

# Faith & Friendship

JULY 25-27, 2024 | PHILADELPHIA, PA

Celebrate G.K.Chesterton's  
150th birthday in the  
birthplace of a nation!

“It is only  
in God that we  
love one another.”

– G.K. CHESTERTON



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# Conference Schedule

43rd Annual Chesterton Conference  
Faith & Friendship | July 25-27, 2024

## DAY ONE THURSDAY, JULY 25

### Welcome & Registration

2:00 PM – Registration and Vendor Tables Open

4:30 PM – Opening Mass

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

5:30 PM – Dinner & Fellowship

### Opening Session Live & Virtual

6:45 PM – Conference Kickoff

7:00 PM – “It Is Only in God That We Love One Another”

Dale Ahlquist

*President, Society of Gilbert Keith Chesterton*

Dale Ahlquist explores Chesterton’s lived spirituality of friendship, the virtue of charity, the grace of community, and the profound gift of divine faith.

8:00 PM – St. Philip Neri, Chesterton, and the Pursuit of Joy

Dr. Alan Harrelson

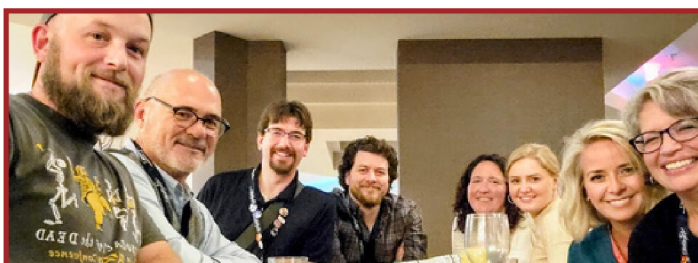
*Professor and Owner, Pipe Cottage*

Dr. Harrelson reflects on the common truths of joy expressed by St. Phillip Neri and G.K. Chesterton. What do these two holy men have in common, what can we learn from them, and how do we make joy an integral part of the Christian life?

9:15 PM – Night Prayer

9:30 PM – 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 26

7:30 AM – Daily Mass

7:30 – 8:45 AM – Breakfast available

### Morning Session Live & Virtual

9:00 AM – Your Life Is a Story: G.K. Chesterton and the Paradox of Freedom

Brady Stiller

*Author of Word on Fire’s ‘Your Life is a Story’*

Brady Stiller probes the biggest question of all: “What is the meaning of life?” – with help from the wisdom of G. K. Chesterton!

10:00 AM – The World Needs More Ghost Stories: The Dialogues of Gregory the Great

Christopher Check

*President, Catholic Answers*

Chris Check argues that the Dialogues, a stumbling block for many modern readers, are quite worthy of their very great author, and worth Christians meditating upon in every age.

11:00 AM – Did Zuck 'Unfriend' Us All? The Crisis of Friendship in a Fragmented Age

Joe Grabowski

*VP Evangelization & Mission, Society of G.K. Chesterton*

We are in the midst of a so-called “Friendship Recession.” This talk looks at the problem and how Chesterton and the faith can help us solve it.

12:00 PM – Lunch

### Afternoon Session Live & Virtual

1:00 PM – Recognizing How To Make Great Change: From Politics to Education

Josh McKoon

*Former State Senator in Georgia*

Josh McKoon discusses achieving societal change through the political process versus remaking American education.

2:00 PM – The Everlasting Man: The Chariot Race of the Mystical Body of Christ through History

Dr. Susan Hanssen

*Associate Professor of History, University of Dallas*

Dr. Hanssen explores Part Two of *The Everlasting Man* and what Chesterton has to say about the central point in all of history, the Incarnation!

## DAY TWO

FRIDAY, JULY 26 (continued)

3:00 PM - Free time for visiting vendors

4:30 PM - Rosary

5:00 PM - Dinner

### Evening Session Live & Virtual

#### 6:00 PM - Localism Panel: Coming Home to Catholic Social Teaching

Dr. Allan Carlson, Dr. William Fahey,  
Fr. Michael Rennie, and Jason Craig

Featuring contributors to an exciting new volume from Sophia Institute Press! **This session will be followed by a book signing with all of the panelists and other contributors!**

#### 8:00 PM - The Troubadours LIVE! Celebrating GKC's Sesquicentennial

Dale Ahlquist, Christopher Check, Joseph Pearce, Dr. William Fahey, and Dan Kerr

The popular Tuesday night troupe bring their characteristic camaraderie and quips to the live stage!

9:15 PM - Night Prayer | 9:30 PM - Afterglow

## DAY THREE

SATURDAY, JULY 27

7:30 AM - Daily Mass

7:30 - 8:45 AM - Breakfast available

### Morning Session Live & Virtual

#### 9:00 AM - The Flying Inn Lands

Leonie Caldecott  
*Writer, playwright and scholar*

Leonie explores how pubs and inns in film and literature sometimes function as symbols for a place of a type of eucharistic encounter.

#### 10:00 AM - Chesterton & Belloc:

##### A Dynamic Duo

Joseph Pearce  
*Author and Professor*

Chesterton and Belloc were great friends. They were also superheroes in the war against heresy. A dynamic duo. Was Chesterton Batman to Belloc's Robin, or was it the other way round?

## DAY THREE

SATURDAY, JULY 27 (continued)

### Morning Session, con't Live & Virtual

#### 11:00 AM - Crown of Glory: The Making of the Princesses of Heaven

Fabiola Garza  
*Character Artist at Disney, Author & Illustrator*  
Fabiola speaks about her hit book *Princesses of Heaven: The Flowers* from Word on Fire.

12:00PM - Lunch

### Afternoon Parallel Sessions

#### 1:00 PM - BREAKOUT SESSIONS I

**I**  
Live  
&  
Virtual

##### Monsters and Mystics Witnessed by Chambers and Chesterton

Joe Walsh  
*Chestertonian and Telephony Engineer*

**II**  
Live  
Only

##### The Home is the Most Important Place in the World

Robert Gil  
*Husband and biographer of the late Rosie Gil*

**III**  
Live  
Only

##### Friendship and the Heraldry of Humility

Peter Floriani  
*Computer Scientist, Mathematician and Writer*

#### 2:00 PM - BREAKOUT SESSIONS II

**I**  
Live  
&  
Virtual

##### Fruitful Friendship: The Chesterchicks and The Chesterton Scriptural Rosary

Nancy Brown and Susan Sucher  
*Society of Gilbert Keith Chesterton*

**II**  
Live  
Only

##### G. K. Chesterton and H. L. Mencken

Chuck Chalberg  
*Actor & Historian*

**III**  
Live  
Only

##### The Signature of Man: G. K. Chesterton and the Arts

Miguel Benitez  
*Asst. Professor of Humanities, State College of Florida*

3:00 PM - Confession available

3:30 PM - Rosary

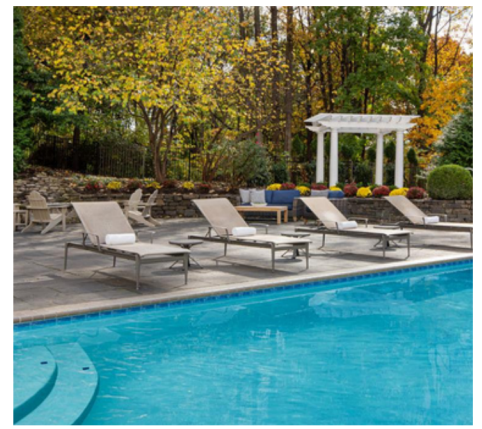
4:00 PM - Anticipatory Mass for the  
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 PM - Closing Banquet  
*Jokes, toasts, songs, Clerihews, and other fun;  
a can't-miss event hosted by Dale Ahlquist*

9:30 PM - Afterglow







# Additional Conference Details

## Conference Dates & Venue

Thursday, July 25 – Saturday, July 27, 2024

**The Alloy King of Prussia DoubleTree by Hilton**  
301 West DeKalb Pike | King of Prussia, PA 19406

+1 855-610-TREE *Mention Chesterton for special room rate!*

Enjoy all the best King of Prussia has to offer during your stay. Our prime location allows our guests to visit every popular attraction in the area. If the forecast calls for rain, King of Prussia Mall is located about a mile away just off Gulph Road. If you're looking for an interactive all-day activity, the Valley Forge National Historical Park or the Elmwood Park Zoo is also conveniently located near the hotel. Convenient access to Philadelphia, the birthplace of the nation!

**Special conference rate of \$165/night!**

## Airport & Transportation

**Philadelphia International Airport (PHL)**

Hotel is located around 35 minutes from the airport and is easily accessible via taxi or a ride-share app.

Our conference app, Whova, also has a ride-share section where attendees can coordinate carpooling or fare-splitting.

## Sponsors & Vendors

Contact [events@chesterton.org](mailto:events@chesterton.org) for pricing and information on event sponsorships and vendor tables.

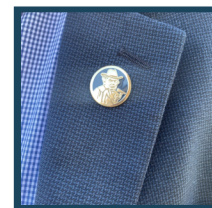
## Hybrid Event Details

**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

### Conference Registration

Includes all sessions and conference tote. *Does not include hotel stay or meals.*

### Digital Attendance

Includes all virtual sessions as designated in schedule.

### Meal Options

6-meal package. 6 meals; does not include closing banquet (sold separately).

Closing banquet ticket. Ticket to our legendary Saturday evening banquet event.

#### REGULAR PRICING

\$295.00

\$40.00

#### MEMBER DISCOUNT

*Extra savings!*

\$263.00

\$32.00

#### FLAT PRICE

\$200.00

\$100.00

**REGISTER:**



*All prices shown in USD. Day-passes unavailable owing to capacity limits.*

*Inquiries about family admission and other special pricing options can be directed to [events@chesterton.org](mailto:events@chesterton.org).*

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