- 38TH ANNUAL CHESTERTON CONFERENCE -

# The Future of the Family

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SHERATON OVERLAND PARK HOTEL



# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

#### REGISTRATION

**Where do I sign-up?** You may register and purchase tickets <u>visiting our conference page</u> or by calling us toll-free 1-800-343-2425.

**How much will it cost?** Please visit our <u>conference page</u> for pricing, including special discounted pricing for members of the Society of Gilbert Keith Chesterton, students, priests, religious, and Chesterton Schools Network faculty or staff. If you are not a member, consider joining today to take advantage of special member pricing!

**Should I register early?** Make sure to register early to take advantage of the special \$105/night rate for conference guests. Tickets for our closing banquet are also limited, so be sure to register early to reserve your seat for the highlight of the weekend.

When will registration close? Online registration will close July 26th, 2019. After July 26th, registration will take place in person at the conference.

**Can I get a refund for the conference items I purchase if I have a change of plans?** No, unfortunately we are unable to issue refunds for any conference items.

I only want to come to the conference for one day. Can I purchase a ticket just for that day ahead of time? No, we are unable to pre-sell one-day conference tickets. One-day tickets will, however, be available at the door as seating allows. No discounts will be available on one-day tickets.

May I bring family to the conference? Will there be anything for younger people? Yes, please bring your family: Aunts, Uncles, Grandmothers, Grandfathers and all the children! This is the perfect conference to turn into a family reunion.

Centrally located, Kansas City offers a wide variety of interesting sites to see, from the National World War One Museum, to art museums; museums dedicated to: steamboats, toys and miniatures, baseball, kaleidoscopes, money, jazz, and more! Tours are offered at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception located in downtown Kansas City. Kansas City has the most fountains of any city in the world—try to visit them all! There are gardens galore, and the 100-year-old Union Station and the Wizard of Oz museum are must-dos. Have you ever wanted to go to the Shrine of St. Philippine Duchesne? It's here. In addition, we will have contests, a treasure hunt, and various games for young people during the conference.

#### **LODGING**

**Is my hotel room included in my registration package?** No, hotel rooms must be booked directly through the Sheraton. This can be done by calling 1-913-234-2100 or by visiting their website by clicking <a href="here">here</a>. A group rate of \$105/night (for single or double rooms) is available until July 11, 2019; mention the Chesterton Society Conference to get the conference rate.

**Can I book my hotel room through the Chesterton Society?** No, please see information above for how to contact the hotel and book your room.

I will not be staying at the Conference hotel. Is parking available at the hotel? Yes, complimentary on site parking is available at the hotel.

## **MEALS**

I plan to attend the conference. Will registration include meal options? We have complete registration packages available that do include the 6-meal package and the Saturday night banquet in addition to conference registration. Our "registration only" option does not include any meals for the conference.

**I have special dietary restrictions.** We can work with the hotel to accommodate most dietary restrictions. Please include those requests in the notes section (at checkout) when you purchase your packages or meals.

**Can I purchase just a couple of the meals for the conference?** No, we are only able to sell meal tickets as a complete 6-meal package.

Can I purchase the meal package onsite? No, we are required to give catering actual numbers before the conference begins, so we are unable to sell meal packages at the door. Meal tickets will be included in your registration packet that you will receive when you check into the conference itself. There is a restaurant in the hotel for your convenience.

**Can I bring my own bagged lunch to the conference?** No, no outside food or drink is allowed in the meeting space at the hotel. Please plan accordingly.

## **BANQUET**

**Is the Saturday evening closing banquet included with the price of registration?** Banquet tickets are purchased separately or as part of the complete conference packages. This joyful evening of jokes, toasts, songs, clerihews, and other fun is hosted by Dale Ahlquist and is the highlight of our annual conference.

**Can I buy tickets to the banquet onsite?** No, due to capacity limitations and hotel requirements, banquet tickets will not be available for purchase at the conference.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

Whom should I contact about requesting a vendor table at the conference? Vendors should call Society of Gilbert Keith Chesterton toll free at 1-800-343-2425 or contact our vendor coordinator, Anita, at <a href="mailto:orders@chesterton.org">orders@chesterton.org</a>

I would love to sponsor a seminarian. How may I do that? Introducing the next generation of priests and religious to G.K. Chesterton is vital to their formation. Please contact us directly at 1-800-343-2425.

I'd love to see some sights in the area. Do you have any recommendations? Yes! Kansas City offers a wide variety of interesting sites to see, from the National World War One Museum, to art museums; museums dedicated to: steamboats, toys and miniatures, baseball, kaleidoscopes, money, jazz, and more! Tours are offered at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception located in downtown Kansas City. Kansas City has the most fountains of any city in the world—try to visit them all! There are gardens galore, and the downtown refurbished train station and the Wizard of Oz museum are must-dos. Have you ever wanted to go to the Shrine of St. Philippine Duchesne? It's here.

## **AFTERGLOW**

What is the "Afterglow"? Conference afterglows is a chance to share with other Chestertonians from around the globe in a relaxed, convivial atmosphere. Greet old friends, and make new friends. The Afterglows are legendary.