

The 41st Annual
Summer Conference

-Building the Church-
**HOW TO ENGAGE WITH A
 WORLD THAT NEEDS YOU**
JULY 26 - 30, 2023

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



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2023 KEYNOTE AND CONFERENCE THEME

At a time when we are deluged with information, pulled by opposing camps, and facing down multiple local and global issues, how do we engage reality in a way that is Gospel-centered, active and fruitful? Over the course of four days, theologian Dr. Cecilia González-Andrieu will present some moveable tools for the kinds of questions and priorities we need to engage to help our planetary community to flourish.

2023 KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Cecilia González-Andrieu, Ph.D.



Cecilia González-Andrieu

Dr. Cecilia González-Andrieu is professor of Theology at Loyola Marymount University, where she also works on multiple initiatives to serve the Latinx community, especially undocumented students. A graduate of LMU and the Graduate Theological Union Berkeley, she is a contributing writer for *America Magazine* and publishes and speaks widely as a public theologian. Committed to a faith that does justice, she is also a member

of the board of directors of the Ignatian Solidarity Network and an advisor to the Discerning Deacons Project. A respected international lecturer on issues of political theology, theological aesthetics, and Latino theology she is the author of the book *Bridge to Wonder: Art as a Gospel of Beauty*, co-editor of *Teaching Global Theologies: Power and Praxis*, and a contributor to many other publications, including *Go Into the Streets: The Welcoming Church of Pope Francis*, *Contemporary Art & Religion: A Curious Regard*, and the forthcoming second volume of *Catholic Women Preach*.

For more about Dr. González-Andrieu:
expertfile.com/experts/cecilia.gonzalezandrieu



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

WHAT IS SUMMER CONFERENCE?

Since 1983, the Summer Conference has provided participants 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

Summer Conference, originally known as the Mount Angel Summer Conference, was hosted by Mount Angel Abbey for its first 25 years.

In 2007, after 25 years of vision and leadership, the founders of the Conference handed the reins to long-time Conference participants and staff who formed Engelberg Conference. In 2008, the non-profit organization reinitiated the Summer Conference in its new location at the University of Portland. 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 afternoon registration and concludes with a midday 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 available for commuters.

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 go to www.summerconferenceportland.org

— PARTICIPANT FEES —
2023 COST OF TUITION/ROOM/BOARD (SHIPSTAD HALL)

Adult: \$490 Young Adult (22-26): \$310
Child (6-21): \$250 Child (3-5): \$200 Child (0-2): no charge

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

Tyson/Haggerty Hall surcharge - \$100 per person

For interested adults, newer apartment-style housing (with A/C, linens and a semi-private bath), located on opposite side of campus from Shipstad Hall.

COST FOR COMMUTERS WITH MEALS

(Wednesday dinner through Sunday lunch)

Adult: \$360 Child (6-21): \$185 Child (3-5): \$150

KEYNOTE SERIES ONLY

Adult: \$150 *(Wednesday 6:15-7 p.m. and Thurs-Sun 8:40 -10 a.m.)*

NEW THIS YEAR: *No additional class fees!*

**Costs are based on past participant numbers and UP room & board cost. .*

**Staff discount is approximately 40% for staff member plus 15% for staff family.
 (Staff costs are published on the worksheet on page 4)*

**Interested in becoming a staff member?*

Please contact us at summerconferenceportland@gmail.com

**Financial assistance is available for up to 50% of costs as funds allow via confidential application. Please follow instructions during online registration.*

Online registration and how to pay electronically are available at
www.summerconferenceportland.org



“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 past participant



CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

Adult Classes

PERIOD A

1) KEYNOTE

Cecilia González-Andrieu, Ph.D.

See front page for more information.

PERIOD B

2) DIALOGUE WITH KEYNOTER

Cecilia González-Andrieu, Ph.D.

An opportunity to explore specific topics presented during keynote through discussion in a small group setting.

3) MONASTIC MUSINGS: 7 RICH WAYS OF LIVING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

Br. Charles Gonzalez, OSB

For 1,500 years, the Rule of St. Benedict has recommended a balanced life of work and prayer that has built up a civilization of peace and communion in monasteries around the world. Certain practices, or “rich ways” of living, have sustained Benedictine monastic life and attracted others to practice them daily. We will examine the 7 Rich Ways of Prayer, Life Together, Deep Reading, Life Centered on the Eucharist, Hospitality, Promoting Arts and Culture, Caring for the Land and Environment and see how you might apply them to your family and everyday life.

4) BE STILL AND KNOW THROUGH WRITING

Jen Furl

Take some time to write and reflect on your Summer Conference insights and how they may guide you in navigating the joys and sorrows in your current life. Using the keynote address, excerpts from spiritual memoirs and poetry as inspiration, we will write and share together as a way to be still and know God's presence. *Be sure to bring a journal and pen.*

PERIOD C

5) CATHOLIC BIOETHICS IN THE MODERN WORLD

Nick Kockler

We will survey the major bioethical issues facing society today, such as reproductive health, end-of-life choices, and gene editing. We will reflect upon and discuss the intersection of scientific findings, Church teaching, and legal aspects to better understand how one may navigate these issues within the Catholic faith tradition.

6) DISCERNING THE SPIRIT ON THE COMPLEX AND DIVISIVE ISSUE OF IMMIGRATION

Jay Conroy & Bruce Weber

In this class we will explore together the complex and divisive issue of immigration. Using the process of “Observe, Judge, Act,” participants will reflect on the history of immigration in this country and in their own families, and briefly review the social teaching of the church on immigration. We will explore different perspectives on how our nation and our own communities should act toward those who migrate or seek to migrate, and we will discuss possible faith-based responses in our own daily walk.

7) IGNITING THE SPIRITUAL IMAGINATION: PRAYING WITH THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE

Beth Barsotti

Our time together will begin with an introduction to The St. John's Bible, an illuminated Bible commissioned by the Benedictine community at St. John's Abbey in Minnesota. It is the first illuminated, handwritten Bible in more than 500 years using traditional materials. The Bible is a feast for your eyes to behold! The illuminations will become part of our prayer as we engage in Visio Divina, a form of prayer where we slow down and both listen to and seek to see God's Word in Scripture and art. Come and be willing to be transformed by the graces we behold.

Intergenerational Classes

PERIOD B

8) THE DAILY BLUFFER

Peter Weber and Paul Vanderwal

Come help us chronicle Summer Conference! We will find and tell the stories of Conference and publish a daily companion to our shared life for these five days. 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.*

9) MOSAICS

Toni Cooper & Monica DeBruyn

Come learn the art of mosaics, from design to production to presentation. Priority will be given to first-time class participants. All supplies provided. *Gr. 5 and up.*

10) PRAYING WITH COLLAGE

Randy Derrick

This class will provide a forum for individuals to explore the medium of collage as a way to engage their understanding of faith and the self. *Gr. 5 and up.*

11) LET'S DANCE

Rachel Lidskog-Lin & Jack Lin

2022 Summer Conference Dance Party phenoms return for more, this time an intergenerational Period B dance class! *Gr. 5 and up*

12) FUN GAMES AND MOVEMENT

Erin Fox and Christy Kohler

Come join in a variety of outdoor games! Having fun is the only rule, and success is measured on communication, attitude and perseverance. *Gr. 5 and up*

PERIOD C

13) TENNIS ANYONE?

Susie Campbell

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

14) RESTORE, REVERSE & RE-ENERGIZE

Chris Hughes

We will visit and explore various topics including posture, movements, and breath awareness. Come learn and experience new ways of moving, challenging and resting with your body. Will be appropriate for athletes, “boomers,” and anyone interested in gaining more self-awareness. *Gr. 9 and up.*

15) BEGINNING QUILTING FOR OTHERS

Judy Conroy

Using fabric as the medium and the sewing machine as a primary tool, we will create a “charity quilt.” Maybe as a gift to a beloved monk, and/or a Holy Cross priest. Fabric will be pre-cut, and the quilt will be simple and scrappy. Help bring warmth to a body and soul as you learn quilting and sewing skills. Beginners are welcome. *Gr. 5 and up.*

16) PHOTOGRAPHY

Alyssa Hughes

For anyone who wants to develop (pun intended) their photo taking skills, we will learn some simple tricks to help you create pleasing composition while writing with light! Bring your camera or phone with a good camera. *Gr. 5 and up.*

Children's Classes

PERIOD A

17) KEYNOTE INFANT CARE

Rachel Klinger

18) PROMISE A (Pre K-Gr 1)

Ruth Hambley and Genesee McCarthy

19) KARING KIDS A (Gr 2-4)

Lauren Sanders

20) HORIZONS (Gr 5-7)

Paul Burch

21) CHOICES (Gr 8-9)

Laura Makowski

22) YOUTH & THE CHURCH (Gr 10-12)

David Lester

PERIOD B

23) BABY AND ME (Ages 0-3 and their caretakers)

Anna Drake and Lisa Conroy

A space for adults and their infant or toddler (who are not yet old enough for classes) to hang out and play. We will provide the space and the toys and you bring your child(ren), the conversation, and desire for community building. No attendance taken — this will be a space to drop in, play and chat.

24) PROMISE B (Pre K-Gr 1)

Sarah Burch

25) KARING KIDS B (Gr 2-4)

Caitlin Breitenstein

PERIOD C

26) STORY AND PLAYTIME

Bobbie Weber and Sadie Hjorth

For children at the end of a busy day. We will have fun activities and great books to read. Children will be able to move between activities and listen to stories. The class is for children who are 4 years and older. Parents of children 3 and younger are welcome to join in and stay with their child(ren). *Ages 4 and older. (Ages 0-3 with an adult)*

27) 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 enjoy their unique kitchen creations from fresh fruit smoothies to tortilla inventions and more. *Please a make note if you have dietary restrictions/allergies on the registration form so Peggy can make accommodations in advance. Bring an apron and a smile. *Gr. 2 and up.*

28) BUILD IT!

David and Catherine Otto

Build a scale model of a boat, house, or bridge or a flyable kite. Each model will be constructed using parts and materials from a prepared kit. Extra materials will be available to customize the design of your project. *Gr. 2 and up.*

*** SPIRITUAL DIRECTION**

Fr. Bob Antonelli, CSC

Fr. Bob Antonelli said he is willing to accompany adults through one-on-one conversations to help “see that God is everywhere and it is possible to find God's peace in both pleasant and painful places.” Signups will be available for 30 minute appointments during the day with Fr. Bob. You choose the topic and he will guide!

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

CHOOSE ONE CLASS
FOR EACH PERIOD

	<i>Adults</i>	<i>Intergenerational</i>	<i>Children</i>
PERIOD A 8:40-10:00 Thurs-Sun	1) KEYNOTE ADDRESS by Dr. Cecilia González-Andrieu		17) KEYNOTE INFANT CARE 18) PROMISE A (Pre K-Gr. 1) 19) KARING KIDS A (Gr. 2-4) 20) HORIZONS (Gr. 5-7) 21) CHOICES (Gr. 8-9) 22) YOUTH & THE CHURCH (Gr. 10-12)
PERIOD B 10:30-11:45 Thurs-Sun	2) DIALOGUE WITH KEYNOTER 3) MONASTIC MUSINGS: 7 RICH WAYS OF LIVING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE 4) BE STILL AND KNOW THROUGH WRITING	8) THE DAILY BLUFFER Gr. 5 and up 9) MOSAICS Gr. 5 and up. 10) PRAYING WITH COLLAGE Gr. 5 and up 11) LET'S DANCE Gr. 5 and up 12) FUN GAMES AND MOVEMENT Gr. 5 and up	23) BABY AND ME (Drop-In Fun for Ages 0-3 and their caretakers) 24) PROMISE B (Pre K-Gr. 1) 25) KARING KIDS B (Gr. 2-4)
PERIOD C 3:30-5:00 Thurs-Sat	5) CATHOLIC BIOETHICS IN THE MODERN WORLD 6) DISCERNING THE SPIRIT ON THE COMPLEX AND DIVISIVE ISSUE OF IMMIGRATION 7) IGNITING THE SPIRITUAL IMAGINATION: PRAYING WITH THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE	13) TENNIS ANYONE? Gr. 2 and up 14) RESTORE, REVERSE & RE-ENERGIZE Gr. 9 and up 15) BEGINNING QUILTING FOR OTHERS Gr. 5 and up 16) PHOTOGRAPHY Gr. 5 and up	26) STORY AND PLAYTIME Ages 4 and up (Ages 0-3 with an adult) 27) KIDS-R-COOKIN' Gr. 2 and up 28) BUILD IT! Gr. 2 and up



RETURNING
THIS
YEAR - Online
Registration &
E-Invoicing



REGISTRATION FORM

NEW
THIS YEAR!
No Deposit
needed, no class fees!
Staff & non-staff
use same online
form!

Go to summerconferenceportland.org to register online. Engelberg Conference will invoice you via QuickBooks for your total cost due by July 19th, payable via **bank transfer, credit card, or check.**

If you prefer, you can mail paper registration form and check payable to Engelberg Conference to:
Summer Conference c/o Jakub & Ellen Langer, 2626 NE 18th Ave., Portland, Oregon 97212.

Registration Deadline: June 1, 2023. REGISTER EARLY - POPULAR CLASSES FILL UP FAST

FAMILY NAME(S) _____
 ADDRESS _____ OK TO PUBLISH IN DIRECTORY-YES? ___ NO? ___
 CITY, STATE, ZIP _____
 FAMILY E-MAIL _____ OK TO PUBLISH IN DIRECTORY-YES? ___ NO? ___
 PHONE NUMBER(S) _____ OK TO PUBLISH IN DIRECTORY-YES? ___ NO? ___
 EMERGENCY CONTACT AND PHONE NUMBER _____

Contact Registrars,
Jakub and Ellen Langer,
with any needs or questions:
(314) 223-1809

summerconferenceportland@gmail.com

FEE WORKSHEET

RESIDENTS (ROOM AND BOARD):

ADULT: x \$490 = \$
 YOUNG ADULT (AGE 22-26): x \$310 = \$
 CHILD (AGE 6-21): x \$250 = \$
 CHILD (AGE 3-5): x \$200 = \$
 CHILD (AGE 0-2): x \$FREE = \$

STAFF (ROOM AND BOARD):

STAFF ADULT: x \$295 = \$
 PARTNER OF STAFF ADULT: x \$415 = \$
 STAFF YOUNG ADULT: x \$265 = \$
 CHILD OF STAFF (AGE 6-21): x \$210 = \$
 CHILD OF STAFF (AGE 3-5): x \$170 = \$
 CHILD OF STAFF (AGE 0-2): x \$FREE = \$

OPTIONAL TYSON/HAGGERTY HALL (A/C)
(Additional Per Adult Only): x \$100 = \$

COMMUTERS (MEALS ONLY):

ADULT: x \$360 = \$
 CHILD (AGE 6-21): x \$185 = \$
 CHILD (AGE 3-5): x \$150 = \$
 CHILD (AGE 0-2): x \$FREE = \$

STAFF COMMUTERS (MEALS ONLY):

STAFF ADULT: x \$215 = \$
 PARTNER OF STAFF ADULT: x \$290 = \$
 CHILD OF STAFF (AGE 6-21): x \$145 = \$
 CHILD OF STAFF (AGE 3-5): x \$120 = \$
 CHILD OF STAFF (AGE 0-2): x \$FREE = \$

KEYNOTE SERIES ONLY: x \$150 = \$

TOTAL STAFF DISCOUNT DONATION = \$
Optional tax-deductible donation of staff discount-
Proceed to online registration for itemized
options or write in donation amount above.

TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION = \$
Optional tax-deductible donation
that goes towards financial assistance

TOTAL DUE WITH REGISTRATION \$ _____

CLASS CHOICES

USE NUMBERS FROM CLASS DESCRIPTIONS ON PAGE 2 OF BROCHURE OR THE WEBSITE REGISTRATION PAGE

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

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

Special Needs or Dietary Restrictions? _____ Interested in becoming a staff member? _____

NEW!

Staff, If you would you like to donate all/portion of your staff discount to help cover the full cost of the conference, there is now a place available on your online registration form. *You will receive a tax exempt letter for any payment above the posted staff and staff family cost to reflect this tax-deductible donation.

Cancellation Policy

In the event of a cancellation prior to July 19, all payments will be 100% refunded by Engelberg Conference. Beginning July 19, when costs with UP are finalized, refunds will be granted on a case-by-case basis.

Afternoon Activities

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

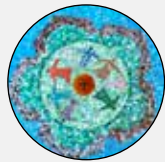
Evening Activities

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

Friday: Reconciliation Service, root beer floats and family dance party.

Saturday: "Invite Your Guests to Dinner," dessert, music and games.

Bring your blankets & lawn chairs!



Conference Steering Committee

Tara Barsotti, Molly Buccola, Toni Cooper, Julie Ferrari, Brother Charles Gonzalez OSB, Ellen Langer, Jakub Langer, Kelly Vanderwal and Rachael Weber



For more pictures from past Conferences, visit www.summerconferenceportland.org.

DAILY SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY

- 2:00-4:30 **Registration**
- 4:45 Campus tours for new participants
- 5:00-6:00 **Dinner**
- 6:15-7:00 **Opening Prayer / Intro to Keynote / Commissioning**
- 7:00-8:00 **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)**
- 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
- 7:15-8:25 **Breakfast**
- 8:40-10:00 **PERIOD A:** Keynote address for adults & all age-level classes.
- 10:00-10:20 **Snack Break**
- 10:30-11:45 **PERIOD B:** Choice of class for Gr. 5-adult & Age-level classes for Pre-K - Gr. 4
- Noon-12:45 **Lunch and Group Photo**
- 12:50-2:15 **Mass and Closing**



FACULTY AND STAFF

Antonelli, Fr. Bob CSC: Retired Holy Cross priest; Volunteer Archivist at U.P., Ph.D. in biblical studies from University of Strasbourg; Licentiate in Sacred Theology, Gregorian University; M.A., Johns Hopkins University; B.A. University of Notre Dame.

Barsotti, Beth: Senior Specialist for Faculty and Staff Formation at Gonzaga University; M.Div. University of Notre Dame; B.A. Theology, Seattle University. Currently finishing Ph.D. in Theology and Education at the School of Theology and Ministry at Boston College with a focus on faculty formation in Jesuit higher education.

Barsotti, Tara: Teacher at St. Paul Catholic School in Eugene; has three children and enjoys reading, watercolor, and staying active; University of Portland graduate.

Breitenstein, Caitlin: Middle school theology and math teacher at St. Paul Catholic School in Eugene.

Burch, Paul: K-12 Music Director at Lundy Elementary and Lowell Jr./Sr. High School with a vocation of equal access to a high quality arts education and musical literacy for all children regardless of circumstance.

Burch, Sarah: Private piano and voice instructor for 20+ years. Owner of Emerald Piano Studio and teacher at St. Paul Catholic School. Music Director at St. Paul Catholic Church. BA Music University of Portland; MM Piano Pedagogy University of Oregon.

Buccola, Molly: Spent the first 25 summers of her life at Mount Angel Summer Conference where amongst the vibrant families, she found faith, inspiration, love, and life-long friendships. B.A. Religious Studies and Psychology, Santa Clara University; Master's in Catholic Educational Leadership, U of San Francisco.

Campbell, Susie: Retired 28-year women's head tennis coach at UP and current Director of Tennis at The Racquet Club in Portland.

Conroy, Jay: Retired high school teacher and administrator, including seven years as principal of Marist Catholic High School in Eugene; B.S. in political science, OSU; J.D. from UO Law.

Conroy, Judy: Wife, (grand)mother, retired pharmacist. OSU alum, longtime quilt lover.

Conroy, Lisa: Nana to 16, wife and mother. Lover of Christ and all things "children"! Retired OSU 4-H Extension agent.

Clarke, Don: Director of Campus Ministry at Jesuit High School in Portland and student of all things Catholic; he loves his job, camping and playing guitar.

Cooper, Toni: Journalism and photography teacher at Marist Catholic High School in Eugene; B.A. Art Education, UO.

DeBruyn, Monica: Multi-media artist and daycare provider at Our Lady of the Lake Parish in Lake Oswego. B.A. Fine Arts Graphic Design, University of Illinois.

Derrick, Randy: Theology teacher at Marist Catholic High School in Eugene.

Drake, Anna: Wife, mom, homeschooling parent of four. OSU and Newman Center alum; longtime sport enthusiast.

Driscoll, Abbot Jeremy, OSB: The Abbot at Mount Angel Abbey since 2016 and a Benedictine monk and priest for 50 years.

Ferrari, Julie: Assistant Campus Minister, theology teacher and service director at Marist Catholic High School in Eugene.

Furl, Jen: An instructional designer based in Austin, Texas; has been a writing facilitator with Write Around Portland and Free Minds Austin.

Gonzalez, Br. Charles OSB: Solemnly Professed Monk of Mount Angel Abbey, Ordained Deacon, theology grad student, cobbler, drummer.

Hambley, Ruth: Transitional kindergarten teacher.

Hjorth, Sadie: Kindergarten teacher in Portland Public Schools; Bachelor of Education in Special Education from Gonzaga University; has taught elementary K-5th and special education K-8th grade since 1999.

Hughes, Alyssa: Freelance photographer with experience taking photos for Gonzaga and The Inlander Newspaper in Spokane. Gonzaga alum, now attending grad school at UO.

Hughes, Chris: Physical therapist for the last 40 years specializing in Orthopedics and Pelvic Health.

Klinger, Rachel: Rachel returns to Summer Conference ready to soothe, rock, change, and entertain your infant during Keynote; engineering degree from University of Virginia.

Kockler, Nick, PhD, MS, HEC-C, Vice President for System Ethics Services, Providence St. Joseph Health.

Langer, Ellen: Mom of three, cell biologist and cancer researcher; basketball coach.

Langer, Jakub: Hand surgeon, soccer dad, outdoor enthusiast, beer brewer, unicyclist.

Lester, David: Service Director and theology teacher at Central Catholic; adjunct instructor in theology at UP.

Lidskog-Lim, Rachel: A professional dancer, singer, and choreographer, has been teaching dance as a certified dance professional since 1989.

Lim, Jack: Jack started ballroom dancing in 1998 at the Carnegie Mellon Ballroom dance club; has described dancing as his "church," a place to share God's love and the joy of dance with as many people as possible.

McCarthy, Genesee: Spanish teacher at St. Pius X Grade School in Portland.

Makowski, Laura: Theology teacher at Central Catholic High School in Portland

Otto, Catherine: Retired school teacher; Mount Angel Abbey oblate.

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

Sanders, Lauren: Elementary school language teacher; Religious Ed Coordinator at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Corvallis; mother of two.

Thompson, Peggy: Recently retired after 33 years of practicing physical therapy in the Portland area; loves to cook and has taught her two children how to appreciate good homemade food.

Vanderwal, Kelly: Program Manager at Nike with a passion for finding the positive in every situation; loves spending time with family and friends and staying active.

Vanderwal, Paul: Paul is a communications and marketing professional in the Portland area currently working in the technology industry.

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, Bruce: Retired after 42-years as an applied economics professor at Oregon State University; worked in Oregon's communities promoting civic dialog on taxes and the social safety net and other public spending.

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.

Weber, Rachael: Has worked in the field of international education and intercultural training in U.S. higher education for more than 22 years; longtime Conference participant.