

The 36th Annual
Summer Conference

Building the Church

**WHISPERING VOICES MADE AUDIBLE
 THE MAJOR IMPORTANCE OF MINOR BIBLICAL CHARACTERS**

JULY 25-29, 2018

A RETREAT FOR ALL AGES SET ON THE BEAUTIFUL CAMPUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PORTLAND



“The Conference is one of the highlights of our year—actually, one of the highlights of our lives!” -a 2017 participant

2018 KEYNOTE AND CONFERENCE THEME

The focus of this year’s conference turns attention to the minor biblical characters — “servants,” “laborers,” “merchants,” “virgin daughters,” etc. — in the biblical narrative. It offers a more inclusive approach to reading our sacred texts that resists the caste system embedded in the narrative and its relationship to the caste system in our world. Prolonged interpretative attention to these minor biblical characters not only renders them important but often discloses instructive examples of self-giving, loyalty and friendship, as well as real occasions of vulnerability, violence and degradation that are right before our eyes — both in the text and in our communities. At this juncture in our human history, it seems prudent that we dare not ignore or read past such examples.

2018 KEYNOTE SPEAKER: DR. GINA HENS-PIAZZA



Gina Hens-Piazza, Ph.D.

Gina Hens-Piazza, Ph.D. holds the Joseph C. Alemany Endowed Chair as Professor of Biblical Studies at the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University which is part of the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California. She earned her doctorate in Biblical Studies from Union Theological Seminary in NYC before assuming her current academic position in Berkeley 25 years ago. Hens-Piazza is the author of numerous articles, five books, and her current project (*Supporting Cast vs Supporting Caste*) which sets forth literary theory, method and examples

for reading minor biblical characters. In addition, she currently serves as co-editor of the upcoming *New Jerome Biblical Commentary for the 21st Century* (forthcoming 2019, Bloomsbury Press).

Hens-Piazza is a frequent lecturer nationally and internationally on topics of women and issues in social justice and her work has been recognized by various associations. Among these honors, Hens-Piazza was the third recipient of the National Sarlo Teaching Award for excellence in teaching and scholarship; she has been named by her colleagues as the GTU Distinguished Faculty Lecturer; her work on violence in Joshua and Judges has been recognized by the Catholic Press Association; and two years ago, Hens-Piazza was chosen to participate in the Faculty Development Seminar at five Palestinian Universities by the Palestinian American Research Center in Washington, D. C.



The Summer Conference Icon written by Brother Claude Lane, O.S.B.

WHAT IS SUMMER CONFERENCE?

For 36 years the Summer Conference has provided us with time for reflection and renewal. We come together each year to explore ways to live out the Gospel in our families and our communities. A keynote speaker and a theme are chosen to help us ponder how we can make holy our chosen roles as parents, teachers, students, community volunteers, business owners and employees. We delve into study and discussion of deep theology presented by outstanding theologians from near and far. We are inspired by ideas presented in a variety of classes. We have fun, enjoying recreation and conversation with other participants, new and old, throughout the days of the conference.

HISTORY OF SUMMER CONFERENCE

The Summer Conference, originally known as the Mount Angel Summer Conference, was hosted by Mount Angel Abbey for the first

25 years beginning in 1983. In 2007, after 25 years of vision and leadership, the founders of the Conference handed the reins to long-time Conference participants who formed Engelberg Conference, a non-profit organization, and re-initiated the Summer Conference in its new location at the University of Portland in 2008. The Conference continues to maintain ties to Mount Angel Abbey, and the Benedictine philosophy of integrating work and prayer permeates our activities at Summer Conference.

SUMMER CONFERENCE GOALS

- Provide clergy, religious and lay people of all ages an opportunity to deepen their faith through study, prayer, art and play in a communal setting.
- Expose participants to outstanding theologians and inspiring people of faith.
- Model a Catholic faith-based community.
- Seek to understand the mystery of God and the mystery of person within the community of Catholic faith and the world.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Conference begins on Wednesday with registration from 2-4:30 p.m. and concludes with Mass on Sunday. The days are filled with a variety of study, prayer, and play for all ages. Residence facilities are available with three meals a day provided by the University of Portland. Day-use facilities are also available for commuters -with or without meals. Guests may also choose to come to the Keynote Lecture Series only. (See costs on page 2). To register for the Conference or Lecture Series, please mail in your registration by July 1 or go online to www.summerconferenceportland.org.

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

Adult Classes

PERIOD A

1. KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Dr. Gina Hens-Piazza

See front page for more information.

PERIOD B

2. DIALOGUE WITH KEYNOTER

Dr. Gina Hens-Piazza

An opportunity for additional exploration of topics presented in the keynote talk through discussion in a small group setting.

3. PART I: MOTHER CHURCH – LOVE HER OR???

Archbishop John Vlazny (THURS & FRI)

We will talk about the Church — “Without the Church there is no Eucharist; without the Eucharist there is no Church” as Pope Benedict reminded us.

PART II: THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER UNCOVERED

Abbot Jeremy Driscoll (SAT & SUN)

In its official introduction, the Roman Missal used to celebrate the Mass identifies and succinctly describes eight different parts of the Eucharistic Prayer. We will read those descriptions together and open up their depths. Then we will move through a Eucharistic Prayer and learn to identify the different parts. All this is with a view toward our enhanced participation in this vital part of the Mass.

4. CONNECTING WITH GOD

Beth Barsotti and Molly Buccola

Being nudged to jumpstart or refresh your prayer life or create intentional space for God? Come explore and experience a variety of spiritual practices to center yourself and connect with God.

5. CATCHING A GLIMPSE; REFLECTIVE WRITING

Mimi Schaefer

Take a second look at the startling ideas, questions or insights from the keynote address or other classes and experiences in your day. Sparked by writing and small group discussion, this class offers a time to slow down and catch a glimpse of grace given and received

PERIOD C

6. POPE FRANCIS AND THE FIVE POPES BEFORE HIM

Don Clarke

This class will look at a history of the popes from Pope John XXIII in 1958 to Pope Francis today. We will listen to stories, read Papal Documents and look at the culture that has brought the Catholic Church to the summer of 2018. Class will include a little night time reading, stories and walks down memory lane and sharing.

7. KEEPING THE FAITH: BEING FED BY SACRED SCRIPTURE, SACRED ART AND ST. BENEDICT

Barb Anderson

In this class, each day will focus on a different theme, such as faith, suffering, and accepting love. Together we will read, pray, and discuss Scripture passages which fit that theme; look at art which illustrates that theme; and examine passages in the Rule of St. Benedict which echo that theme.

8. THE CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE IN THE UNITED STATES

Ian Berge and Nick Hegwood

In this class we will focus on the attitudes toward the Church in the United States with a particular focus on the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Using primary sources from the time, we will discuss how Catholics in this country faced discrimination and an overall suspicion of their loyalty to their country. We will use this as a foundation for a larger discussion of our modern times.

9. LOVING DISCIPLINE

Andy Oldham

Whether a parent, teacher, mentor or coach (or all the above) this class will examine how we interact with our youth, through both action and inaction, to guide their emergence into healthy and loving adults. We will reference *Taking Charge* by Joann Nordling.

Intergenerational Classes

PERIOD B

10. THE DAILY BLUFF

Peter Weber

Come help us continue chronicling Summer Conference. We'll find the stories and publish a daily companion to our shared Conference life. Bring your whimsy, your sense of humor, your curiosity, your storytelling, your artistic talents and, if you want, your camera. All skill levels welcome. Gr. 5 and up.

11. MOSIACS

Bill Zuelke

Come learn the art of mosaics, from design to production to presentation. All supplies provided. Gr. 5 and up. \$5 fee.

12. PSYANKY EGGS

Ina Hecker

Pysanky are Easter eggs decorated with traditional Ukrainian folk designs using a wax resist method. The designs are not painted on, but written on the egg with beeswax and then cold died several times for dramatic and beautiful results- much like batik on cloth. We will learn the traditional symbolism while practicing the great virtue of PATIENCE. Gr. 5 and up. \$10 fee.

13. YOGA FOR EVERYONE

Noel Tenoso

After spending time sitting, listening and thinking about inspirational topics, come to this yoga class focusing on accessible yoga poses and stretches to unwind and undo all the muscle tightness associated with sitting. We will work on simple stretches and movements that incorporate breathing in a more meditative approach to movement. Gr. 8 and up.

PERIOD C

14. ZENTANGLE ART

Deb Thompson

The Zentangle Method is an easy-to-learn, relaxing and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. Almost anyone can use it to create beautiful images. It increases focus and creativity, provides artistic satisfaction along with an increased sense of personal well-being. Each student will be given a Zentangle kit that can be taken home at the conclusion of the class. Gr. 5 and up. \$10 fee

15. NEEDLES-N-THINGS

Anita Klee

Fun embroidery for beginners! We'll learn some basic stitches and work on projects to explore the wonderful world of stitchery through colorful, fun and playful stitch “doodling.” Gr. 2 and up. \$5 fee

16. TENNIS ANYONE?

Susie Campbell

For anyone who wants to try tennis for the first time or wants to improve their tennis skills. This is a class that involves all participants. Come join us! Bring a racquet if you have one! Gr. 2 and up.

17. WORK THAT BODY

Amy Schenk

Come move your body as we explore various genres of dance. See how dance can be more than just a physical workout but also a chance to express yourself, calm your mind, and have fun. We will incorporate ballet and jazz and dance where the spirit guides us. Please wear comfortable clothes you can move in. Gr. 8 and up.

18. EXPLORING WATERCOLORS

Meeghan and Brendan Hart

Explore and enjoy the basic techniques of painting with watercolors. We will play with different paper types, washes, wet and dry brush techniques to unlock the beauty and flexibility of watercolors. All you need is curiosity and a willingness to explore. No experience required. Gr. 5 and up. \$10 fee.

Children's Classes

PERIOD A

19. KEYNOTE INFANT CARE

Rachel Klinger and Kelly Vanderwal

20. PROMISE A (PRE K-GR. 1)

TBA

21. KARING KIDS A (GR. 2-4)

Sadie Hjorth

22. HORIZONS (GR. 5-7)

Margaret Dickinson and James Dickinson

23. CHOICES (GR. 8-9)

Allison Thompson Miller

24. YOUTH AND THE CHURCH (GR. 10-12)

Nick Hegwood

PERIOD B

25. PROMISE B (PRE K-GR. 1)

TBA

26. KARING KIDS B (GR. 2-4)

Tara Barsotti

27. LET'S FIND SOME FUN

TBA

Come join in a variety of outdoor games! Having fun is the only rule and success is dependent on good communication, attitude and perseverance within the whole group. Gr. 5 and up.

PERIOD C

28. CRAFT, FUN AND MAKE BELIEVE

Monica DeBruyn

This year we will play and explore some Old Testament adventure stories with costumes, craft and drama. As in past years, students will have the chance to make things to play with that they can take home Gr. 2 and up.

29. WATERWORKS

David Otto

We will play with water in the sandbox, using sluices, model structures and toys. Discover how water can sculpt the landscape and how people can use water for work and recreation. Gr. 2 and up. \$5 fee.

30. COZY CORNER

Bobbie Weber and Julie Brand Conroy

Bring your little-and big ones-to a warm and relatively quiet space toward the end of a busy day to share stories and activities. Bring your favorite books, poems or joke books to share and of course your pillows and blankets! All ages welcome-including teens! Children under 2 with a parent.

31. KIDS R COOKIN

Peggy Thompson

So many choices! Come learn basic cooking skills such as measuring, cutting and mixing as we explore the kitchen and express our individuality. Kids will create and fill their own recipe books as well as enjoy their unique kitchen creations from fresh fruit smoothies, pizza and more. *Please note if you have gluten intolerance or other dietary restrictions/allergies on the registration form so the instructor can make accommodations in advance. Bring an apron and a smile. Gr. 2 and up.

“My hope was to be surprised by the Holy Spirit alive in this community; my hope was abundantly fulfilled.”

—a 2017 participant

—PARTICIPANT FEES—

COMBINED COST OF TUITION/ ROOM/BOARD

Single Adult: \$462

Couples: \$820

Young Adult: \$247

*Child Age 3-5 (shared room): \$177 ea.

*Child 6-21 (shared room): \$197 ea.

Child (single occupancy): \$247 ea.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS: For interested adults only, newer dormitory housing (with A/C, linens and a semi-private bath) is available in Schoenfeldt Hall for an additional \$100/person.

* These rooms are on the opposite end of campus from Shipstad Hall, where most participants will be staying.

COST FOR COMMUTERS WITH MEALS

(Wednesday dinner through Sunday lunch)

Adult: \$337 ea.

*Child Age 3-5: \$127 ea.

*Child Age 6-21: \$147 ea

COST FOR COMMUTERS WITHOUT MEALS

Adult: \$217 ea.

*Child Age 3-21: \$117 ea.

ADDITIONAL CLASS FEES

Some classes have fees -see the descriptions above.

*Children 2 and under -no charge

KEYNOTE SERIES ONLY

Adult: \$110 for the Keynote Address Only

Wednesday

6:15-7 p.m.

and

Thurs-Sun

8:40 -10 a.m.

*All Shipstad residents, remember to bring your own linens!



“Being able to hear from quality speakers and interact with other people who are seeking a closer relationship with God makes this gathering truly church.”

-a 2017 participant

Financial assistance is available for up to 50% of costs as funds allow. Contact Andy and Susie Zaremba at zar@nwlink.com for an application. All forms available online at www.summerconferenceportland.org

Schedule at a Glance

CHOOSE ONE CLASS FOR EACH PERIOD (Make a note of your class selections on this schedule for future reference)

	Adults	Intergenerational	Children
PERIOD A 8:40-10:00 Thurs-Sun	1) KEYNOTE ADDRESS by Gina Hens-Piazza		19) Keynote Infant Care 20) Promise A (Pre K-Gr. 1) 21) Karing Kids A (Gr. 2-4) 22) Horizons (Gr. 5-7) 23) Choices (Gr. 8-9) 24) Youth and the Church (Gr. 10-12)
PERIOD B 10:30-11:45 Thurs-Sun	2) Dialogue with Keynoter 3) Pt. I -Mother Church – Love Her Or??? (Thursday and Friday) Pt. II The Eucharistic Prayer Uncovered (Saturday and Sunday) 4) Connecting with God 5) Catching a Glimpse; Reflective Writing	10) The Daily Bluff Gr. 5 and up 11) Mosaics Gr. 5 and up 12) Psyanky Eggs Gr. 5 and up 13) Yoga For Everyone! Gr. 8 and up	25) Promise B (pre K-Gr. 1) 26) Karing Kids B (Gr. 2-4) 27) Let's Find Some Fun Gr. 5 and up
PERIOD C 3:30-5:00 Thurs-Sat	6) Pope Francis and the Five Popes Before Him 7) Keeping the Faith: Being Fed by Sacred Scripture, Sacred Art and St. Benedict 8) The Catholic Experience in the United States 9) Loving Discipline	14) Zentangle Art Gr. 5 and up 15) Needles-N-Things Gr. 2 and up 16) Tennis Anyone? Gr. 2 and up 17) Work That Body Gr. 8 and up 18) Exploring Watercolor Gr. 5 and up	28) Craft, Fun and Make-Believe Gr. 2 and up 29) WaterWorks Gr. 2 and up 30) Cozy Corner All ages with children under 2 wel- come with a parent 31) Kids-R-Cookin Gr. 2 and up



✂-----Detach here OR download a single-page registration form from our website at summerconferenceportland.org-----



REGISTRATION FORM Due by July 1

Mail Registration Form and Fees to: **Summer Conference, P.O. Box 2767, Corvallis, OR 97339**

FAMILY NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____ OK TO PUBLISH IN DIRECTORY-YES? __NO?__

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

FAMILY E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

OK TO PUBLISH IN DIRECTORY-YES? __NO?__

PHONE NUMBER(S) _____ OK TO PUBLISH IN DIRECTORY-YES? __NO?__

CLASS CHOICES -USE NUMBERS FROM CLASS DESCRIPTIONS ON PAGE 2.

NAME	AGE	GRADE	PERIOD A CLASS CHOICES	PERIOD B CLASS CHOICES	PERIOD C CLASS CHOICES
Adults					
		n/a	Keynote (all adults)	1st: 2nd:	1st: 2nd:
		n/a	Keynote (all adults)	1st: 2nd:	1st: 2nd:
Children -Gr. 5 and up (Indicate grade level for the next school year)					
			Age-Level Class	1st: 2nd:	1st: 2nd:
			Age-Level Class	1st: 2nd:	1st: 2nd:
			Age-Level Class	1st: 2nd:	1st: 2nd:
			Age-Level Class	1st: 2nd:	1st: 2nd:
Children -Gr. 4 and younger (Indicate grade level for the next school year if applicable)					
			Age-Level Class (Infant-4th Gr.)		1st: 2nd:
			Age-Level Class (Infant-4th Gr.)		1st: 2nd:
			Age-Level Class (Infant-4th Gr.)		1st: 2nd:
			Age-Level Class (Infant-4th Gr.)		1st: 2nd:

Any Gifts to Share? Are you a Doctor? Nurse? Musician?: _____

Could you help monitor free-time activities?: Y/N PREFERRED DAY OR TIME? _____

Any Food Allergies? NAME AND LIST OF FOODS: _____

Contact Andy and Susie Zaremba with any special needs or questions.
call: 541-758-4235
or email: zar@nwlinc.com

FEE WORKSHEET

RESIDENTS:

ADULT SINGLE: ___x \$462 = \$ _____

ADULT COUPLE: ___x \$820 = \$ _____

YOUNG ADULT: ___x \$247 = \$ _____

CHILD AGE 3-5 (Shared Room): ___x \$177 = \$ _____

CHILD AGE 6-21 (Shared Room): ___x \$197 = \$ _____

CHILD (Single Room): ___x \$247 = \$ _____

SCHOENFELDT HALL EXTRA: ___x \$100 = \$ _____

OR

COMMUTERS:

ADULT COMM. w/MEALS: ___x \$337 = \$ _____

CHILD COMM. w/MEALS AGE 3-5: ___x \$127 = \$ _____

CHILD COMM. w/MEALS AGE 6-21: ___x \$147 = \$ _____

ADULT COMM. -NO MEALS: ___x \$217 = \$ _____

CHILD COMM. -NO MEALS: ___x \$117 = \$ _____

KEYNOTE SERIES ONLY: ___x \$110 = \$ _____

TOTAL COST = \$ _____

50% of COST DUE WITH REGISTRATION = \$ _____

OPTIONAL TAX-DEDUCT. DONATION = \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ _____

Make checks payable to
Engelberg Conference

Unpaid balance and class fees due upon arrival.

Cancellations subject to a processing fee

Afternoon Activities

To enhance your enjoyment of the week and renew your energy, afternoons include free time for reading, visiting, playing, exercise or spiritual direction ... or a well-deserved nap.

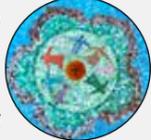
Evening Activities

Thursday: Evening age-group activities and adult social hour.

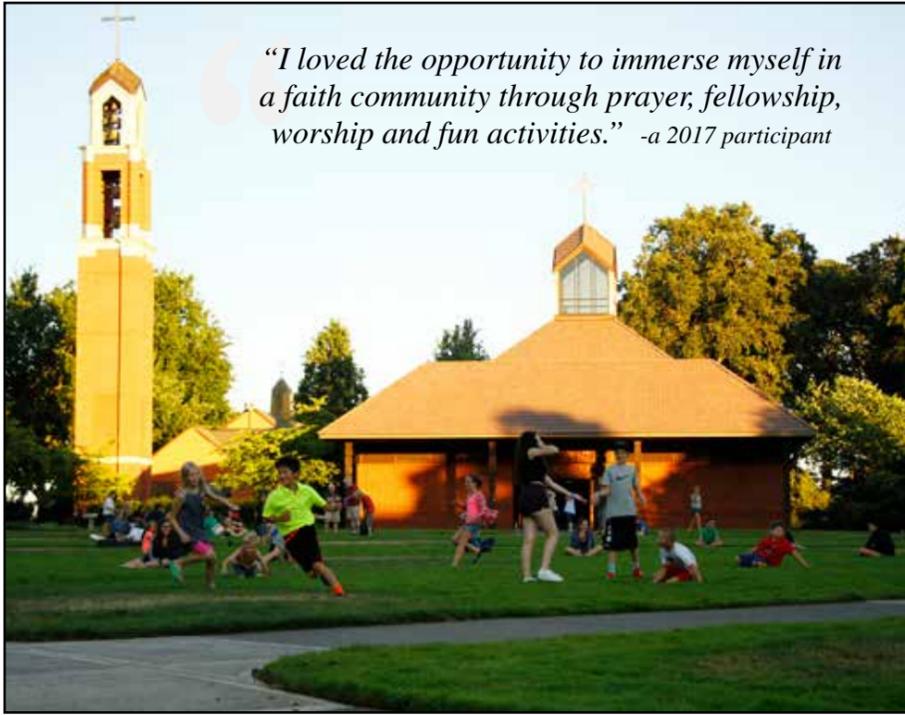
Friday: Reconciliation service and root beer floats.

Saturday: "Invite Your Guests to Dinner," dessert, music and games. Bring your lawn chairs!

Conference Steering Committee

Michael Danielson		Chris Hughes
Abbot Jeremy Driscoll, O.S.B.		Catherine & David Otto
Toni Cooper & Andy Oldham		Susie & Andy Zarembo
Julie Ferrari		Bill Zuelke

"I loved the opportunity to immerse myself in a faith community through prayer, fellowship, worship and fun activities." -a 2017 participant



For more pictures from last year's Conference, visit www.summerconferenceportland.org.

Daily Schedule

WEDNESDAY

2:00-4:30	Registration
4:15-4:45	Campus tours for new participants
5:00-6:00	Dinner
6:15-7:00	Opening Prayer / Intro to Keynote / Commissioning
7:00-8:15	Age-group gatherings
10:00	Night prayer



THURSDAY TO SATURDAY

7:00	Morning prayer
7:15-8:15	Breakfast
8:00	Conference Mass in UP Chapel (Thursday only)
8:40-10:00	Period A: Keynote address for adults Age-level classes: Pre-K - Gr. 12
10:00-10:20	Snack break
10:30-11:45	Period B: Choice of class for Gr. 5 - adult Age-level classes: Pre-K - Gr. 4
Noon	Mass (optional at UP Chapel)
12:15-1:00	Lunch
1:00-3:00	Rest and Recreation
3:00-3:20	Snack break
3:30-5:00	Period C: Choice of class for all
5:10	Rosary
5:40-6:00	Vespers
6:00-6:45	Dinner
7:00	Evening options
10:00	Night prayer



SUNDAY

7:00	Morning prayer
7:15-8:15	Breakfast
8:40-10:00	Period A: Keynote address for adults Age-level classes: Pre-K - Gr. 12
10:00-10:20	Snack Break
10:30-11:45	Period B: Choice of class for Gr. 5-adult Age-level classes: Pre-K - Gr. 4
Noon-12:45	Lunch
12:50-2:15	Group photo, Mass, and Closing



FACULTY AND STAFF

Anderson, Barb: Recently retired after 27 years as Pastoral Associate at St. Mary's in Corvallis; frequent retreat leader; mother of three children and two grandchildren; M.A. in Theology, Mount Angel.

Barsotti, Beth: Assistant Director for Faith Formation at University of Portland; M.Div. University of Notre Dame; B.A. Theology, Seattle University.

Barsotti, Tara: Fifth grade teacher at St. Paul's in Eugene; has three children and enjoys reading, playing and staying active; University of Portland graduate.

Berge, Ian: Teaches Global Studies and history and coaches cross country and track at Valley Catholic H.S. in Beaverton; Gonzaga University; has a passion for running.

Buccola, Molly: Director of Campus Ministry at Woodside Priory School in San Francisco, California since 2006; master's in Catholic Educational Leadership, Santa Clara; Molly spent the first 25 summers of her life at Mount Angel Summer Conference where she found faith, inspiration, love and life-long friendships.

Campbell, Susie: Long-time head coach of women's tennis at the University of Portland; Business Degree, University of Oklahoma.

Chaves OSF, Sr. Mary Jo: A Franciscan sister and a spiritual director and retreat leader at the Franciscan Spiritual Center in Milwaukie; M.A. in Applied Theology from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, CA; M.A. in Education from Lewis and Clark College, Portland.

Clarke, Don: Director of Campus Ministry at Jesuit High School and a student of all things Catholic. He and his wife Mary Jo Clarke MD have two wonderful children; loves his job, camping and playing guitar.

Conroy, Julie Brand: Migrant Education Program manager with the Multnomah ESD in Portland; mother of two; long-time Summer Conference participant.

Cooper, Toni: Yearbook, newspaper and photography teacher and track coach at Marist Catholic High School in Eugene; B.A. Art Education, U of O.

Danielson, Michael: Teaches yearbook, theology and media literacy at Seattle Prep in Seattle; Northwest consultant for the LA-based Center for Media Literacy; M.A. in Ministry, Seattle University.

DeBruyn, Monica: Multi-media artist and catechist for children and family events at Our Lady of the Lake Parish in Lake Oswego; B.A. Fine Arts, Graphic Design, University of Illinois.

Dickinson, James: Teaches astronomy at Clackamas Community College and loves all things related to science.

Dickinson, Margaret: Middle school religion and science teacher at Holy Family Catholic School in Portland; incorporates various forms of prayer, love of nature, and Catholic social justice teachings into all her classes.

Driscoll O.S.B, Abbot Jeremy: The Abbot at Mount Angel Abbey since 2016 and a Benedictine monk and priest for 44 years; author of a number of books and articles on the liturgy, as well as literature and poetry.

Ferrari, Julie: Assistant campus minister, theology teacher and Service Director at Marist Catholic High School in Eugene.

Hambley, Kayla: Teacher and volleyball coach at Central Catholic H.S.; master's in neuro education, University of Portland.

Hambley, Kirk: Experienced Summer Conference "Snack Boy"; insurance adjuster and firefighter.

Hart, Brendan: Architect in Portland; Bachelor of Architecture, Notre Dame University; always interested in art, was introduced to watercolor in his architectural studies and continues to experiment with the medium both at work and as a relaxing hobby.

Hart, Meeghan: Architect in Portland; Bachelor of Architecture, Notre Dame University; has used watercolor extensively as a rendering medium and loves the way that watercolor can quickly and effectively convey an idea.

Hecker, Ina: Hispanic Ministry Coordinator at St. Mary's in Corvallis; dentist by profession; artist and teacher, and painter of icons since 1995.

Hegwood, Nick: Middle school teacher and religion department chair at Valley Catholic Middle School and the head football coach at Valley Catholic H.S. in Beaverton; graduate of Portland State University.

Hjorth, Sadie: 3rd grade teacher in Portland; mother of three children.

Hornburg, Val: A lifelong teacher/learner; a trained SoulCollage® & labyrinth facilitator and loves giving sacred workshops and retreats; M.A.T.; B.S. Education.

Hughes, Chris: Physical therapist for the last 34 years specializing in Orthopedics and Pelvic Health.

Hughes, Mike: Athletic Director at Jesuit H.S. in Portland; M.A. Religious Ed, Boston College; B.A. Theology, University of Portland.

Klee, Anita: First grade teacher in Beaverton; M.A.T. Plus Reading Specialist Endorsement, George Fox University; B.S. Home Economics, OSU.

Klinger, Rachel: Engineering degree from the University of Virginia; mother of one son. Rachel returns to Summer Conference ready to soothe, rock, change, and entertain your infant so that you can attend the keynote address.

Langer, Ellen: Cell biologist/cancer researcher at OHSU; mom of three; basketball coach.

Miller, Allison Thompson: Middle school language arts and seventh grade religion teacher at St. Pius X Catholic School in Portland; graduate of Jesuit High School; bachelor's in Secondary Education and English from Boston College; tries to develop her students' growth in all areas—including academic, spiritual and social.

Oldham, Andy: Assistant principal, Marist Catholic High School in Eugene; M.A.T. Lewis & Clark College; B.A. English, U of O.

Oldham, Zac: Has been a Summer Conference participant since infancy; bachelor's in engineering from Gonzaga University.

Otto, Becca: A Conference participant since childhood; enjoys drawing and experimenting with digital art; B.A. History and German Studies, University of Portland.

Otto, Catherine: Elementary school teacher in Monroe, Oregon; Mount Angel Abbey oblate.

Otto, David: Decades of joyful experience in fooling around and learning from failure-willing to lead others astray in the same process; B.A. Geography, Humboldt State University.

Schaefer, Mimi: Longtime friend of the Conference and an active contemplative with experiences in writing, prayer, listening, group discussion, study and family life; M.A. Rhetoric and Composition, British and American Literature, OSU; B.A. English, OSU.

Schenk, Amy: Former teacher; mom and dancer; taught high school-aged dancers at Thunderbird Dance Camp and is currently a ballet student at Classical Ballet Academy

Tenos, Noel: Physical therapist for 30 years at Advance Sports and Spine Therapy; yoga has been part of overcoming his own physical limitations including a partial knee replacement; became a yoga instructor for a deeper understanding of this ancient practice.

Thompson, Deb: Certified Zentangle teacher; has been practicing the art of Zentangle for four years and teaching for two; married with two daughters; master's degree in Social Work with primary experience working in children and family therapy with a specialization in bereavement counseling.

Thompson, Peggy: Recently retired after 33 years of practicing physical therapy; adult leader for her parish Edge youth program; merit badge counselor for her son's boy scout troop for five years; loves to cook and has taught her two children how to appreciate good homemade food.

Vanderwal, Kelly: Project manager at Nike; B.A. Economics, Willamette University; M.S. Technology, OHSU. Loves playing with her family and staying active.

Vlazny, Archbishop John: Archbishop Emeritus; ordained in 1961; named auxiliary bishop of Chicago, 1983, Bishop of Winona, Minn., 1987, and Portland from 1997-2013. He holds a licentiate in Sacred Theology from the Gregorian University, Rome; a Master of Arts in the classics from the University of Michigan and a Master of Education in Educational Administration from Loyola University in Chicago.

Weber, Bobbie: Brings a lifetime of working with young children including her own grandchildren as well as having graduate degrees in child and human development.

Weber, Peter: Writer and editor at The Week, an online, weekly news and entertainment magazine; has worked at a financial newswire, Facts on File, and The New York Times Magazine; longtime Conference participant.

Zarembo, Andy: VP Sales and Marketing at Perpetua Power Source Technologies in Corvallis.

Zarembo, Susie: Volunteer in church and community; background in pediatric physical therapy.

Zuelke, Bill: Glass artist working primarily in fused glass, but continues to explore mosaics; loves the interaction between learners and loves watching the creative process.

