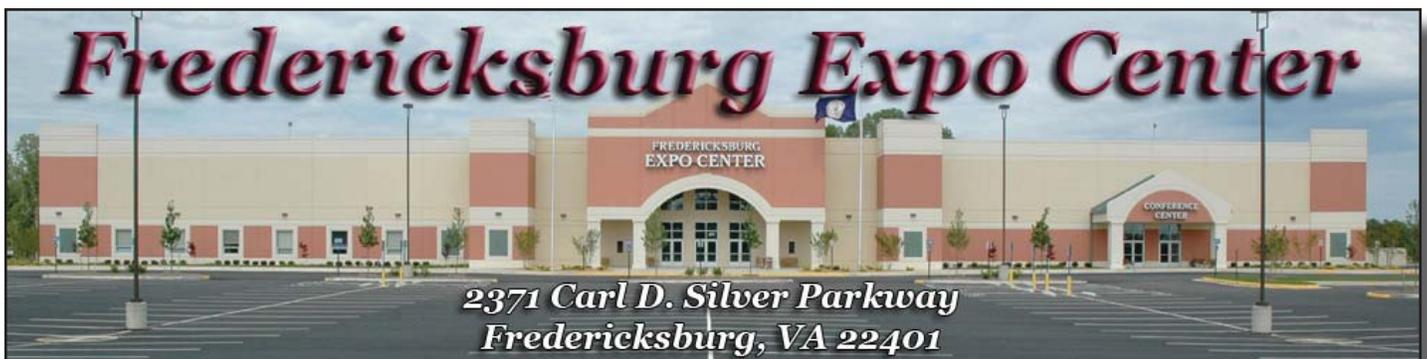


The Immaculate Heart of Mary Coalition is proud to present the Twelfth Annual



Immaculate Heart of Mary National Homeschool and Parent Conference

Our Facility:



Free Admission!

Friday, June 21, 2013 **9:00 A.M. - 9:00 P.M.**
Saturday, June 22, 2013 **9:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.**

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Homeschooling is a courageous choice, and we are honored to support those who live this choice in any way we can. The IHM National Conference is the largest gathering of Catholic homeschooling parents, speakers, and vendors in the world. Whether you are a veteran homeschooler or just interested in learning more, this is the perfect conference for you!



*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 tracks 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.



Both Days: Priests will offer reflections and advice, giving parents a chance to focus on the big picture. Many of these priests will 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.



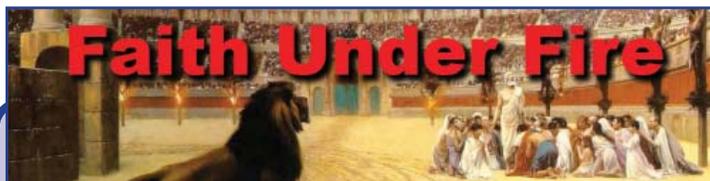
Both Days: This program takes a broad look at homeschooling, focusing on how homeschooling works, how it affects our society, and how to succeed.



Friday: 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.



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



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



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



Saturday Afternoon: Strong marriages are the best foundations for successful homeschooling. This program will give tips on strengthening your marriage.

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.
Mrs. Mary Ellen Barrett

*Homeschool Socialization:
Debunking the Myth*

A light-hearted but factual look at the real way that homeschooling properly socializes children to function as well-rounded, moral adults. Mrs. Barrett offers encouragement and advice about how socialization really works in the Catholic homeschool.

10:00 - 10:45 A.M.
Fr. Andrew Apostoli

St. Francis and the Holy Spirit

St. Francis was close to the Holy Spirit and filled with joy. He was a simple man, not a theologian like St. Thomas Aquinas or St. Augustine. However, he had spiritual wisdom. What he taught about spiritual joy was done by word and example. Fr. Apostoli talks about the Franciscan Rule, how St. Francis practiced spiritual joy, and how St. Francis inspired our current pope.

10:00 - 10:45 A.M.
Mrs. Colleen Hammond

Teaching Values to Your Children

This talk offers ideas and suggestions on how parents can help children's all-around development. It discusses which virtues to focus on at a particular age in a child's development.

11:00 - 11:45 A.M.
Mrs. Lisa Clark

Love-Based Education: Why It Never Fails

The ultimate purpose of homeschooling is to create an environment for finding the meaning of God's love in our everyday lives, and how we can grow closer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus as a family. Homeschooling so beautifully and joyfully answers the command of Jesus to love God with your whole heart, your whole soul, and your whole mind.

11:00 - 11:45 A.M.
Fr. Andrew Apostoli

Resignation and Abandonment

Fr. Apostoli looks at the final stages that the Apostles went through in their spiritual growth—having perfect joy in their suffering. Having perfect joy is the farthest that we can go in this world. He uses St. Maximilian Kolbe as an example to show what he is talking about. He also looks at the three things that show that a person has perfect love for Jesus.

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

*Discipline: The First Essential
of Homeschooling*

Experienced homeschooling parents know the path to successful homeschooling is paved with virtues like obedience, order, patience, and industriousness. Calm, confident parents who inculcate these values will be rewarded with children who are a pleasure to teach.

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

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

*Our Lady of Sorrows: Patron of
Homeschooling Mothers*

Seven swords pierced the Virgin's Immaculate Heart and seven sorrows, the perfection of sorrow, pierce the hearts of many mothers in home education—but these sorrows are redemptive too! They shall be turned into the joy of the resurrection.

2:00 - 2:45 P.M.
Fr. Larry Swink

You Are What You Eat

This talk is a look at the importance of spiritual reading and staying away from mental junk food.

2:00 - 2:45 P.M.
Dr. Catherine Moran

*Spiritual and Educational Priorities
for Homeschooling Families*

This talk stresses the spiritual aspect of homeschooling, why it's so important, and how to make it the #1 priority in your homeschooling family. A definite must for all homeschooling parents to hear and know.

3:00 - 3:45 P.M.
Mrs. Mary Ellen Barrett

*How to Homeschool and Keep
Your Sanity—It Can be Done*

Educating your children, keeping a home, managing outside activities, and feeding everyone in between would overwhelm any mom. Mrs. Barrett takes a lighthearted and fun look at ten basic principles that will help your homeschool run smoothly and bring peace to your days.

3:00 - 3:45 P.M.
Fr. Sean Kopczynski

*Acedia: One of the Deadly Sins
of Homeschooling*

Acedia is not a city or a country but rather what we call the capital sin of sloth. Sloth is always hanging around a homeschool trying to distract us from what needs to be done.

3:00 - 3:45 P.M.
Mrs. Colleen Hammond

Putting Your Best Foot Forward

Does it seem that your child can never remember to say please or thank you? How about learning to greet guests politely, or answering the phone? This talk will answer some frequently-asked questions on raising children with manners.

Friday Afternoon Schedule (continued)

4:00 - 4:45 P.M.

Mrs. Amy Kalscheur

There are Those Days

You're a strong Catholic homeschooling mom, and you can do anything. But some days are better than others. Amy will tell you about some of her not-so-great days and how she got through them, because even though homeschooling is a blessing, well, "There are those days...."

4:00 - 4:45 P.M.

Fr. Christopher Pollard

The Sacrament of Confirmation

Confirmation is not just "more Grace" or "more Holy Spirit." The difference in the Apostles before and after Pentecost shows us that while we receive Baptism for the sake of our own salvation, we receive Confirmation for the salvation of others.

4:00 - 4:45 P.M.

Mrs. Colleen Billing

Paper, Paper, Go Away, and Don't Come Back Another Day!

Are you tired of searching for a bill you can't find or a check you never cashed? Are you drowning in the piles of paper that come into your house, and never seem to leave? If paper is your nemesis, come hear professional organizer Colleen Billing give you tips on how to manage and organize your paper, and live more clutter-free!

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

6:30 - 7:15 P.M.

Mrs. Virginia Seuffert

Public Education and the Necessity of Homeschooling

Do you know what goes on in public school classrooms? Many parents don't fully understand the role state schools have seized in molding the minds and habits of American children. Parents, however, and not the schools are ultimately responsible for raising happy and virtuous children. Home education is not just an option, it is key to our nation's future.

6:30 - 7:15 P.M.

Fr. Sean Kopczynski

Manliness: A Necessary Virtue for These Dangerous Times

Manliness is not how many weights a person can lift or how big his muscles are. Manliness is about embracing the difficult and arduous good. Virtue, holiness, and homeschooling are all arduous goods, and they need manliness to make them a part of our life.

6:30 - 7:15 P.M.

Mrs. Colleen Billing

Your Kitchen: the Heart of Your Home

Do you dream about having an organized meal plan? Do you think you would spend more time cooking healthy meals if you had a kitchen you loved and a space that was organized? If you could use some new ideas on meal planning, shopping, and organizing your kitchen, come hear tips on truly making your kitchen the heart of your home!

7:30 - 8:15 P.M.

Dr. Catherine Moran

Benchmarks for Learning

As a homeschooling parent, do you often wonder where your children are academically? Are they on target or behind in developmental skills needed to learn? What are the benchmarks for the various age groups for learning? This vitally important information will help you keep your children on target academically and help you keep control of their education.

7:30 - 8:15 P.M.

Mr. Conor Gallagher

How to be a Kid Whisperer

This talk will explore how to bring virtue into your child's life by channeling the wisdom of Aristotle, an ancient Greek philosopher, and applying that to everyday life. Using fun analogies and modern day examples, Mr. Gallagher demonstrates the value and methods of training our children in virtue as a basis for living as true Christians.

7:30 - 8:15 P.M.

Prof. Joseph Pearce

Race with the Devil: A Journey to the Catholic Church

Joseph Pearce relates his own personal conversion story. Hear him tell the story of his journey from a white supremacist organization, anti-Catholicism, Loyalist terrorist groups in Northern Ireland, and his two prison sentences. Learn how he came to a belief in Christ and His Church.

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



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Saturday Schedule

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9:00 A.M. Rosary

9:30 - 10:15 A.M.

Mr. Conor Gallagher

If Aristotle's Kid was on Facebook

Conor Gallagher, a father of nine children, will use his book, *If Aristotle's Kid Had an iPod*, to show you how to tackle the issues and challenges of social media in your child's life. It is important that children learn how to use technology in moderation while they are young in order to avoid immoderate use when they are older.

9:30 - 10:15 A.M.

Fr. Joseph Mary Brown

Be Merciful as Your Heavenly Father is Merciful: A Heart of Mercy Like God

Mercy is what makes us most like God, for mercy, like charity, characterizes the Christian vocation. Since God is Love and Mercy, so must the Christian be a person of great charity and mercy, loving as God loves, and forgiving as God forgives. But is this possible? Why is mercy so difficult?

9:30 - 10:15 A.M.

Prof. Joseph Pearce

The Catholicism of The Hobbit

Tolkien described *The Lord of the Rings* as a "fundamentally religious and Catholic work." Discover how his earlier book, *The Hobbit*, is equally Catholic. Prof. Pearce, author of *Bilbo's Journey*, unravels the hidden Christian meaning of this classic tale of good and evil in Middle Earth.

10:30 - 11:15 A.M.

Dr. Ray Guarendi

Discipline That Lasts a Lifetime

Wise insights and sound advice from Dr. Ray will help parents to understand that discipline is an important way to love their children, and that teaching them self-control is a gift that will last a lifetime. His entertaining, but no-nonsense, approach to discipline is sure to instill in parents the needed confidence to take charge of their children's behavior—with a smile!

10:30 - 11:15 A.M.

Fr. Shenan Boquet

Breathing Catholic Air

Our life is both a gift from God and a work in progress. How do we know which path to take? Who will teach us? Today the art of living is overshadowed by a false understanding of man and woman and their ultimate destiny. As cultures continue to collapse, it becomes imperative for all Christians to fully participate in the restoration of all things in Christ.

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

College Presentations

Five-minute Presentations from the Following Universities and Colleges:

- Aquinas College
- Ave Maria University
- Christendom College
- College of St. Mary Magdalen
- Franciscan University of Steubenville
- John Paul the Great Catholic University
- Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Academy
- St. Gregory's University
- 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.

Dr. Timothy O'Donnell

The Catholic Vision of History in the Year of Faith

History should be the armor of every Catholic—it helps provide the rational basis and evidence for much of what we believe. Dr. O'Donnell, history professor and president of Christendom College, will explain how an authentic understanding of history can strengthen our Faith.

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

Fr. Joseph Mary Brown

How to Have Hope in the Midst of Hopelessness

When confronted with weaknesses in ourselves and in others, and when today's world seems bent on self-destruction, hope sustains us—for we look not at ourselves first or at others, but at Him who guides and leads us.

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

2:00 - 2:45 P.M.

Fr. Shannon Collins

St. Michael the Archangel: Patron of Homeschooling Families

St. Michael the Archangel is God's special instrument in chaining up the devil and casting him into hell. In these dark times, homeschooling families are under attack by the state, the culture, and even occult forces. We need St. Michael in our lives now more than ever.

2:00 - 2:45 P.M.

Mr. and Mrs. Kalscheur

She Said, He Heard

We all have this ideal in our heads about how a homeschooling family should work. The problem is, mom's ideal may be very different than dad's. Mike and Amy tell their homeschooling story, the conversations they've had, and the problems they've encountered. From pink laundry to discipline, Mike and Amy explain how homeschooling has brought them closer together.

2:00 - 2:45 P.M.

Fr. Bjorn Lundberg

Patterns of Power: God's Plan for Your Victories

Learn how growth in the power of habits, known as virtues, has helped people overcome amazing difficulties and how you can tap into the power of God's grace to build patterns that help us achieve our goals, become saints, and rebound when we miss the mark. Tap into the power of mercy to overcome your obstacles!

Saturday Afternoon Schedule (continued)

3:00 - 3:45 P.M.

Mrs. Virginia Seuffert

Keeping It All Together

Trying to balance parenting, homemaking, schoolwork, and a prayer life, and feeling like you are always on overload? You'll be surprised how just a few ideas will really simplify your life.

3:00 - 3:45 P.M.

Dr. Ray Guarendi

Marriage: Small Steps, Big Rewards

Building a better relationship with your spouse doesn't mean learning exotic new communication techniques or rearranging your lifestyle. In fact, a few of Dr. Ray's ten "small steps" are lessons you learned in grade school. Plus, with his "resistance rationales," Dr. Ray helps you overcome any reluctance you might feel to taking these small steps.

3:00 - 3:45 P.M.

Dr. John Cuddeback

Friendship: The Key to the Teen Years

Our friendships not only reflect who we are, but they also make us who we are. There are different kinds of friendships, but the timeless insights of Aristotle about how to find true friendship can make all the difference in our lives.

4:30 P.M. Conference Closes

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Note: The vendor area opens at noon on Friday, June 21, and will remain open throughout the entire conference.