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- 38TH ANNUAL CHESTERTON CONFERENCE -

The Future of the Family

AUGUST 1-3, 2019 | KANSAS CITY, KANSAS

SHERATON OVERLAND PARK HOTEL

DALE AHLQUIST | ROD DREHER | JOSEPH PEARCE | KEVIN T. BEYER | BOB VOGT | WILLIAM FAHEY | CARL OLSON | CHARLOTTE OSTER



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 this August 1-3 for a weekend of fun and fellowship, our annual reunion of friends old and new!

Complete speaker line-up and schedule inside

Conference Schedule

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DAY ONE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

Check-In & Registration

2:00PM – Registration and Vendor Tables Open
4:00PM – Daily Mass
5:00PM – Welcome Reception

5:30PM – Dinner & Fellowship

Opening Session

7:00PM – The Benedict Option

Rod Dreher, Best-Selling Author

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 – The Future of the Family

Dale Ahlquist, President

The Society of Gilbert Keith Chesterton

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!



DAY TWO

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

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

7:30AM – Breakfast service begins

Morning Session

9:00AM – On Certain Modern Stupidities and the Institution of the Family

Carl Olson, Editor, Catholic World Report

Our present legal and social system has made adoption ridiculously difficult, if not impossible. Is there hope?

10:30AM – Chesterton and Grass: Coming Out of the Culture Weeds – or – The Medicinal and Recreational Uses of Distributism

Dr. William Fahey, President, Thomas More College

Distributist solutions to our modern problems, including the environment, fertility, and those things you raise at home.

11:30AM – Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00PM – G.K. Chesterton and Conversion

David Fagerberg (University of Notre Dame), Robert Moore-Jumonville & Cameron Moore (Spring Arbor University)

Three professors describe how they were living things that went against the academic stream by embracing the Catholic faith—because of their reading of G.K. Chesterton.

2:30PM – Economics as if Families Mattered

Joseph Pearce, Augustine Institute

Perennial favorite Joseph Pearce will talk about a subject dear to his heart and more important in today's world than ever: how we can reform our economic system by avoiding the pitfalls of both socialism and capitalism.

4:00PM – A Cardinal's Impression of Chesterton

His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, Canada

Cardinal Collins will share how G.K. Chesterton's ideas have shaped his life and his priesthood, reflect on why he believes Chesterton's voice is so needed today, and share what he thinks Chesterton would say to our culture and to faithful Christians who seek his clarity, wisdom, and common sense.

5:00PM – Dinner

DAY TWO

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2 (continued)

Evening Session

7:00PM – The One Uncongenial Institution

A Visit from G.K. Chesterton! EWTN's Chuck Chalberg

7:45PM – Chesterton as Husband ... and Father

Brandon Vogt, Content Director, Bishop Robert Barron's Word on Fire Catholic Ministries

A revealing look at Chesterton at home.

9:00PM – Adam & Eve Go to Marriage Counseling

Kevin O'Brien and Theater of the Word

A short play that is hilarious, provocative, and profound.

9:45PM – Afterglow & Launch Celebration!

Join us for a book release celebration for *My Name is Lazarus*, a new release by ACS Books featuring thirty-four stories of converts whose path to Rome was paved by G.K. Chesterton. A great opportunity to meet with several of the contributors to the book!

DAY THREE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

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

7:30AM – Breakfast service begins

Morning Session

9:00AM – The Poet as Troublemaker

Charlotte Ostermann, Poet, Educator & Author

Poets are trouble! They are maddening, disruptive, unpredictable, ask too many questions, see inside out, and fill the world full of holes. Chesterton's Gabriel Gale will help you see why God cultivates poets, and how to be one.

10:30AM – Forming Joyful Disciples: The Impact of the Chesterton Academy High School Curriculum

Andrew Youngblood, Director, Regina Chesterton Academy

An inspiring look at the impact the Chesterton curriculum is having on high school students from all walks of life.

11:30AM – Lunch

DAY THREE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3 (continued)

Afternoon Sessions

1:00PM – Sessions Run Concurrently

Chesterton and Myles Connolly

Benedictine College Professor of Literature, Stephen Mirarchi, provides insight into a very Chestertonian author

Brown Paper is For Drawing: The Art of G.K. Chesterton

Homeschool high school student, Calista Richards, explores the wit and wonder of G.K. Chesterton's visual art

Rosie Gil: Homemaker and Potential Saint

Robert Gil will share an update on the Cause for this remarkable stay-at-home mom and homeschool educator

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 – Sessions with the Society Staff

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, Archbishop of Toronto

6:30PM – Traditions: Annual Closing Banquet Jokes, Toasts, Songs, Clerihews, and Other Fun!

A can't-miss event hosted by Dale Ahlquist

9:45PM – Afterglow



Registration Details

Conference Dates

Thursday, August 1 – Saturday, August 3, 2019

- Registration is open from 2PM – 5PM on Thursday.
- The conference begins at 7PM with our Opening Session and ends with our Closing Banquet on Saturday evening (special event - advance ticket purchase required).
- A separate conference for the Chesterton Schools Network will take place prior to the conference from July 30-August 1. For more information, contact Emily de Rotstein at ederotstein@chestertonacademy.org or call 1-800-343-2425.

Hotel Venue

Sheraton Overland Park Hotel at the Convention Center

Newly renovated, gorgeous hotel; award-winning food & service!

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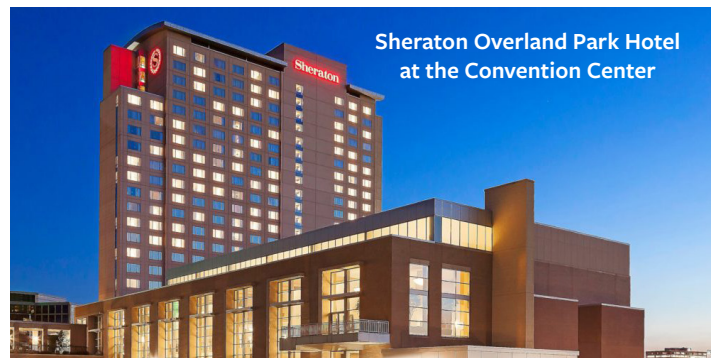
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- Additional rooms are available at the **Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites at the Overland Park Convention Center**; call 1-800-Holiday for the special rate of \$114/night.

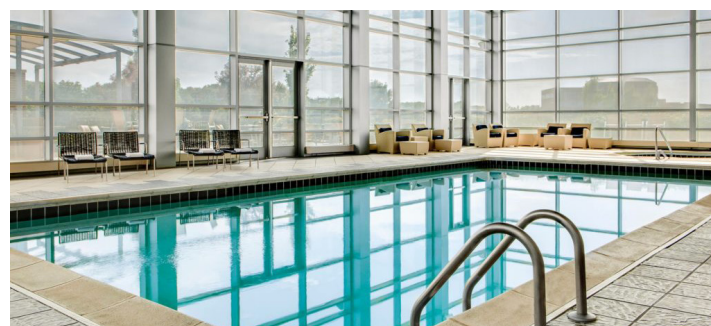
Conference Pricing

Registration is sold in packages and a la carte. For convenience and best value, the complete conference package includes all talks, a 6-meal package of catering meals at the hotel, and a ticket to the Closing Banquet. The **meal package** includes Thursday night dinner; all meals on Friday; and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Meals are served in the conference venue.

Please note: meal plans must be purchased in advance.



Sheraton Overland Park Hotel
at the Convention Center



One-day tickets are available for purchase at the door as seating allows. Member, student, or clergy discounts do not apply for One-Day tickets. We are unable to issue refunds for any conference item at any time.

Please contact us at +1-800-343-2425 with any questions.
See you in Kansas City!

3-DAY CONFERENCE REGISTRATION	NON-MEMBER	MEMBER
Member and Non-Member Pricing. All talks. Does not include lodging, meals, closing banquet.	\$175	\$145
Clergy, Religious, College Student / Young Adult, Chesterton Schools Network Faculty.	\$95	
Student Pricing (ages 5-17). Children under 5 attend free.	\$15	
CLOSING BANQUET TICKET Limited seating for this special event hosted by Dale Ahlquist.	\$85	
6-MEAL PACKAGE (ADULT) Delicious meals served on-site, Thursday dinner through Saturday lunch.	\$120	
6-MEAL PACKAGE (KIDS 5-12) Kids under 5 eat free.	\$85	
SAVE MONEY WHEN YOU PURCHASE A COMPLETE CONFERENCE PACKAGE		
Member and Non-Member. Includes Conference Registration, 6-Meal Plan, and Closing Banquet Ticket	\$370	\$340
Clergy, College Student, and Chesterton Schools Network Faculty.	\$295	
Student Rate Pricing (ages 5-17). Use coupon code KIDS for ages 5-12 for \$35 off meals	\$205	

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