

G.K. CHESTERTON AND ST. FRANCIS

42ND ANNUAL CHESTERTON CONFERENCE | JULY 27-29, 2023



THE JUGGLERS *of* GOD

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*"Religion is not a thing like a theory
but a thing like a love-affair."*

MINNEAPOLIS MARRIOTT SOUTHWEST
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

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Conference Schedule

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DAY ONE THURSDAY, JULY 27

Welcome & Registration

2:00PM - Registration and Vendor Tables Open

4:30PM - Opening Mass

All are invited to this uplifting service of prayer and worship. Spiritual reflection and Scriptural Rosary begin at 4:00PM.

5:15PM - Welcome Reception

5:30PM - Dinner & Fellowship

Opening Session

Live & Virtual

6:45PM - Conference Kickoff

7:00PM - The Jugglers of God: G.K. Chesterton and Saint Francis

Dale Ahlquist, President

The Society of Gilbert Keith Chesterton

Chesterton had a strong affinity for Saint Francis even before his conversion, and ultimately chose the Saint as his confirmation patron. Dale Ahlquist explores the spiritual kinship between these two giants in the Faith.

8:00PM - Taking a Fresh Look at Chesterton's St. Francis

Bishop Robert Barron

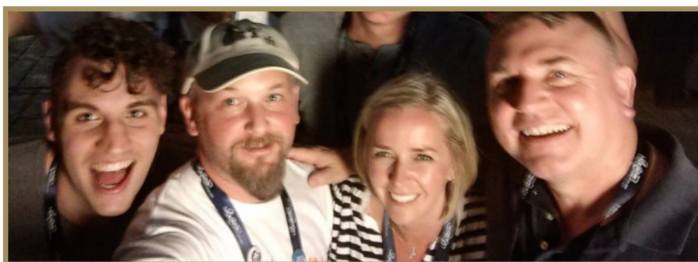
*Diocese of Winona-Rochester
& Word on Fire Ministries*

Bishop Barron takes a fresh look at Chesterton's wonderful biography of the great Saint, 100 years after its first publication.

9:15PM - Night Prayer

9:30PM - Afterglow

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



DAY TWO FRIDAY, JULY 28

7:30AM - Daily Mass (*Rosary at 7:10*)

7:30AM - 8:45AM Breakfast service begins

Morning Session

Live & Virtual

9:00AM - The Wise Men Know: Russell Kirk's Chestertonian Vision

Norman Alan Cornett

Host, Cultural Debris Podcast

Cornett discusses the Chestertonian resonances in the views of the great conservative writer whom he once served as secretary.

10:30AM - The Jongleur, the Jester, and the Gentleman Scholar

Teresa Caldecott Cialini

Editor-in-chief, 'Magnificat' (Int'l English Edition)

The daughter of the late Chesterton and Inklings scholar, Stratford Caldecott, reflects on the English Franciscan tradition as an influence in both his and Chesterton's lives.

11:45AM - Lunch

Afternoon Session

Live & Virtual

1:00PM - Two Lifetimes of Work

Geir Hasnes

Author, 'G.K. Chesterton: A Bibliography'

Geir Hasnes speaks about the recently published three-volume bibliography of Chesterton's writings, a monumental undertaking decades in the making!

2:00PM - Lived Localism (Panel): Steubenville's Revitalization

Jacob Imam

New Polity, College of St. Joseph the Worker

Robert Praetzel and Zepherine Swope

Chesterton & Co. Cigars of Steubenville

A panel of men revitalizing their dilapidated Rust Belt town by implementing the principles of Catholic Social Doctrine.

4:00PM - Running on Empty: The Priceless Gift of Failure

Brent Forrest

Failed Animal Trainer

They couldn't stockpile the Manna. It rotted immediately. Why our best laid plans usually fail ... and should.

DAY TWO

FRIDAY, JULY 28 (continued)

5:30PM - Dinner

Evening Session

Live & Virtual

7:00PM - Chesterton on Saint Francis

Special Appearance by EWTN's John Walker

Actor John Walker appears as G.K. Chesterton to discuss his devotion to Saint Francis of Assisi and his common vision of wonder in the face of Creation.

8:00PM - The Troubadours LIVE!

Following in Francis's Footsteps

Dale Ahlquist

President, Society of Gilbert Keith Chesterton

Christopher Check

President, Catholic Answers

William Fahey

President, Thomas More College of Liberal Arts

Dan Kerr

President, Saint Martin's Academy

Joseph Pearce

Author and Editor of the St. Austin Review

The popular Tuesday night troupe bring their characteristic wit and banter to the live stage!

9:15PM - Night Prayer

9:30PM - Afterglow

DAY THREE

SATURDAY, JULY 29

7:30AM - Daily Mass (Rosary at 7:10)

7:30AM - 8:45AM Breakfast service begins

Morning Session

Live & Virtual

9:00AM - What They Saw in America: Chesterton and Solzhenitsyn

Deacon Tom Martin

Professor Emeritus, University of Nebraska at Kearney

Longtime professor and Chesterton scholar Tom Martin discusses the two men's views on the United States, offered nearly sixty years apart.

DAY THREE

SATURDAY, JULY 29 (continued)

Morning Session, con't

Live & Virtual

10:00AM - The Fall and Rise of the Roman Empire: Dark Ages to Middle Ages

Joseph Pearce

Author and Editor of the St. Austin Review

Joseph discusses the rise of the High Middle Ages, in which Saint Francis of Assisi was a central figure.

11:00AM - Liturgical Living: Joining Creation's Canticle of Praise

Dan Kerr

President, Saint Martin's Academy

Dan Kerr talks about living a life connected to the flow of seasons and the fasts and feasts of the Liturgical year.

12:00PM - Lunch

Afternoon Parallel Sessions

Live

1:15PM

I Practical Localism: Beyond Employment and Consumption

Susan Sucher

Gilbert Columnist and 'Domestic Empress'

II Assisi Upside Down: Chesterton and the Life of Faith

Father Spencer Howe

Chaplain, The Society of Gilbert Keith Chesterton

2:30PM

I The Crisis and the Solution: The Chesterton Schools Network Difference

Katherine Kersten

Sr. Policy Fellow, Center of the American Experiment

II Chaos Is Dull: Chesterton's Mysteries and the Delight of Order Restored

Haley Stewart

Author and Editor of Word on Fire Spark

3:30PM - Confessions Available

5:00PM - Closing Mass

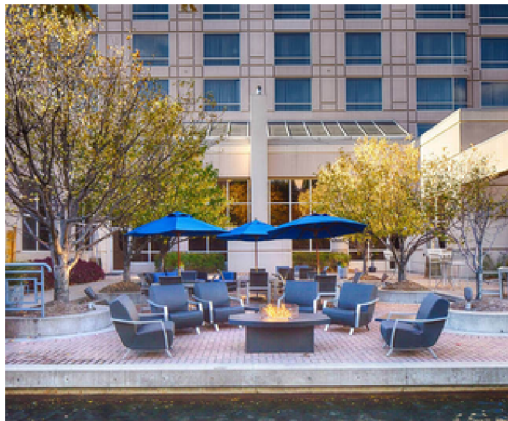
Scriptural Rosary, 4:30PM

6:30PM - Closing Banquet

*Jokes, toasts, songs, Clerihews, and other fun;
a can't-miss event hosted by Dale Ahlquist*

9:30PM - Afterglow





Registration Details

Conference Dates & Venue

Thursday, July 27 – Saturday, July 29, 2023

Minneapolis Marriott Southwest
5801 Opus Parkway, Minnetonka, MN 55343

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Nestled among walking paths and overlooking a peaceful pond, this recently renovated hotel balances the charms of nature with the comforts of modern amenities. The hotel also features a Great room with a cabin ambience, a sophisticated bar, heated indoor pool, and fitness center. Best of all, a lovely outdoor patio space with firepits and plenty of seating provides the perfect atmosphere for the legendary Chesterton Afterglows!

Special conference rate of \$169/night!

Airport & Transportation

Minneapolis–Saint Paul (MSP) International Airport Hotel is located a convenient 15-minute drive from the city's major airport and is easily accessible via taxi or a ride-share app.

Alternatively, the conference app on Whova, which launches in late April, will have a ride-share section where attendees can coordinate carpooling or fare-splitting.

Sponsors & Vendors

Contact events@chesterton.org for pricing and information on event sponsorships and vendor tables.

Hybrid Event Details

In-person attendees will receive access to all sessions, vendors, welcome reception, and world-famous afterglows. Talks will be available for re-stream on the conference app after the events.

Virtual attendees have access to all live-streamed sessions (as noted on conference schedule) through the event app, Whova. Upon launch of the app in late April, event registrants will receive a link via e-mail to download the app along with instructions.

Conference Swag

Join us in person to receive a **FREE canvas tote** containing your welcome package and other items. Chesterton shirts, books, and other goods, as well as items from our wonderful vendors, will also be available for purchase!



Registration Options

Full Conference Package

Includes all sessions, 6-meal package, and closing banquet. *Does not include hotel stay.*

Talks-Only Registration

Includes all sessions only. *Excludes meals, closing banquet, and hotel stay.*

Digital Attendance

Includes all virtual sessions as designated in schedule.

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\$349.00	\$296.65
\$85.00	\$72.25

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