# 2014 Northern California Catholic Homeschool Conference Sponsored by Our Lady of Peace Gift Shop

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Our Lady of Peace Church and Shrine Monsignor Sweeny Family Learning Center 2800 Mission College Blvd, Santa Clara, CA 95054

Friday, April 25, 2014 1:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Saturday, April 26, 2014 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

For Info, please visit: <a href="www.olop-shrine.org/giftshop.html">www.olop-shrine.org/giftshop.html</a>
Register Online at our Website (Live on February 10<sup>th</sup>):
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<u>Registration Form</u> (Online Payment Available February 15 <sup>th</sup> )						
Name:	Spouse (If Attending):					
Address:						
City:	State:	Zip:	Phone:			
Email (Required for Confirmation):						
Conference Registration Fees:						
On or Before 4/15/2014		After 4/15/20	14			
Single: \$25 Couple: \$35		Single: \$35	Couple: \$40			
Spanish Conference (more info: pg. 4) Single: \$10 Couple: \$ 15						

On-site Saturday Lunch Special: Please consult our website (www.olopgiftshop.com) for food selection

## **Payment Options:**

Religious: Welcome Free of Charge. Please Submit Registration Form.

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Mail: NCC Homeschooling Conference c/o Our Lady of Peace Gift Shop

2800 Mission College, Santa Clara, CA 95054

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Online Payment by Credit Card: Available at our new website (www.olopgiftshop.com) beginning February 15<sup>th</sup>

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# **Conference Timeline: Friday and Saturday**

Friday, April 25 <sup>th</sup>				
Family Learning Center: Lobby				
1:00 PM	Check In. Vendor Hall open for registered guests only			
Family Learning Center: Gym				
2:00 PM	Homeschool to Escape the Common Core, by Virginia Seuffert			
3:30 PM	<i>Last Things First</i> , by Laura Berquist			
4:30 PM	Vendor Hall Open.			
	Please Check Local Listings for Restaurant/Fast Food Information			
	Gym			
6:30 PM	Vendor PowerPoint Presentation,			
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	Room			
6:45 PM	Free Introductory Workshop: Open to the Public			
0.43 1 101	Introduction to Homeschooling, by Mary Ann Shapiro			
	Gym			
	Enjoy some delicious Desserts.			
	Gym			
7:45 PM	The Four Deadly Errors of Teaching Writing, by Andrew Pudewa			
9:30 PM	Day 1 Ends. Vendor Hall Closes			

Conference is open to anyone interested in homeschooling. Invite your family and friends.

All Religious are especially welcome free of charge.

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Please feel free to copy program and give to family and friends.

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#### **Store Hours**

Friday: 8:45 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:00 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Large selection of First Communion & Confirmation gifts!

Saturday, April 26 <sup>th</sup>					
Our Lady of Peace Church					
8:00 AM	Mass. Confessions Available				
Family Learning Center: Gym					
8:30 AM	Check In. Free Continental Breakfast. Vendor Hall Open.				
9:15 AM	Saturday Morning Welcome and Introductions				
9:30 AM	0 AM Entrepreneurship Education, by Andrew Pudewa				
	Workshops: Session 1				
	Room	Room			
	Workshop A	Workshop B			
10:45	The Importance of Imagination	The Naval Academy: How to Prepare,			
AM	in Education,	How to Survive, and How to Get In,			
	by Laura Berquist	by Commander B.T Chapman, Military			
11:45	Lu	unch			
AM	Family Laborat	and Company Course			
		ng Center: Gym			
1:00 PM	Teaching Boys and Other Children Who Would Rather Build Forts All Day,  By Andrew Pudewa				
	Workshop	os: Session 2			
	Room	Room			
	Workshop C	Workshop D			
2:15 PM	5 Successful Steps to Homeschooling,	Special Needs: Part 1.			
2:15 PIVI	by Pamela Patnode	"Understanding Learning Challenges,"			
		by Sharon Hensley			
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3:30 PM	Support Group Networking	- Meet Leaders from your Area			
	Workshop	ps: Session 3			
	Room	Room			
	Workshop E	Workshop F			
	The Father's Role in Homeschooling,	Colleges Speak and Q & A,			
	by Deacon Craig Anderson				
4:00 PM	Room				
	Workshop G				
	Special Needs: Part 2. "Successful Programs for Kids with Special Needs,"				
	by Sharon Hensley				
5:30 PM	Conference Ends				
6:00 PM	Vendor Hall Closes				

# **Conference Special Features**

Got a Question?
Special Education Needs Information
Charter School Information

If you would like to attend the **FREE** introductory workshop:

# Introduction to Homeschooling

Please call or email to reserve your seat. 408-980-9825

OLOPHomeschoolingConference@gmail.com

Spanish Homeschool Conference: Saturday, April 26th				
Our Lady of Peace Church				
8:00 AM	Mass. Confessions Available			
Family Learning Center: Gym				
8:30 AM	Check In. Free Continental Breakfast. Vendor Hall Open.			
Room				
9:15 AM	Saturday Morning Welcome and Introductions			
9:30 AM	Introduction for Spanish Workshops			
9:35 AM	Workshop C			
	5 Successful Steps to Homeschooling,			
	by Pamela Patnode			
10:50 AM	Faith, Family and Education,			
10:20 AIVI	by Fr. Gustavo Nieto, Pastor of Our Lady of Peace Parish			
11:15 AM	Socialization: Why Homeschooling Works,			
TT:T2 AIVI	by Pamela Patnode			
12:15 PM	Q & A, with Pamela Patnode and Experienced Moms			
Lunch				
Vendor Hall Open				

# Featured Speakers



**Andrew Pudewa** is the founder, principal speaker, and director of the Institute for Excellence in Writing. Presenting throughout North America, he addresses issues relating to teaching, writing, thinking, spelling, and music with clarity, insight, practical experience, and humor. His seminars for parents, students, and teachers have helped transform many a reluctant writer and have equipped educators with powerful tools to dramatically improve students' skills.

Although he is a graduate of the Talent Education Institute in Japan (Suzuki Method) and holds a Certificate of Child Brain Development, his best endorsement is from a young Alaskan boy who called him "the funny man with the wonderful words." He and his beautiful, heroic wife Robin are parents of seven, grandparents of five, and educators of their two youngest children at home in Oklahoma's Green Country.

Pamela Patnode is a Catholic wife and mother of five children. In addition to home schooling and teaching Spanish to middle-school and high-school age home educated youth, Patnode is also an author, conference speaker, and regular guest of the national Catholic Radio station Relevant Radio. Patnode strives to equip parents and their children with the necessary tools to live their faith and grow closer to Christ.





Mrs. Laura M. Berquist, a home schooling mother of six, is founder and director of Mother of Divine Grace School, a home study program currently serving 3800 students. Mrs. Berquist is the author of Designing Your Own Classical Curriculum and editor of The Harp and Laurel Wreath: Poetry and Dictation for the Classical Curriculum. Based on the philosophy of the classical Trivium—grammar, logic, and rhetoric—she has developed a modern classical home school curriculum for grades K-12 that strengthens character and intellect,

and reinforces virtue. Mrs. Berquist is a graduate of Thomas Aquinas College in Santa Paula, CA. She home-schooled her six children for 23 years. All of them graduated from Thomas Aquinas College, in Santa Paula, CA. Four are married and currently three of them are in graduate school, two in philosophy.

**Sharon Hensley** is the author of <u>Home Schooling Children with Special Needs</u>. She holds a Master's Degree in Special Education and has worked with a variety of special needs children including her oldest daughter who is a utistic and mentally retarded. Sharon began teaching in 1983, and moved into the field of special education in 1985. She has done classroom teaching, private therapy and consulting. She began home schooling in 1992 and is currently the director of Almaden Valley Christian School, an ISP for families with special needs children.





Mother of 12, grandmother of almost twice that number, Virginia (Ginny) Seuffert has been homeschooling her children and now her grandchildren for a quarter of a century. In her native New York, Ginny lectured, debated and wrote articles for the pro-life movement. After moving to Chicago in 1988, she switched her focus to strengthening the family, especially thought Catholic homeschooling. With that goal in mind, she has spoken at over 150 conferences in the United States and Canada, and authored over 100 articles. She has written three books for parents. The most recent *It doesn't Have to Be Like This* offers advice on child discipline. Her next book, available in the summer of 2014 will discuss homeschooling as an alternative for the Common Core. She has founded

numerous organizations to provide information and support to Catholic families at the local, state, and national level. In addition to writing and speaking, Ginny has been a guest on numerous regional and national radio programs and has appeared on EWTN. The Illinois Press Association presented her a first place award for a column she authored in a local paper defending traditional values. Ginny and her husband Ed reside near Chicago.

Mary Ann Shapiro is a lifelong educator. She started by teaching neighborhood children their catechism using the blackboard in the garage and never looked back. She graduated from Thomas Aquinas College and received her teaching credential through California State University at Los Angeles. After teaching in parochial schools in Los Angeles and working at the Department of Education during the Reagan administration, she 'retired' to raise her family. She is committed to homeschooling, educating her own children at home, working with



parents through Christ the King Academy, her private school, and in recent years, working with the independent study charter school, Ocean Grove Charter School, where she is an Education Specialist, Educational Liaison to the community, and a Support Provider for new teachers who are facing their first year of teaching. Her thirty years of experience is broad and gives her a unique perspective on the world of home education.



Commander B.T Chapman is a retired commissioned officer of the United States Navy. He was on active duty from 1961-63 where he served in the supply corps in Athens, Georgia and then in Maag, Saigon, Vietnam. After serving the Naval Air Reserve from 1963 – 1985, he became a Naval Academy Blue and Gold Officer. In 2013, 2011, and 2010, he served on the Service Academy Congressional Nomination Committees. The 2014 Northern California Catholic Homeschool Conference is honored to welcome Commander Chapman to speak at this year's conference. He will be giving a presentation on how a homeschool student can apply and be accepted to a military academy.

**Deacon Craig Anderson** and his wife, Mary Therese, live in San Jose and have five, mostly-grown, children, all of whom were home educated. Deacon Craig serves at St. Basil the Great Byzantine Catholic Church in Los Gatos and works as a Deputy Fire Marshal with the Santa Clara Fire Department. He has an MA in Theology and Ministry from Franciscan University of Steubenville, in Ohio. The Andersons have been home schooling for almost 20 years. Deacon Craig is speaking at the homeschool conference to speak to fathers about their role in homeschooling their children.



# **Conference Presentations and Workshops**

#### Introduction to Homeschooling, by Mary Ann Shapiro

A brief overview of Catholic homeschooling: Why anyone would choose it, the different resources and methods from which to choose, and some basic tips from 30 years of experience. Q & A following.

#### The Four Deadly Errors of Teaching Writing, By Andrew Pudewa

We've all suffered it at one time or another: Frustration about writing assignments. Either on the receiving end, or perhaps now on the giving end, there can be a few distinctly discouraging aspects to teaching and being taught writing. The tough questions include: What to correct and how to give a grade? How much help is too much? Isn't the assignment clear enough? Why don't students find their own errors? Learn and avoid four teaching mistakes that contribute to this frustration: Overcorrecting, Holding Back Help, Unclear Assignments, & Over-Expectation.

## Entrepreneurship Education - Why and How, by Andrew Pudewa

Many of us realize that we value home education not only because it often results in better academics, superior social environments, and enriched family life, but because it builds a better community and country. The result of true liberal education—a *freedomship* education—will be not only young men and women who know how to think and communicate, but who think evangelically and entrepreneurially. To revive a culture of self-sufficiency and freedom requires more people with the owner/entrepreneur mindset and fewer with the employee mindset. Join Andrew for a discussion of how to cultivate an entrepreneurial, or georgic, aptitude in our children. The future of freedom may depend on it.

# Teaching Boys and Other Children Who Would Rather Build Forts All Day, by Andrew Pudewa

Children *like* to do what they *can* do; they *want* to do what they *think they can* do, and they *hate* to do what they *think they cannot* do. If you want excited and enthusiastic children who learn well, you must understand these key laws of motivation, and focus on the essential requirement of relevancy. If it matters, children will learn it, and if it doesn't, they won't. This session will enlighten you with specific ways to find and create relevancy for children, even when they have no apparent interest.

#### Homeschool to escape the Common Core, by Ginny Seuffert

Parents are up in arms about the Common Core's poorly written standards, confusing curriculum, grueling test schedule, and invasion of family privacy. While we should all be working towards throwing the Common core into the dustbin of history, what can we do to help our children now? Home schooling offers educational excellence at a very affordable price. You can do it.

#### **Last Things First,** by Laura Berquist

Laura will discuss how to design your children's course of studies. "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven" (Eccl. 3:1). There is a right time for thinking about subjects, and a right way to think about them at a given time. One does not just give the student 'classical authors' and think that he is giving a 'classical education'. The material has to be given at the right time and in the right way. For those interested in classical education, it is important to understand that there is an order in both the method and the content of the classical curriculum.

#### The Importance of Imagination in Education, by Laura Berguist

We want our children to have strong, effective, and sacramentally formed imaginations. We do this by paying attention to the method of education and to the content of education. There are two usual meanings to the word "imagination". Both of them are important for those our imagination when we think. Aristotle teaches us, and St. Thomas Aquinas confirms his doctrine, that the agent intellect - the natural light of our understanding—uses the phantasm, or image, in the imagination to make an impression on our power to understand. This is the process by which we begin to think about any subject. If the imagination is strong, and the images are clear, the thinker is better able to think. So, as Catholic educators, and homeschooling parents, the formation of the imagination is a matter of great concern.

**The Naval Academy: How to Prepare, How to Survive, & How to Get In**, by Commander B.T Chapman The Commander will show a 12-minute video as an introduction and follow with a presentation of how to get into the Naval Academy and other branches of the military. Q & A following.

## 5 Successful Steps to Homeschooling, by Pamela Patnode

"Do you home school your children? Are you succeeding? How do you know? Are you new to home schooling and looking for the necessary tools to help you begin? In this workshop, Pamela Patnode helps you define "success" according to God's plan for your family and children. Once defined, she walks you through the necessary steps to achieve that success. This workshop will discuss the value of prayer, the importance of identifying a mission statement, the necessity of reading great literature, how to organize the calendar based upon the goals you've established for your family, and where to go for support."

#### Special Needs: Part 1. "Understanding Learning Challenges," by Sharon Hensley

Learning difficulties can feel frustrating for both child and parent. This workshop will take the mystery out of learning challenges. We will explore the specific processing difficulties experienced by children with disabilities and see how each type of processing problem interferes with learning. We will also see how to uncover your child's strengths.

#### Special Needs: Part 2. "Successful Programs for Kids with Special Needs," by Sharon Hensley

Students with special learning needs require consistent, realistic and appropriate programs in order to succeed. This workshop will focus on a variety of ways to incorporate these important ingredients into a home school program for your challenged learner. This workshop is highly interactive. Bring your "program problems" and we will discuss possible solutions that would be more realistic, appropriate or consistent!"

#### The Father's Role in Homeschooling, by Deacon Craig Anderson

Deacon Craig will discuss:

Education as a team effort. How Fathers can mentor their children.

How homeschooling is a positive lifestyle change for your family. Family value centered and a closer relationship with your children.

Home schooling your teen and preparing them for adulthood with an active, or at least different, role for dad.

Q & A following.

# **Spanish Conference**

#### 5 Successful Steps to Homeschooling, by Pamela Patnode

Los cinco pasos necesarios para tener éxito con la educación en casa

¿Enseña a sus ninos en casa? ¿Ha tenido éxito? ¿Cómo lo sabe? ¿Está usted empezando con la educación en casa y busca herramientas para ayudarle? En esta presentación, Pamela Patnode le ayudará a definir el éxito según el plan que Dios tiene para su familia y sus niños. Después de definirlo, Patnode explicará los pasos necesarios para obtener el éxito. También, Patnode hablará del valor de la oración, la importancia de identificar la misión de la familia, la necesidad de leer literatura de calidad, cómo se puede organizar el calendario y horario según los objetivos que ha establecido para su familia, y donde se puede encontrar apoyo.

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Faith, Family, and Education, by Fr. Gustavo Nieto, IVE, Pastor of Our Lady of Peace Church

#### **Socialization: Why Homeschooling Works,** by Pamela Patnode

¡La socialización: Por qué la educación en casa funciona!

¿Y qué acerca de la socialización de los niños? ¿Alguna vez alguien le ha hecho esa pregunta? O ¿Se ha usted preguntado esta pregunta? Posiblemente, es la pregunta más común acerca de la educación en casa. Dr. Robert Epstein define la socialización como "el proceso en que aprendemos a ser miembros de una comunidad." En esta presentación, Pamela Patnode hablará de la comunidad a la que queramos que nuestros hijos pertenezcan. Ella va a distinguir entre socialización positiva y socialización negativa, y dará ejemplos de las muchas oportunidades en que los jóvenes que aprenden en casa pueden participar para obtener una socialización positiva. También, Patnode mostrará resultados de pruebas que han sido examinados por la socialización de jovenes que estudian en casa en comparación con los jóvenes que estudian en escuelas tradicionales. Es posible que los resultados les sorprenderán a ustedes. Vengan a la presentación para aprender sobre los beneficios de la educación en casa y cómo podemos proveer a nuestros niños una socialización positiva.

"What about socialization? Have you ever been asked that question? Have you asked it yourself? This is quite possibly the most commonly asked question of homeschoolers today. Dr. Robert Epstein defines socialization as 'The process by which we learn to be a part of a community.' In this presentation, Pamela Patnode will discuss the community to which we ultimately want our children to belong. She will distinguish between positive socialization and negative socialization, and give examples of the numerous opportunities for home educated youth to be involved in social opportunities. Pamela will also share results from multiple studies which have been conducted related to the socialization of home educated youth compared with young people educated in more traditional school settings. The results might surprise you. Come learn about the benefits of home schooling and how to provide students with positive socialization.

## **About Our Lady of Peace Shrine**



In August of 1980, Msgr. John J. Sweeny, then pastor of Our Lady of Peace Church in Santa Clara, California, commissioned Charles C. Parks, a noted sculptor, of Wilmington, Delaware, to design a 32-foot stainless steel statue of Our Lady. Thus began a remarkable odyssey, of a truly extraordinary image of the Blessed Virgin, the Mother of God. When completed, the statue was blessed and dedicated by Bishop Pierre DuMaine of the Diocese of San Jose. The ceremony took place October 7, 1983, on the Feast of the Most Holy Rosary and we received a special blessing for the dedication ceremony from Pope John Paul II. After 28 years, the Shrine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at Our Lady of Peace is still the only major Marian Shrine on the West Coast between Our Lady of Sorrows Shrine in Portland, Oregon, (over 700 miles to the north),and the famous Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City, (over 2,300 miles to the

south). Because of the Shrine, thousands of people visit the shrine weekly from neighboring parishes and from across the country.

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## **Directions**

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Turn Right at Our Lady's Way

Turn Left into Parking Lot

#### 101 Northbound

Exit Great America Pkwy/Bowers Ave.

Veer Right onto Great America Pkwy.

Make U-Turn at first Light: Mission College Blvd.

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Turn Left into Parking Lot

#### From 237 Eastbound (From 101)

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#### From 237 Westbound (From 880/680)

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on Great America Pkwy. Turn
Right at Our Lady's Way
Turn Left into Parking Lot

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#### **Hotel Listings:**

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## Great America Pkwy/Tasman Dr/Lawrence Expy

IHOP: 4200 Great America Pkwy. Pedro's Restaurant & Cantina: 3935 Freedom Cir.

Togo's: 4300 Great America Pkwy. Gobi Mongolian BBQ: 1135 Tasman Dr.

Round Table Pizza: 4300 Great America Pkwy. Giovanni's New York Pizzeria: 1127 Lawrence Expy. Bennigan's Pub and Grill: 4150 Great America Pkwy. Merit Vegetarian Restaurant: 548 Lawrence Expy

Birk's Restaurant: 3955 Freedom Cir.

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