

The 42nd Annual
Summer Conference

-Building the Church-

**PACIFIC NORTHWEST PERSPECTIVES ON
 LIVING CATHOLIC FAITH TOWARD THE FUTURE**

JULY 24 - 28, 2024

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



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2024 KEYNOTE AND CONFERENCE THEME

Catholic faith is alive in “enfleshed spirits” (us) and in our cultures with all their particularities. Over summer conference, we will deepen our understanding of this truth by exploring together what it means to be Catholic, to embody faith in this place: How does the region inform individual and institutional religious sensibilities and practices? What are the urgent theological questions in our hearts and minds? Are there strategies for passing on faith that are particularly relevant for our context? Reflecting together we will sketch elements of a local Catholic faith drawn toward the future.

2024 KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Dr. Patricia O’Connell Killen (B.A., Gonzaga; M.A., Ph.D., Stanford University) was born and raised in rural Western Oregon and brings that experience to her work as an historian and theologian who thinks, teaches, and writes about Catholicism in North America, religion and spirituality in the Pacific Northwest, and theological reflection. In her work, Patricia explores the intersection of social context, community, and spirituality, seeking to understand



Patricia O’Connell Killen

how, in differing social contexts, communities “think” with the wisdom of their religious heritage to address the novel challenges and circumstances of their time and place. She has authored, contributed to, and co-edited numerous articles and books, including *Religion at the Edge: Nature, Spirituality, and Secularity in the Pacific Northwest* (2022); *The Future of Catholicism in America* (2019); *Religion and Public Life in the Pacific Northwest: The ‘None’ Zone* (2004); and *The Art of Theological Reflection* (1994). In recognition of her teaching and scholarship, Patricia received an American Academy of Religion Teaching Excellence Award (2006), the Elizabeth Seton Medal from the College of Mount St. Joseph (1999), and an Arnold L. and Lois S. Graves Foundation Award for Outstanding Humanities Teachers (1991). Across her four-plus decades as a faculty member and then an administrator at Loyola University of Chicago, Pacific Lutheran University, and Gonzaga University, Patricia has had the privilege of working with amazing students and colleagues. Conversing with others about questions that matter to them is one of her favorite things to do, especially when curiosity and humor have chairs at the table.



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

WHAT IS SUMMER CONFERENCE?

Since 1983, 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 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 —

2024 COST OF TUITION/ROOM/BOARD (KENNA HALL)

Adult: \$495 Young Adult (22-26): \$325
Child (6-21): \$260 Child (3-5): \$210 Child (0-2): no charge
-Remember to bring your own linens!

COST FOR COMMUTERS WITH MEALS

(Wednesday dinner through Sunday lunch)

Adult: \$375 Child (6-21): \$200 Child (3-5): \$160

KEYNOTE SERIES ONLY

Adult: \$160 *(Wednesday 6:15-7 p.m. and Thurs-Sun 8:40 -10 a.m.)*

**Staff discount is approximately 35% for staff member plus 10% for staff family.*

**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.*

*****NEW*** Please consider bringing another participant or family into our wonderful Summer Conference Community. In addition to bringing in new ideas and conversations, increasing participant numbers decreases the overall per person cost for conference. In gratitude, we will offer a 10% discount off of your entire 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

Patricia O'Connel Killen, Ph.D.

See front page for more information.

PERIOD B

2) DIALOGUE WITH KEYNOTER

Patricia O'Connel Killen, Ph.D.

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

3) DECONSTRUCTED CATHOLICISM

Bill Zuelke

What is the relationship between being a Catholic and believing in all that the church teaches? Using the Catholic Catechism and statistics about Catholic praxis, we will explore the wide range that Catholics experience in this area and explore for ourselves what the spectrum looks like for each of us.

4) SOULCOLLAGE®

Val Hornburg

Explore the theme of “Life as Pilgrimage” as we navigate our lives during these ever-changing times. Through this no-fail creative and intuitive process, we will use images to assemble collaged prayer cards, journaling with them and using them as a visual form of prayer to accompany us on our interior and exterior journeys. Get out of your head and listen to your heart!!

PERIOD C

5) THE MEANING AND BEAUTY OF THE CATHOLIC FUNERAL

Fr. Rutherford

Throughout our time together, we will dive into the rich tradition of our Catholic funeral liturgy, and spend time pondering why we do what we do when our loved ones die. We will also have an opportunity to begin planning our own funeral liturgy.

6) DOROTHY DAY AND THE CATHOLIC WORKER MOVEMENT

Bruce Weber

Dorothy Day (1898-1980), founding editor of *The Catholic Worker* newspaper, sought to put into practice the teachings of Jesus and Catholic social encyclicals by establishing Catholic Worker houses of hospitality that welcomed, housed, and fed the poor and marginalized. This class will look at her writings, interact with the local Catholic Worker community, and reflect on how the writings and experiences of the Catholic Worker movement might be relevant in our own lives and times.

7) LECTIO DIVINA PRAYER GROUP

Various

Join us for scriptural reading, meditation, and prayer. Every afternoon we will experience this beautiful and contemplative Benedictine tradition.

Intergenerational Classes

PERIOD B

8) THE DAILY BLUFFER

Peter Weber

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) FUN GAMES AND MOVEMENT

Erin Fox and Christy Kohler

Have fun in the outdoors, moving our bodies through stretching, warm-ups, and playing group games in a supportive environment. *Gr. 5 and up*

10) WANNA DRUM?

Fr. Charles Gonzalez

Come learn basic techniques and rhythms of the drums. In this class you will have the opportunity to learn how to play various percussion instruments like the cajon, djembe, and drumset. *Gr. 5 and up.*

11) KNITTING AND PRAYER SHAWLS

Lisa Conroy

Know of someone who could use a hug and a prayer? Welcome to the beautiful art of prayer shawl knitting. We will cover colors and their meanings, patterns, and different yarns, as well as the history of prayer shawls. Your shawl will be finished over follow-up Zoom classes, as desired. Participants need to know how to cast on, bind off, knit and purl. *Gr. 5 and up*

PERIOD C

12) 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.*

13) 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.*

14) MOSAICS

Toni Cooper

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.*

15) COOKIE DECORATING

Sadie Hjorth

Let's get creative with cookies (and other treats)! Bring your imagination and we will explore different ways to decorate cookies and treats using different types of icings and other edible delights. No experience necessary and no matter what you make, it will taste delicious!
Gr. 5 and up.

Children's Classes

PERIOD A

16) KEYNOTE INFANT CARE

TBD

17) PROMISE A (Pre K-Gr 1)

Caitlin Breitenstein and Alyssa Hughes

18) KARING KIDS A (Gr 2-4)

TBD

19) HORIZONS (Gr 5-6)

Paul Vanderwal

20) CHOICES (Gr 7-9)

Jack Kiesewetter

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

Paul Burch

PERIOD B

22) PROMISE B (Pre K-Gr 1)

Sarah Burch and TBD

23) KARING KIDS B (Gr 2-4)

Jen Furl

PERIOD C

24) PLAY AND STORIES

Bobbie Weber and Dolores Golden

For children at the end of a busy day, we will offer 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)*

25) KIDS-R-COOKIN'

Anna Drake

Come explore the science of baking and cooking as we learn to create delicious foods without gluten or dairy. We will also practice basic cooking skills such as measuring, cutting, and mixing. Kids will enjoy their unique kitchen creations from homemade pita sandwiches, fresh baked cookies and more.
**Please note the instructors for this class will work to ensure a fun and safe environment for those with gluten and/or dairy allergies.
 Gr. 2 and up.*

26) BUILD IT!

TBD

Create and build with us every afternoon as we explore science and engineering. *Gr. 1 and up.*

* SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

TBD

Signups will be available for 30 minute appointments during the day with several advisers. You choose the topic and they will guide!

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

CHOOSE ONE CLASS
FOR EACH PERIOD

	Adults	Intergenerational	Children
PERIOD A 8:40-10:00 Thurs-Sun	1) KEYNOTE ADDRESS by Dr. Patricia O'Connell Killen		16) KEYNOTE INFANT CARE 17) PROMISE A (Pre K-Gr. 1) 18) KARING KIDS A (Gr. 2-4) 19) HORIZONS (Gr. 5-6) 20) CHOICES (Gr. 7-9) 21) YOUTH & THE CHURCH (Gr. 10-12)
PERIOD B 10:30-11:45 Thurs-Sun	2) DIALOGUE WITH KEYNOTER (Dr. Patricia O'Connell Killen) 3) DECONSTRUCTED CATHOLICISM (Bill Zuelke) 4) SOULCOLLAGE® (Val Hornburg)	8) THE DAILY BLUFFER (Peter Weber) Gr. 5 and up 9) FUN GAMES AND MOVEMENT (Erin Fox and Christy Kohler) Gr. 5 and up 10) WANNA DRUM? (Fr. Charles) Gr. 5 and up 11) KNITTING AND PRAYER SHAWLS (Lisa Conroy) Gr. 5 and up	22) PROMISE B (Pre K-Gr. 1) 23) KARING KIDS B (Gr. 2-4)
PERIOD C 3:30-5:00 Thurs-Sat	5) THE MEANING AND BEAUTY OF THE CATHOLIC FUNERAL (Fr. Rutherford) 6) DOROTHY DAY AND THE CATHOLIC WORKER MOVEMENT (Bruce Weber) 7) LECTIO DIVINA PRAYER GROUP	12) TENNIS ANYONE? (Susie Campbell) Gr. 2 and up 13) RESTORE, REVERSE, RE-ENERGIZE (Chris Hughes) Gr. 9 and up 14) MOSAICS (Toni Cooper) Gr. 5 and up 15) COOKIE DECORATING (Sadie Hjorth) Gr. 5 and up	24) PLAY AND STORIES (Bobbie Weber and Dolores Golden) Ages 4 and up (Ages 0-3 with an adult) 25) KIDS-R-COOKIN' (Anna Drake) Gr. 2 and up 26) BUILD IT! (TBD) Gr. 1 and up



RETURNING THIS YEAR - Online Registration & E-Invoicing



REGISTRATION

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 print the online registration form and mail with check payable to Engelberg Conference to **Summer Conference c/o Jakub & Ellen Langer, 2626 NE 18th Ave., Portland, Oregon 97212.**

Registration Deadline: June 1, 2024. 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 _____

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? _____

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-deductable donation.

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

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

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FEE WORKSHEET

RESIDENTS (ROOM AND BOARD):

ADULT: _____ x \$495 = \$ _____
 YOUNG ADULT (AGE 22-26): _____ x \$325 = \$ _____
 CHILD (AGE 6-21): _____ x \$260 = \$ _____
 CHILD (AGE 3-5): _____ x \$210 = \$ _____
 CHILD (AGE 0-2): _____ x \$FREE = \$ _____

STAFF (ROOM AND BOARD):

STAFF ADULT: _____ x \$325 = \$ _____
 PARTNER OF STAFF ADULT: _____ x \$445 = \$ _____
 STAFF YOUNG ADULT: _____ x \$210 = \$ _____
 CHILD OF STAFF (AGE 22-26): _____ x \$295 = \$ _____
 CHILD OF STAFF (AGE 6-21): _____ x \$235 = \$ _____
 CHILD OF STAFF (AGE 3-5): _____ x \$190 = \$ _____
 CHILD OF STAFF (AGE 0-2): _____ x \$FREE = \$ _____

COMMUTERS (MEALS ONLY):

ADULT: _____ x \$375 = \$ _____
 CHILD (AGE 6-21): _____ x \$200 = \$ _____
 CHILD (AGE 3-5): _____ x \$160 = \$ _____
 CHILD (AGE 0-2): _____ x \$FREE = \$ _____

STAFF COMMUTERS (MEALS ONLY):

STAFF ADULT: _____ x \$245 = \$ _____
 PARTNER OF STAFF ADULT: _____ x \$335 = \$ _____
 CHILD OF STAFF (AGE 6-21): _____ x \$180 = \$ _____
 CHILD OF STAFF (AGE 3-5): _____ x \$145 = \$ _____
 CHILD OF STAFF (AGE 0-2): _____ x \$FREE = \$ _____

KEYNOTE SERIES ONLY: _____ x \$160 = \$ _____

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 \$ _____

Cancellation Policy

In the event of a cancellation prior to July 17, all payments will be 100% refunded by Engelberg Conference. Beginning July 17, 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.

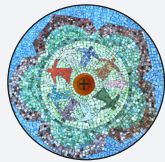
Evening Activities

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, Father 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 Noon Prayer (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
- 5:30 Daily Mass (Fri, Sat)
- 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

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: 1st grade 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. Director of Liturgical Music, and Director of Piano and Voice program at St. Paul Catholic Church and School. BA Music University of Portland 2002; MM Piano Pedagogy U of O 2005.

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. Currently facilitate retreats, hosts Beyond Stillness: Stories After Stroke Podcast and loves family and the great outdoors..

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

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

Drake, Anna: Graduate of OSU. Wife, Mother to 4, Keeper of all things home. Homeschooling parent for the last 5 years.

Fox, Erin: Wife and mother of 5 kids, substitute teacher and loves being in the outdoors.

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.

Golden, Dolores: Retired elementary school teacher and grandma.

Gonzalez, Fr. Charles OSB: Priest-Monk: Mt. Angel Abbey, Drummer 15+ years: Family Band, Jazz Band, Seminary work.

Hjorth, Sadie: Kindergarten teacher in the Portland Public Schools. Avid crafter and baker.

Hornburg, Val: Spiritual Director; Retreat leader specializing in Creative Prayer and Expression.

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

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

Kiesewetter, Jack: Theology teacher at Marist Catholic High School in Eugene.

Kohler, Christy: Wife, mother to 2 boys, PT of 20+ years.

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

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

Oldham, Zac: A Summer Conference participant since infancy; B.A. Engineering from Gonzaga University; former Jesuit Volunteer in Woodburn, Oregon.

Rutherford, Rev H. Richard C.S.C.: Holy Cross Priest and professor emeritus of liturgical theology; Fr. Rutherford taught at UP from 1976 until his retirement in 2012. His teaching and research interests include Catholic funeral and cemetery liturgy and early Christian baptismal ritual and archaeology.

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: Communications professional and singing mailman with a background in sociology and a childhood filled with biblical studies.

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.

Zreliak, Natalia: Communications Coordinator at Marist Catholic High School in Eugene.

Zuelke, Bill: Cradle Catholic, resigned and married priest, teacher and artist specialist in discernment of spirits, and spiritual formation M.Div in Theology and M.S in counseling.