

ACCOMMODATIONS

Harrisburg facilities fill up well in advance, especially due to major events in town that weekend. Make reservations early to guarantee a room. Ask for "Catholic Homeschoolers" rooms when making reservations. Some additional discounts may apply.

Ramada Inn (Best Western), off exit 72 of Interstate 81 at 300 Mountaintop Rd, Harrisburg (717) 652-7180; continental breakfast; indoor pool; \$85 + tax for 1-2 persons/room (and maybe lower if lot of rooms filled) while rooms available or until March 1st.

Super 8 Motel, off exit 77 of Interstate 81, 7500 Allentown Blvd (Route 22 West), Harrisburg (717) 652-0101; \$59 + tax for 1-2 persons/room; continental breakfast; indoor pool; while rooms available or until March 1st.

AREA ACTIVITIES

For information on nearby sites (i.e. state capital, Hershey Zoo, National Civil War Museum and other attractions) to visit while in the area or for parents who wish to occupy the children while their spouse attends the event, please see the network website for the attractions or the Harrisburg Welcome Center at www.catholichomeschoolpa.org.

Please note: To save on expenses, no confirmation is sent for registrations. Nametags and information packets will be available at the door for those who pre-register. If you need to confirm your pre-registration, please feel free to contact us at 717-866-5425 or conference@catholichomeschoolpa.org.

CURRICULUM FAIR VENDORS

The large gym at Holy Name of Jesus Parish will house the many vendors. The Curriculum Fair will be open continuously in the gym from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. A partial list of vendors who have participated in the past include:

Catholic full-service curriculum providers:

Catholic Heritage Curricula Kolbe Academy
Mother of Divine Grace School
Our Lady of the Rosary School, Inc.
Our Lady of Victory School
Seton Home Study School

Catholic text books/supplemental publishers:

Little Angel Readers Bethlehem Books
Daughters of St. Paul Ignatius Press
TAN Books Catholic Shop of Harrisburg

Catholic colleges:

Ave Maria College
Christendom College
College of St. Thomas More
Franciscan University of Steubenville
Magdalen College
Thomas Aquinas College
Thomas More College of Liberal Arts
University of Dallas

Others:

Used Catholic books
Plus a Catholic shop, Catholic t-shirts, artwork, software and more

DIRECTIONS

From PA Turnpike (I-76): Take exit 247 off PA Turnpike. Take Route 283 North. Look for I-83 North and I-81 North. Take I-81 North to Paxtonia exit (Exit 72A southbound). Turn left at first light (Route 22). The church is on the left about 1/4 mile.

From Route I-81 (North or South): Take Paxtonia exit (Exit 72B northbound, Exit 72A southbound). Turn left at first light (Route 22). The church is on the left side of the road approximately 1/4 mile.

For emergencies only on conference day, call (717) 507-6117

17th Annual Catholic Homeschool Conference & Curriculum Fair



**“Educating Catholic Children
for Eternal Life”**

Saturday, April 2, 2011

8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Holy Name of Jesus Church
6190 Allentown Blvd.
(Route 22)
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

**Sponsored by the statewide network of
Catholic Homeschoolers of Pennsylvania**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who can attend this event? Anyone can attend — veteran or new Catholic home educating parent, those discerning home educating, those encouraging and supporting Catholic home education. This conference supports all teaching-styles, learning-styles, or Catholic curriculum options. Parents typically attend this event from throughout Pennsylvania and the northeast United States.

Will I be able to take my curriculum home? Yes. Because of the vast array of vendors invited, families who supplement or organize their own curriculum could find virtually all of their materials at this one event AND save on shipping charges. Even the full-service curriculum providers will have large quantities of individual books available.

NOTE: Due to pre-testing requirements and space limitations in transport, families choosing to use the full-service curriculum providers will not be able to take home their entire curriculum. However, discussion with them and reviewing their materials in person will be most invaluable, and supplemental items may be purchased at this time.

Can we trust the choices of materials available to choose from? You can feel confident that the Vendor Committee works year round to carefully select vendors who are providing materials and/or lesson plans that are loyal to the Holy Father and Catholic Church teaching. However, some vendors carry other popular items such as math, phonics programs, and many other supplemental materials as well.

Will these vendors be attending the other curriculum fairs in the state? Catholic vendors do not attend non-Catholic/Protestant sponsored events.

Will there be materials for my special needs child? Vendors are requested to bring an adequate supply of materials to meet these needs. Some vendors may cater to special needs students more than others. Other veteran homeschoolers also will be available throughout the day to answer your questions.

Do I have to pay if I only want to look at books? Yes. Unfortunately this is necessary to meet expenses such as facility rental, insurance, continental breakfast, advertising, and other expenses.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

TIME	EVENT
8:30 am	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass*
9am-3pm	Eucharistic Adoration
9:00 am	Registration <i>Free continental breakfast</i>
9:30 am	Learning and the Brain <i>by Kate Daneluk</i> This homeschool mom of five has taught music since 1994 and is the co-developer and creative director of <i>Making Music Praying Twice</i> .
10:30 am	How to Live an Authentic Catholic Family Life <i>by Rev. Edward Connolly</i> Back by popular demand, Father will address how your family can live out the family life as a Catholic family.
11:30 am	Open Forum This Q&A session will be open to questions on anything from contemplating home education to getting children into college.
12 noon - 1:30 pm	Lunch will be available on the premises or participants may bring packed lunches or visit Route 22's eating establishments
1:30 pm	Door prize drawing in vendor area
2:00 pm	The Importance of the Authentically Catholic in the Study of History <i>by Rev. Charles Connor</i> Father is the host of many shows on EWTN. He will discuss the importance of teaching history from a Catholic perspective.
3:00 pm	How Church Teaching Supports Home Education <i>by Philip Gray, JCL</i> This canon lawyer will also address parental rights, the relationship between home educators and their parish/diocese, and diocesan guidelines for homeschoolers.
5:00 pm	Conclusion of Conference

**The parish offers confessions at 9-9:30 am, 3:30-4:30 and 6:00-6:45 pm. Evening Masses at the parish are at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. for those unable to attend the morning Mass.*

Please note that some vendors do not accept credit cards.

REGISTRATION

If postmarked by 3/25/2011

\$15 first adult*
\$8 spouse or grandparent*
\$8 per child/student*

**If postmarked after 3/25/2011
or at the door:**

\$18 first family member*
\$8 spouse or grandparent*
\$10 per child/student*

Clergy and religious attend free of charge

* **Current and new subscribers receive a \$3/person discount on admission. Receiving this brochure does not indicate current status of your newsletter subscription.** The subscription cost for the Catholic Homeschoolers of Pennsylvania Newsletter is \$18.00/family/year.

Please make checks payable to:
"Catholic Homeschoolers of PA"
c/o Larry & Ellen Kramer
101 South College St.
Myerstown, PA 17067

For questions, call (717) 866-5425 or e-mail conference@catholichomeschoolpa.org

Adult or teen volunteers: As usual, if you volunteer for a shift of 8:30-11:30, 11:30-2:30, 2:30-5:30, you may attend for free.

Child/Student Attendance Policy: Nursing infants are welcome and attend free of charge. Due to the manpower and amount of responsibility involved, **childcare is not provided.** However, any students who desire to assist their parents in choosing their curriculum or meeting with the college representatives are welcome to attend. Students aged 14-18 may register as volunteers.

Children who attend **MUST** be accompanied by their parents **AT ALL TIMES.** Since talks are recorded, parents are requested to care for noisy children outside the conference room.

Please do not call the parish for conference information.