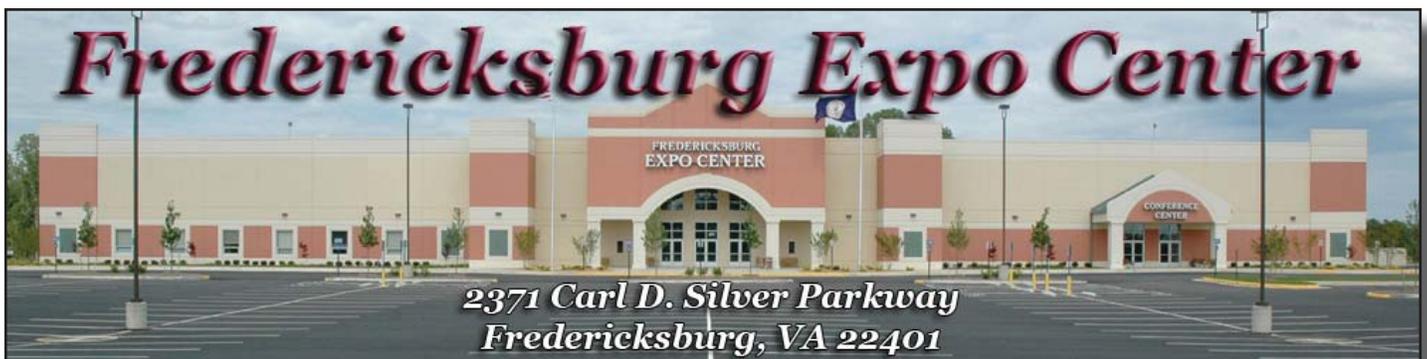


The Immaculate Heart of Mary Coalition is proud to present the Eleventh Annual



Immaculate Heart of Mary National Homeschool and Parent Conference

Our New Facility!



Free Admission!

Friday, June 22, 2012 **9:00 A.M. - 9:00 P.M.**
Saturday, June 23, 2012 **9:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.**

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After receiving feedback from our surveys, there was a very clear message: we needed a new facility! After a thorough search, we decided that the Fredericksburg Expo Center was the perfect combination of a centralized vendor area, comfortable speaking rooms (which could actually accommodate our large size), and ample parking!



*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.*

Tracks

This year, all of our talks are part of specialized tracks. These new tracks should help give focus to the talks and also give attendees a clearer understanding of what will be covered.



Friday Morning: This program will offer practical advice to first-time homeschooling parents, whether your children are just starting preschool or are in high school.



Friday: Priests will offer reflections and advice, giving parents a chance to focus on the big picture. Many of these priests will also be available for Confession.



Friday: Timeless family values are at the heart of homeschooling, and with a healthy dose of humor, these speakers will highlight the family's role in education.



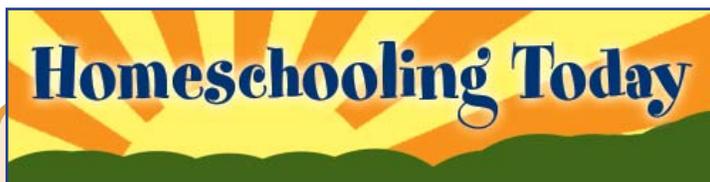
Friday Afternoon: Professional teachers will share advice and tips they have learned from the classroom to help you improve your homeschooling experience!



Friday Night: The father has an integral role as head of the family and principal of the homeschool. These talks are geared for fathers, but ladies are also welcome.



Friday Night: Geared for wives and mothers, these talks will inspire, encourage, and provide practical advice on living out your vocation in the Domestic Church.



Saturday: A broad look at homeschooling, focusing on how homeschooling works, how it affects our society, how to succeed, and how it can bring joy to your day.



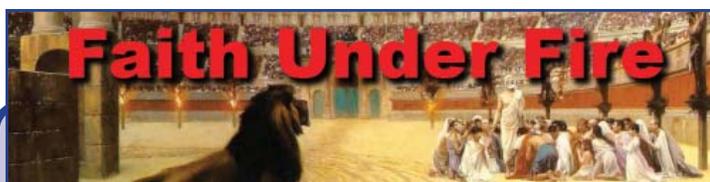
Friday and Saturday: This program is specially designed for our teen attendees (ages 13-19) and features lively speakers on topics of general interest.



Saturday Morning: Being blessed with a large family has some challenges. This track will help you bring order out of chaos and will give organizational survival tips.



Saturday Morning: Colleges from around the country will give presentations about their respective schools. Perfect for teens as well as parents!



Saturday Afternoon: Living a truly Christian life in today's society is difficult, but not impossible. This program is designed to help you handle the challenge.

Audio recordings will be available after the conference.

+ Confessions will be heard on both days. +

Friday Schedule

North Ballroom

West Ballroom

East Ballroom

9:00 A.M. Rosary/Address

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!

10:00 - 10:45 A.M.
Fr. Stephen McGraw

Lectio Divina: Kindling the Fire at the Hearth of Our Interior Life

Intimidated by the prospect of practicing meditation or mental prayer? Does entry into the “interior castle” seem all too forbidding? Dismayed by the impossibility of being a contemplative in the middle of the world? Discover a simple way to make a habit of the ancient and ever valid practice of *lectio divina*.

10:00 - 10:45 A.M.
Dr. Ray Guarendi

Back to the Family

This talk presents the results of a three-year, national search for strong families. It reveals those characteristics most common to strong families as well as the struggles and difficulties most families face. The results will reinforce some traditional ideas about family life while offering some reassuring surprises.

11:00 - 11:45 A.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.

11:00 - 11:45 A.M.
Fr. Sean Kopczynski

The Book of Tobias: Changing the World through Our Children

There are often more challenging things to do for the improvement of the world in the home than the world around us. The Book of Tobias is one of God’s guides on how this can be done well. And we know that it was effective since Tobias and his child’s efforts live on to this very day to help people change their lives and provide them consolation.

11:00 - 11:45 A.M.
Mr. John Clark

A, B, C, and Why: The Happiness of Homeschooling

A second-generation homeschooling father of nine, John Clark—following the theme of his book *Who’s Got You?*—focuses on the “why” of homeschooling. He employs both humor and serious insights to illustrate that educating children at home is one of the most fulfilling things parents can ever do.

Noon - 2:00 P.M. Vendor Area Opens/Lunch

2:00 - 2:45 P.M.
Mrs. Anne Carroll

Beating the Writing Blues

Help your junior and senior high school students become good writers; get practical advice for teaching students to write paragraphs, essays, and research papers. Then learn tips for evaluating their writing so that they can improve.

2:00 - 2:45 P.M.
Fr. Shannon Collins

The Hell There Is!

Our proper end in life is neither Harvard University nor even a good Catholic College, but rather Heaven. All our earthly accomplishments would be meaningless if we failed to achieve this goal, for to lose God for all eternity is a loss beyond our imagining. Learn that Hell exists and that it does have real fire.

2:00 - 2:45 P.M.
Mr. Dale Ahlquist

The Basic Brick for Building a Civilization

The reason we defend the family is that it is the basic unit of society. When the family falls apart, the society falls apart. G.K. Chesterton prophetically understood the modern assault on the family and provides all of the best defenses for it.

3:00 - 3:45 P.M.
Dr. Eleanor Kelly

Motivating Your Child

Many factors affect a student’s motivation to work and to learn. Discover what you can do and say to encourage your child to be a self-motivated and independent learner.

3:00 - 3:45 P.M.
Msgr. Charles Pope

Becoming First-Hand Witnesses of the Lord

Too many Catholics, parents among them, are not personal witnesses of the Lord in their lives. They are content to refer their children to sources other than themselves, even though parents are to be the primary educators of their children in the ways of faith. This talk challenges us to be first-hand witnesses of the Faith to our children.

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

Humor in Teaching and Speaking

The power of humor and mirth to aid in effective teaching is certain. Although some people have more of a natural inclination toward humor than others, everyone can study and learn how to use the elements of humor to improve their teaching and speaking skills. Learn to incorporate the rhetorical techniques of misunderstanding, absurdity, hyperbole, and more.

Friday Afternoon Schedule (continued)

4:00 - 4:45 P.M.

Prof. Joseph Pearce

*Reading Beyond the Lines:
How to See the Truth in Great Literature*

There's more to reading a great work of literature than simply the words on the page. By reading correctly, we are able to grow in the goodness, truth, and beauty that the greatest literature conveys. Learn how to read great literature in a way that enables us to see the works through the eyes of the authors and to see the world as they saw it.

4:00 - 4:45 P.M.

Fr. Frank Papa

*The Art of Living a Good Life
and Dying a Happy Death*

No one likes to think about death, but for us as Christians, this life on Earth is only a preparation for the life to come. We should live each day constantly remembering our goal in life. This talk offers simple but reliable ways to give glory to God and to achieve your eternal happiness.

4:00 - 4:45 P.M.

Mrs. Regina Doman

Recalibrating Our Imagination

Using images from popular and classic books and movies, author and editor Regina Doman leads teens in a discussion of how we can shape our imaginations to reflect the realities of good and evil in today's world.

5:00 - 6:30 P.M. Vendor Sales/Dinner

6:30 - 7:15 P.M.

Dr. Ray Guarendi

Lessons for Life from Children

Children are consummate teachers about life. Their lessons are innocently straightforward, yet hard-hitting. Any grownup, be he/she a parent or former child, will personally relate to these lessons for life. This presentation will leave grownups a little more grown-up, and happier for it.

6:30 - 7:15 P.M.

Mrs. Laraine Bennett

The Temperment God Gave Your Spouse

Learn how understanding temperament (the way each of us is hard-wired to react) can improve your marital communication, intimacy, and happiness. Understanding our own patterns of reaction, and those of our spouse, builds empathy, respect, forgiveness, and above all, love. Laraine Bennett shares humorous and poignant stories from her own marriage and family life.

6:30 - 7:15 P.M.

Fr. Brian Bashista

Consider Your Call

God calls everyone to a vocation - whether it's marriage or the consecrated life, the priesthood, diaconate, or a dedicated single life of service. Fr. Brian Bashista discusses the potential vocation call that God has for each of us, and how we confidently journey in faith and grace to embrace the blessed life that He intends.

7:30 - 8:15 P.M.

Mr. John Clark

*The Strength of Christ: The Role Model
for the Catholic Homeschooling Father*

Much of the breakdown in society today has been caused by men forgetting how to be...well, men. This presentation highlights an obvious truth: that the perfect man already exists in Christ. Jesus exhibited various forms of strength, and homeschooling fathers can model their strength after the strength of Christ.

7:30 - 8:15 P.M.

Sr. Mary Joseph Heisler

Love is OUR Vocation

What do the Carmelite nun and the married woman have in common? Both are called to a life of love; both are called to the heights of contemplation.

7:30 - 8:15 P.M.

Prof. Steven Weidenkopf

The Cross and the Crescent

In the fall of 1571, one of the most pivotal battles in Church history was fought in the Gulf of Lepanto. The Ottoman Turks were bent on the invasion of Rome and the destruction of Europe and the Faith. This is the story of the men who met that threat head-on and in the process saved Rome, the Church, and the Western world.

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



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Saturday Schedule

North Ballroom

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9:00 A.M. Rosary

9:30 - 10:15 A.M.

Prof. Joseph Pearce

Leaving the Nest: from Home to Home-Run

Having established the importance of a Catholic liberal arts education, how do we ensure that our children are able to “fly the nest” without falling to their spiritual deaths? Joseph Pearce will offer some practical advice about how to thrive in the world after homeschooling and how to choose the right college or university.

9:30 - 10:15 A.M.

Mrs. Colleen Billing

Organizing Our Homes and Our Hearts

“Mom, where is my science book?” “Honey, have you seen the electric bill?” “Has anyone seen my church shoes?” Do these questions sound familiar? If things go missing on a regular basis at your house, come and get some fresh ideas on home-management from professional organizer, Colleen Billing. She will help you find peace in your homes and in your hearts!

9:30 - 10:15 A.M.

Fr. Sean Kopczynski

The Primacy of Christ in Creation and in My Life

Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, is the firstborn of all creation. He is the first born of many brethren. He is the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last. He has primacy in all things. This being so, we must allow Him to take the first place in our own lives and in all of our actions. He must be the reason for all that we do.

10:30 - 11:15 A.M.

Fr. Shannon Collins

Homeschool Families and the Counter-Revolution

The liberal revolution has completely pushed out the old Christian order. In such a time as this, the good Lord is calling for counter-revolutionaries to restore all things in Christ. Homeschool families are a key ingredient to winning this battle for the soul of the West.

10:30 - 11:15 A.M.

Sr. Mary Joseph Heisler

Who Has the First Word?

“God spoke only one Word, and He spoke it in silence, and so it is in silence that we will hear Him.” (St. John of the Cross). In this busy, noisy world, in a home filled with infants, toddlers, and teenagers, is silence possible? God is calling out to you, He longs for you, He loves you, and He will be encountered in the silence of your heart.

10:30 A.M. - 12:15 P.M.

College Presentations

Five Minute Presentations from the Following Universities and Colleges:

- Champion College Australia
- Christendom College
- College of St. Mary Magdalen
- John Paul the Great Catholic University
- Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Academy
- Thomas Aquinas College
- Thomas More College of Liberal Arts
- United States Air Force Academy
- University of Dallas
- Wyoming Catholic College

11:30 A.M. - 12:15 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.

11:30 A.M. - 12:15 P.M.

Mrs. Colleen Billing

Scheduling Your School Day

Are you often frustrated because you cannot seem to get through all your schoolwork? Do you dream about finishing school in May instead of July? If you want practical tips for setting up your school schedule, come hear professional organizer, Colleen Billing, share her time-tested strategies with you!

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

2:00 - 2:45 P.M.

Mr. Andrew Pudewa

The Profound Influence of Music on Life

Music has become such an ever-present influence in our daily life, we seldom stop to consider what effect it has on us. But we must. In what way is music beneficial to our bodies and minds? In what circumstances can it actually be harmful? Solid scientific research provides some astounding answers to such questions--indeed, facts that must not be ignored by today's parents.

2:00 - 2:45 P.M.

Fr. Shenan Boquet

Teaching Children to Build a Culture of Life

As we confront the Culture of Death, we must teach future generations of disciples of Jesus Christ how to be “builders” of a Culture of Life. Jesus has provided us the tools we need to skillfully construct a Culture of Life and Civilization of Love. We simply need to teach others how to use them.

2:00 - 2:45 P.M.

Prof. Steven Weidenkopf

The Sword, the Axe, and Lions

For almost 250 years, it was illegal to be a Christian in the Roman Empire. Tens of thousands witnessed to their love of Christ and His Church through the shedding of their blood. This is the story of our ancestors in the Faith, our brothers and sisters who withstood the full fury of Rome and by their blood brought about the conversion of the Empire.

Saturday Afternoon Schedule (continued)

3:00 - 3:45 P.M.

Dr. Catherine Moran

*Boredom: Trivial Nuisance
or the Mother of All Problems?*

How many times have we heard our children say to us, "Mom! I'm bored!" This very statement by our children is telling us something. We do not want this problem to carry over into the educational aspect of our children's day-to-day lives. This presentation will cover the problem along with motivational helps for teaching.

3:00 - 3:45 P.M.

Fr. Peter West

*How to Be a Sign of Contradiction:
Training Children to Resist Peer Pressure*

Young people, especially teenagers, are often influenced by their peers to do things they know are wrong. How can parents train their children to resist peer pressure when they're not around? How can we train children to influence their peers for the good, instead of falling into the temptation to be like everyone else?

3:00 - 3:45 P.M.

Mr. Dale Ahlquist

How to Write an Essay

Chesterton as the master essayist is not surprisingly the model essayist, both in form of style and content. This presentation will give a very useful, informative, and entertaining look at essay-writing, a skill no student should be without.

4:30 P.M. Conference Closes

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Note: The vendor area opens at noon on Friday, June 22, and will remain open throughout the entire conference.