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– 38TH ANNUAL CHESTERTON CONFERENCE –

The Future of the Family

AUGUST 1-3, 2019 | KANSAS CITY, KANSAS

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The family is the test of freedom; because the family is the only thing that the free man makes for himself and by himself. — G.K. CHESTERTON

Three days of intellectual stimulation, spiritual edification & pure delight.

Featured Speakers



**CARDINAL
THOMAS COLLINS**
Archbishop of
Toronto



DALE AHLQUIST
President, The
Society of Gilbert
Keith Chesterton



ROD DREHER
Author of the *New
York Times* bestseller,
The Benedict Option

Whither goeth the family? That fundamental institution that has survived kingdoms and epochs seems to be under attack from all sides. Is it warproof? Is it weatherproof? Or is it doomed?

Find out what G.K. Chesterton has to say about this ... and be inspired, encouraged, and renewed in hope.

Join us at the beautiful Sheraton Overland Park Hotel August 1-3 for a weekend of fun and fellowship, our annual reunion of friends old and new!

Over for complete speaker line-up and schedule

Conference Schedule

Register online at Chesterton.org
or call us toll-free +1-800-343-2425

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

2:00PM – Registration Begins; Vendor Tables Open
5:00PM – Welcome Reception
5:30PM – Dinner

7:00PM – Rod Dreher, “The Benedict Option”

What is the solution to the problems facing our fragmented, corrupt, and utterly confused modern society? One of the most hopeful and talked-about answers to this question is Rod Dreher’s *The Benedict Option*. Rod will talk about how people are building Christian communities all around the world and provide concrete steps for preserving Christian civilization.

8:30PM – Dale Ahlquist, “The Future of the Family”

A hundred years ago, G.K. Chesterton predicted the coming of the New Dark Ages ... and he prophesied that the family will save civilization. How can we possibly do this? Building on *The Benedict Option*, Dale Ahlquist will share “The Chesterton Option,” an inspiring blueprint for living lives that will transform our families-and the world.

9:45PM – Afterglow

Greet old friends, and make new friends in a relaxed, convivial atmosphere. A legendary part of the Chesterton conference experience!

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

7:30AM – Daily Mass (Rosary at 7:15AM)
7:30AM – Breakfast

9:00AM – Carl Olson, Editor, *Catholic World Report*
“On Certain Modern Stupidities & the Institution of the Family”

10:30AM – Dr. William Fahey, President, Thomas More College of Liberal Arts

“Chesterton and Grass: Coming Out of the Culture Weeds” – or –
“The Medicinal and Recreational Uses of Distributism”

11:30AM – Lunch

1:00PM – Panel: G.K. Chesterton and Conversion
David Fagerberg (Univ. of Notre Dame), Robert Moore-Jumonville and Cameron Moore (Spring Arbor Univ.)

2:30PM – Joseph Pearce, Augustine Institute
“Economics as if Families Mattered”

4:00PM – His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins Archbishop of Toronto

Cardinal Collins will share how G.K. Chesterton’s ideas have shaped his life and his priesthood, reflect on why Chesterton’s voice is so needed today, and share what he thinks Chesterton would say to our culture

5:00PM – Dinner

7:00PM – A Special Appearance by G.K Chesterton!
“The One Uncongenial Institution” – EWTN star, Chuck Chalberg

7:45PM – Brandon Vogt, Word on Fire
“Chesterton as Husband ... and Father”

9:00PM – Adam & Eve Go to Marriage Counseling
A special performance by Kevin O’Brien and Theater of the Word

9:45PM – Afterglow & Book Release Party
Celebrate the launch of *My Name is Lazarus* and meet book contributors

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

7:30AM – Daily Mass (Rosary at 7:15AM)
7:30AM – Breakfast

9:00AM – Charlotte Ostermann, Poet & Author
“The Poet as Troublemaker”

10:30AM – Andrew Youngblood, Director, The Regina Chesterton Academy
“Forming Joyful Disciples: The Impact of the Chesterton Curriculum”

11:30AM – Lunch

1:00PM – Concurrent Sessions I

“**Chesterton and Myles Connolly**” – Stephen Mirarchi, Benedictine College Professor of Literature

“**Brown Paper is For Drawing: The Art of G.K. Chesterton**” – Homeschool high school student, Calista Richards

“**Rosie Gil: Homemaker and Potential Saint**” – Robert Gil

Special Film Screening: The Ballad of the White Horse – First public screening of the first-ever feature-length film adaptation of Chesterton’s epic poem, directed and produced entirely by young Chesterton fans. Running time: 110 minutes.

2:30PM – Concurrent Sessions II
Sessions with Staff Members of the Society of G.K. Chesterton

“**Ask Ahlquist Anything**” – Dale Ahlquist, President

“**Launch and Lead a Local Chesterton Society**”
Victoria Darkey, Local Societies Liaison

“**Start a Chesterton Academy in Your Community**”
Emily de Rotstein, Executive Director

4:00PM – Confessions

5:00PM – Vigil Mass
Celebrated by His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins

6:30PM – Traditions: Closing Banquet
Jokes, Toasts, Songs, Clerihews, & Other Fun ... a can’t-miss event hosted by Dale Ahlquist (limited seating – be sure to buy tickets)

9:45PM – Afterglow

Register Today!

Join the Society of Gilbert Keith Chesterton for discounted conference pricing.

Conference Pricing

\$145 – Member

\$175 – Non-Member

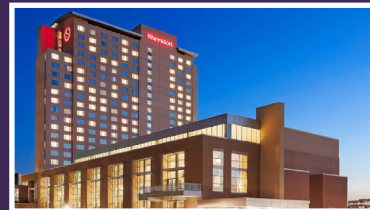
\$95 – Clergy / College

\$15 – Student (K-12)

Closing Banquet Ticket

\$85 – *Seating limited!*

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