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* We never charge for nursing babies and always provide a room setup for mothers to relax with their little ones!

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NEW ENGLAND CATHOLIC HOMESCHOOL
AND FAMILY RESOURCES CONFERENCE
36 ARLMONT ST. CHICOPEE, MA 01013



3rd New England Catholic Homeschool and Family Resources Conference



“ANSWERING OUR BAPTISMAL VOWS”

*Sponsored by
Western Mass. Catholic Homeschoolers*

Saturday, June 25th

9 a.m. ~ 6 p.m.

The Basilica of St. Stanislaus

566 Front Street
Chicopee, MA 01013

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☞ Featured Speakers ☞

Deacon Eugene McGuirk was ordained to the Diaconate in May, 1988. Deacon McGuirk and his wife, Catherine, recently celebrated their 33rd Wedding Anniversary. They have four children who have all been home schooled over the past 15 years. He and his family reside in Front Royal, VA, where Deacon McGuirk is the Director of Academic Counseling for Seton Home Study School.

“Why Should I Study That?– I’ll Never Use It Again!” This talk covers the philosophy that Catholic education is not mere job training, but is primarily Salvation training. As such the development of the whole person is involved. Sentence diagramming, Algebra and Latin may not seem important, and may seem to be skills that will never be used again in the ‘real world,’ but, as Mr. Myiagi told Daniel-san, “All is not as seems.”

Steve and Katie O’Brien: The O’Brien’s home school their four children, ages 8 to 14. Katie is a native of Braintree, Massachusetts and is a graduate of Bridgewater State College, where she majored in history and secondary education. She oversees the high school program at St. Thomas Aquinas School in West Warren, Massachusetts. Steve is a native of Malden, Massachusetts and is a graduate of Bridgewater State College. He teaches Church History, Western Civilization, American History, American Government and a seminar in Historiography and Research for Regina Coeli online Academy. For some years Dr. O’Brien has written the Biography articles for The Latin Mass Magazine and is the author of [Blackrobe in Blue: The Naval Chaplaincy of John P. Foley, S.J.](#)

“Fact vs. Friction: Retrieving Catholic History in the Homeschool Arena” It is no secret that the teaching of history in various school systems is marred by pervasive negative stereotypes of Catholic historical characters and the history of the Church. In contrast, homeschooling parents are in a position to present a more honest evaluation of the past. Dr. O’Brien discusses his methods for teaching history in the homeschooling context and how parents can help infuse a sense of Catholic culture and tradition in their students.

“Discernment for Homeschool Couples” Katie and Steve O’Brien decided before their children were born that they would homeschool. They will talk about the role of each parent in the homeschooling process and how any couple, no matter how busy or how difficult work schedules may be, can work together to make homeschooling successful.

Sr. Christina Miriam Wegendt, FSP Children’s Editor, Pauline Books & Media. Boston has been a Daughter of St. Paul since 2003. Before joining the children’s editorial department at Pauline Books & Media in 2007, Sr. Christina was the marketing and promotion coordinator for the Pauline Books & Media Centers in Manhattan, New York, and Edison, New Jersey. Over the past seven years, she has hosted Faith & Film Nights for parish groups and presented on the topic of media mindfulness to both catechists and students.

“Media Mindfulness: Unwrapping God’s Gifts to Us” From music and movies to advertising and the Internet, our everyday lives are filled with the sights and sounds of the media. This interactive presentation introduces participants to the principles behind media mindfulness. Integrating media literacy skills and the values of our Catholic faith, media mindfulness gives each of us the tools we need to make wise media choices and to effectively engage the media from a Gospel perspective.

Fr. Henry Dorsch is currently pastor of Our Lady of the Lake Church in Southwick with previous pastorates at St. Mark in Pittsfield and Our Lady of the Annunciation Church in Florence. Over his forty-two years of priestly service, he has worked extensively with high school religious education programs with an accompanying interest in youth ministry. He taught at Cathedral High School for three years and was for seven years director of Teen Encounter in the diocese ministering to many young people. He attended World Youth Days in Denver, Colorado and in Cologne, Germany and continues to give quality time to the young people of his parish, particularly in programs of religious education and retreats.

Teaching children about and including them in Eucharistic adoration: Father Henry hosts a First Friday home schoolers Mass directed to the children along with a short adoration of the Blessed Sacrament service tailored for children.

Patrice Fagnant-MacArthur of Springfield, MA has a BA in Art and History and a Master’s Degree in Applied Theology. A freelance book reviewer and writer on spirituality, she also serves as an Associate Editor and Technical Consultant for CatholicExchange.com. She is a columnist for CatholicMom.com and CatholicExchange.com and is author of [Letters to Mary from a Young Mother](#). A mother of two sons, she has been homeschooling for three years. Visit her at [Spiritual Woman](#) or [Catholic Exchange](#).

Patrice will speak on **“Incorporating Art Across Your Homeschool Curriculum”**

Patrice Fagnant-MacArthur & Karen Ford will conduct **“A New Homeschoolers Workshop”**

Karen Ford of Springfield, MA, earned a BA in Professional Writing and Editing and a Master’s in English. Mrs. Ford homeschools her four children, grades Kindergarten through high school freshman. She has worked as an editor, freelance writer, and a writing instructor. Currently, she is an adjunct professor at Springfield Technical Community College, teaching English Composition and Technical and Report Writing, both online and in the traditional classroom.

☞ Helpful Info and Vendors ☞

☞ **Vendors already signed up:**

- **Seton Homeschool**
- **Lighthouse Catholic Media**
- **LPH Resource Center**
- **Society for the Propagation of the Faith**
- **St. Benedict Center**
- **Teaching Textbooks**
- **Franciscans of the Immaculata**
- **HSLDA**
- **Traveling Rosaries**
- **Maryknoll Missioners**
- **Coalition for Marriage and Family**
- **MercySong**
- **Nancy Larson Science**
- **Morning Star Catholic Books**
- **Bethlehem Books**
- **Usborne Books**
- **Thomas More College of Liberal Arts**

☞ Mass available at 4 p.m. and Special Youth Music Mass at 6 p.m.

☞ Food available through the School Association all day

☞ For online directions with Yahoo Maps click [HERE](#)

☞ Registration Fees ☞

☞ **Early-Bird Pricing if registered prior to June 3rd:**

- **Parent/Individual** \$30
- **Couple** \$40
- **Grandparent** \$10
(Additional fee with paid Individual or Couple)
- **Teen** \$10
(Additional fee with paid Individual or Couple)
- **Religious** \$0
(Free, but we ask that you register)

☞ **Standard Pricing if registered after June 3rd:**

- **Parent/Individual** \$40
- **Couple** \$50
- **Grandparent** \$12
(Additional fee with paid Individual or Couple)
- **Teen** \$10
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- **Religious** \$0
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