

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Coalition and the Illinois Association of Roman Catholic Home Educators (ILARCHE) are proud to present the Fifth Annual



# Immaculate Heart of Mary Chicago Homeschool and Parent Conference

**North Central College - RRC Building**  
440 South Brainard St., Naperville, IL 60540

*Used  
Book  
Sale!*

## Free Admission!

**Friday, July 26, 2013**

**2:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.**

**Saturday, July 27, 2013**

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



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### Conference Vendors

Aquinas College	Kolbe Academy Homeschool	Seton Home Study School
Catholic Heritage Curricula	Mary's Books	Seton Used Books
Chesterton Press	Nancy Larson Science	St. Augustine Academy Press
Christendom College	Navis Pictures	Stone Tablet Press
College of St. Mary Magdalen	Peaceful Interiors	Teaching Textbooks
Homeschool Connections	Our Lady Seat of Wisdom	University of Dallas
Immaculate Heart Books	Our Lady of Victory School	Usborne Books
Institute for Excellence in Writing	Prof. Joseph Pearce	
International Theological Institute	Sacred Heart Books and Gifts	

*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

2:30 - 3:15 P.M.

Fr. Joseph Mary Brown

*Fraternal Charity in the Home  
and in the World*

Jesus Christ has commanded us to love one another as He loves us. How do I incarnate this commandment of love in my family life, workplace, and everyday activities? What does it mean to love as Jesus loves? These and other questions on fraternal charity in the home and the world will be addressed.

3:30 - 4:15 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...."

## 4:30 - 6:00 P.M. Vendor Sales/Dinner

6:00 - 6:45 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. How will the Common Core change the schools in your neighborhood? Parents—not the schools—are ultimately responsible for raising happy and virtuous children.

7:00 - 7:45 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.

## 8:00 P.M. Day Ends

Signing up for Chicago 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!



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# Saturday

## 9:00 A.M. Registration

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.

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.

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

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

2:00 - 2:45 P.M.

Mrs. Elizabeth Yank

*Homeschooling: Creating a Vision,  
a Goal, and a Plan for Success*

Are you looking to do more than survive on a day-to-day basis? What is your plan for success? It is easy for homeschoolers to get caught up in the moment, but God's love offers us so much more than mere survival. Learn about the practical and spiritual aspects of homeschooling and the importance of thinking ahead.

3:00 - 3:45 P.M.

Canon Matthew Talarico

*Marriage and Married Life in the  
Spirit of St. Francis de Sales*

St. Francis de Sales refers to marriage as the "nursery of Christianity" and goes on to explain that "God unites husband and wife so closely in Himself, that it should be easier to sunder soul from body than husband from wife; nor is this union to be considered as mainly of the body, but yet more a union of the heart, its affections and love."

## 4:00 P.M. Conference Closes

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