

# Engelberg Family Summer Conference

## -Building the Church- IN OUR TIME: EXAMINING LIFE'S FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS *JULY 30 - AUGUST 3, 2025*

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



[www.summerconferenceportland.org](http://www.summerconferenceportland.org)

### 2025 KEYNOTE AND CONFERENCE THEME

Vatican II's concluding document "Nostra Aetate" ("In our time") teaches that each religious tradition offers answers to four fundamental questions: Who are we? Why are we here? What is the nature of the world? Who is God? "Nostra Aetate" furthers that, in order to better understand our own tradition, we should also examine the tradition of others. And in order to understand others, we should also understand their answers to these fundamental questions. This summer conference we will seek to do just that. We will take each question in hopes to better understand the beauty of our Christian tradition. By comparing it to the tradition of others, we will seek to understand and internalize the answers for ourselves, seeing how they have become true and relevant through the expansive narrative of our lives.

#### 2025 KEYNOTE SPEAKER:



*Fr. Billy Biegler, S.J.*

Fr. Billy Biegler, S.J., was born in Sacramento, California. The middle of three boys, Billy met the Jesuits at a young age, developing a fondness for their humor, depth and approachability. A graduate of Jesuit High School in Sacramento, Billy completed his undergraduate degree at the University of San Francisco. After undergrad, Billy worked briefly for the San Francisco Opera but returned to Sacramento to work for California Musical Theater (Sacramento Music Circus). In 2009, Billy entered the Jesuit Novitiate in Culver City, California. He completed first studies in St. Louis, finishing philosophy at Saint Louis University and completing a master's in theatre and performance studies at Washington University. For regency, Billy worked at Jesuit High School in Portland, Oregon, teaching freshman English, freshman Spanish and senior theology. In addition to teaching, Billy led service trips, retreats, and a mighty group of freshmen basketball players. For theology, Billy studied at the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry. Additionally, he worked at Saint Cecilia Parish in Boston's Back Bay neighborhood, serving as spiritual director, RCIA instructor and chaplain to the CARES ministry (ministry to the sick and homebound). Following ordination, Billy spent a pastoral year at Saint Ignatius in Portland, after which he worked at Loyola High School, Los Angeles where he taught theology and served as superior of the Jesuit community. In the summer of 2024, Billy was asked to join the Provincial Cabinet and now serves Jesuits West as the Provincial Assistant for Jesuit Life.

**Academics:** Bachelor's, Philosophy, University of San Francisco; Master's, Theatre and Performance Studies, Washington University in St. Louis; Master of Divinity, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry



*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](http://www.summerconferenceportland.org)

## — PARTICIPANT FEES —

### 2025 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.  
 (Staff costs are published on the worksheet on page 4)*

*\*Interested in becoming a staff member?*

*Please contact us at [summerconferenceportland@gmail.com](mailto: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.*

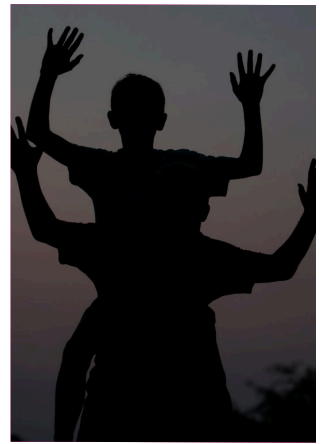
**2025 Fees are unchanged from 2024!**

**We encourage your continued generous support of the conference with donations - these help us provide financial assistance to families and individuals that may otherwise be unable to attend, and allow us to keep tuition costs to a minimum. Thank you!**

Online registration and payment options are available at  
[www.summerconferenceportland.org](http://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

##### KEYNOTE

*Fr. Billy Biegler, S.J.*

See front page for more information.

#### PERIOD B

##### DIALOGUE WITH KEYNOTER

*Fr. Billy Biegler, S.J.*

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

##### 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.

##### 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

##### WOMEN IN SCRIPTURE

*Deb Wilhelm*

Come for a creative, informed exploration of the many ways that women speak through scripture, with a special focus on several specific biblical women. What does the Holy Spirit show us through women's words, their silences (chosen or not), and how history has viewed them? How can our listening help us to be active, hope-filled people of God?

##### PILGRIMS OF HOPE

*Jay Conroy, David Otto, and Bruce Weber*

Pope Francis is encouraging us to be “pilgrims of hope” during the 2025 Jubilee Year. This class will take an historical look at the origins and goals of notable pilgrimages throughout the world. We will review the interior experience of pilgrims through autobiographical accounts of pilgrimage and explore how all of us can become “pilgrims of hope” on our own spiritual journeys.

##### PLAYFUL PRAYER

*Molly Buccola*

Awaken Inner Wisdom! In a peaceful and playful setting, we will explore various ways to cultivate intuition and deeply listen to how the Holy Spirit moves within you and in your life. This class offers practical tools to notice your nudges and enhance your personal relationship with God.

#### \* SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

##### TBD

Not an official class or during a particular period, but signups will be available for 30 minute appointments for spiritual direction. You choose the topic and your director will guide!

### Intergenerational Classes

#### PERIOD B

##### 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.*

##### QUILTING

*Judy Conroy*

Join us cutting, sewing, and creating a quilt block or two using a variety of techniques. Beginners welcome. *Gr. 5 and up.*

##### FUN GAMES AND MOVEMENT

*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*

##### THAI COOKING

*Caitlin Breitenstein*

Learn how easy and welcoming Thai cuisine can be! Beginners to experts, noodles to rice to desserts. Leave every class with recipe cards and a bowl of delicious food. *Gr. 5 and up*

##### BRAZILIAN JIU JITSU

*Jonathan and Saori DeBruyn*

A form of self-defense, BJJ is a grappling martial art and a fun way to stay in shape, make friends and learn to use your body. *Gr. 5 and up*

#### PERIOD C

##### 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.*

##### RACKET SPORTS

*Susie Campbell*

For anyone who wants to try tennis and pickleball for the first time or wants to improve their skills. This class involves all participants. Bring a racket and/or paddles to share. *Gr. 2 and up.*

##### MASSAGE AND MOVEMENT

*Chris Hughes*

Come to experience and learn several massage techniques. You get to practice giving and receiving. Come as an individual or with a partner. *Gr. 7 and up.*

##### IGNATIAN EXAMEN

*Don Clarke*

The Examen is found in the Spiritual Exercises that St. Ignatius of Loyola wrote during a significant time in his life. Through music, movie clips and prayer, we will look at the structure of the Examen and our assumptions of God and the Trinity. *Gr. 9 and up.*

##### ENGINEERING SHENANIGANS

*Zoe Vanderwal*

Join other budding engineers in hands-on challenges everyday from building a roller coaster with paper to balloon race cars and homemade ice cream. *Gr. 7 and up,*

### Children's Classes

#### PERIOD A

##### KEYNOTE INFANT CARE

*Jessie Wimer*

##### PROMISE A (Pre K-Gr 1)

*Ruth Hambley and Alyssa Hughes*

##### KARING KIDS A (Gr 2-4)

*Sadie Hjorth*

##### HORIZONS (Gr 5-6)

*Tara Barsotti*

##### CHOICES (Gr 7-9)

*Jack Kiesewetter*

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

*Fr. Charles Gonzalez, OSB*

#### PERIOD B

##### PROMISE B (Pre K-Gr 1)

*Sarah Burch and Dolores Golden*

##### KARING KIDS B (Gr 2-4)

*Anie Helbling*

#### PERIOD C

##### PLAY AND STORIES

*Bobbie Weber and Elsie 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. Caretakers of children 3 and younger are welcome to join in but are asked to stay with their child(ren). *Ages 4 and older. (Ages 0-3 with a caregiver)*

##### KIDS-R-COOKIN'

*Peggy Thompson*

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. \*Please note if you have gluten intolerance or other dietary restrictions/allergies on the registration form so Peggy can make accommodations in advance. *Gr. 2 and up.*

##### KIDS & CRAFTS

*Anna Drake and Teresa Conroy*

Unleash your creativity in Kids & Crafts! This fun and engaging class will explore a variety of art mediums and techniques. Kids will develop their fine motor skills, problem-solving abilities, and imaginations while creating unique and exciting projects to take home. Get ready for a colorful and inspiring experience! *Gr. K and up.*

##### SCIENCE EXPLORERS

*Jennie Olson*

Create and build with us every afternoon as we explore science and engineering. *Pre-K and up.*

# SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

CHOOSE ONE CLASS  
FOR EACH PERIOD

	<i>Adults</i>	<i>Intergenerational</i>	<i>Children</i>
<b>PERIOD A</b> 8:40-10:00 Thurs-Sun	-KEYNOTE ADDRESS by Fr. Billy Biegler, S.J.		-KEYNOTE INFANT CARE -PROMISE A (Pre K-Gr. 1) -KARING KIDS A (Gr. 2-4) -HORIZONS (Gr. 5-6) -CHOICES (Gr. 7-9) -YOUTH & THE CHURCH (Gr. 10-12)
<b>PERIOD B</b> 10:30-11:45 Thurs-Sun	-DIALOGUE WITH KEYNOTER -DECONSTRUCTED CATHOLICISM -SOULCOLLAGE®	-THE DAILY BLUFFER Gr. 5 and up -QUILTING Gr. 5 and up -THAI COOKING Gr. 5 and up -FUN GAMES AND MOVEMENT Gr. 5 and up -BRAZILIAN JIU JITSU Gr. 5 and up	-PROMISE B (Pre K-Gr. 1) -KARING KIDS B (Gr. 2-4)
<b>PERIOD C</b> 3:30-5:00 Thurs-Sat	-WOMEN IN SCRIPTURE -PILGRIMS OF HOPE -PLAYFUL PRAYER FOR ADULTS	-RACKET SPORTS Gr. 2 and up -MOSAICS Gr. 5 and up. -MASSAGE Gr. 7 and up. -IGNATIAN EXAMEN Gr. 9 and up. -ENGINEERING SHENANIGANS Gr. 7 and up	-PLAY AND STORIES Ages 4 and up (Ages 0-3 with caretaker) -KIDS-R-COOKIN' Gr. 2 and up -SCIENCE EXPLORERS Pre K and up -KIDS & CRAFTS Gr. 1 and up



## REGISTRATION FORM

Go to [summerconferenceportland.org](http://summerconferenceportland.org) to register online. Engelberg Conference will invoice you via QuickBooks for your total cost due by July 30th, 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, 2025. REGISTER EARLY - POPULAR CLASSES FILL UP FAST**

FAMILY NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 FAMILY E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE NUMBER(S) \_\_\_\_\_  
 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:
<b>Adults</b>									
	n/a	n/a		Keynote (all adults)	1st:	2nd:	1st:	2nd:	
	n/a	n/a		Keynote (all adults)	1st:	2nd:	1st:	2nd:	
<b>Children -Gr. 5 and up (Indicate grade level for the next school year)</b>									
			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:	
<b>Children -Gr. 4 and younger (Indicate grade level for the next school year if applicable)</b>									
			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.

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 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 21,  
all payments will be refunded by  
Engelberg Conference. Beginning July 21,  
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.

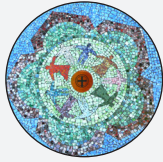
### Evening Activities

**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, Caitlin Breitenstein, Molly Buccola, Sarah Burch, Erin Fox, Kelly Golden, Father Charles Gonzalez OSB, Ellen and Jakub Langer, and Rachael Weber



For more pictures from past Conferences, visit [www.summerconferenceportland.org](http://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 Daily Mass (optional - Friday/Saturday)
- 7:00 Morning Prayer (optional - Thursday/Sunday)
- 7:15-8:15 **Breakfast**
- 8:00 **All 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**
- 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**
- 5:15-5:30 **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**
- 1:00-2:15 **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:** Caitlin: mother of Ian and Ara, both adopted from Thailand. Has been teaching Thai cooking to elementary-high school for over a decade. Her family returns to Thailand every other summer.

**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.

**Buccola, Molly:** Longtime Summer Conference Participant. Former Director of Campus Ministry at Priory School in CA for 16 years. Founder of Beyond Stillness: Stories After Stroke.

**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:** Father of four Summer Conference graduates, has been on one Camino pilgrimage and is headed for a second in June.

**Conroy, Judy:** Long time participant at the conference, wife, mom, grandma who loves quilting, gardening, and tennis.

**Conroy, Teresa:** Former event fundraiser & enjoyer of all things crafting. As a wife & mother of 5, she uses much of her "free time" as a brain injury advocate after sustaining one herself in 2015. She often says she is no expert in one single craft but a dabbler in many & always ready to try something new.

**Clarke, Don:** Director of Campus Ministry at Jesuit High School in Portland and a 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.

**DeBruyn, Jonathan:** Musician; Purple Belt in BJJ.

**DeBruyn, Saori:** Opera Singer; Blue Belt in BJJ.

**Drake, Anna:** wife, mom to 4 awesome kids and one crazy pup. Some learned to make sourdough, I learned to homeschool. Enjoys hiking, the outdoors, kids, dogs, learning/education, sports.

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

**Golden, Dolores:** Retired teacher. Enjoys liturgy, prayer, and families at Summer Conference.

**Golden, Kelly:** Helps build cool buildings at Nike and mom of two ridiculously active student athletes.

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

**Hambley, Ruth:** Transitional kindergarten teacher and fabulous grandma.

**Helbling, Anie:** Elementary teacher at O'Hara Catholic in Eugene.

**Hjorth, Elsie:** Conference attendee since infancy. Senior at Central Catholic HS in Portland.

**Hjorth, Sadie:** Kindergarten teacher in

the Portland Public Schools; Bachelor of Education in Special Education from Gonzaga University; has taught elementary K-5 and special education K-8th grade since 1999.

**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 and UO alum..

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

**Kiesewetter, Jack:** HS theology teacher and retreat moderator at Marist HS in Eugene. First time attending Summer Conference, blessed to be bringing his wife and daughter.

**Kohler, Christy:** wife and mother to 2 boys, physical therapist 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.

**Olson, Jennie:** Nurse Practitioner, avid reader, and mother to two explorers.

**Otto, David:** Geographer, with interests in physical geography, biogeography, GIS, cartography and landscape evolution. Manager of parish cemetery. Co-director of Certificate in Evangelization program for St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry.

**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, Zoe:** Civil Engineering Student at Colorado State University. She has a passion for all things STEM and loves learning about nature, playing with water, and running through parks.

**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.

**Wilhelm, Deb:** Adjunct Professor of Preaching and Evangelization at Aquinas Institute of Theology; Lecturer in Practical Theology at Loyola University New Orleans; author; preacher.

**Weber, Bruce:** Retired applied economics professor at Oregon State University; volunteer in local social assistance efforts; aspirational pilgrim.

**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.

**Wimer, Jessie:** Long time Catholic school educator and mom of an infant care participant.

**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.