

## Registration

- \$48 Women  
 \$30 Religious  
 \$25 Students (full time)

Registration fee includes morning beverages and roll and lunch.

Pre-registration by Feb. 5 is appreciated.  
*Late registrations accepted.*

### Walk-in registrations accepted.

Add \$10 when registering at the door.  
To save time, please bring your completed registration form.

### Scholarships available for those in need.

Please consider sponsoring a scholarship for someone in need.

### Discount: Invite your family and friends -

Deduct \$5 from YOUR registration fee for EACH first-time attendee that registers with you.  
**HURRY! OFFER ENDS FEBRUARY 1.**

## Conference Site

Grand River Center  
500 Bell Street, Dubuque, IA  
www.grandrivercenter.com  
563-690-4500

### Hotel-(Ask for Conference Rates!)

**Redstone Inn & Suites**, 563-582-1894  
www.theredstoneinn.com

**For more information contact Springtime of Hope at [www.springtimeofhope.org](http://www.springtimeofhope.org) or call 563-580-9373.**

This annual conference is sponsored by Springtime of Hope, a lay apostolate whose mission is to evangelize by offering authentic Catholic teaching through conferences and other programs. We are not affiliated with any diocese or organization.

# Make Time for the Lord!

This is a day for women to be pampered, challenged, affirmed and refreshed as they come together to grow in their love of the Lord and His Church.

## Conference Schedule

7:00 a.m. Doors Open

7:45 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Conference begins

5:15 p.m. Closing Mass

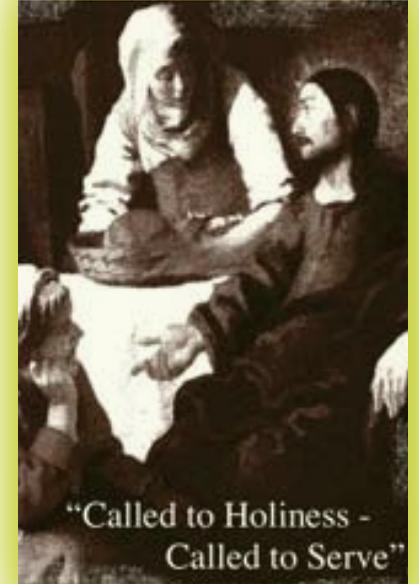
Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, Vendors, and CD/DVDs of the talks will be available at the Conference.

### Comments from past conferences.....

- *My spirit is always renewed when I come to the conferences.*
- *I enjoyed the faithful teaching of our Catholic faith. There are not many opportunities to hear this anywhere else in this area.*
- *I felt renewed and it made me realize some things I need to change.*
- *I liked everything about the conference. It was spiritually nourishing and challenging.*
- *I liked the variety of talks, displays, vendors. Great value for the money.*
- *The overall atmosphere is fantastic: friendly and open, homey and comfortable.*
- *Everyone was welcoming. The speakers were wonderful and spoke in a way that was engaging and informative at the same time. Thank you for a wonderful day. I can't wait to come back.*

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# Martha & Mary Women's Conference

Saturday, February 18, 2012

Grand River Center  
Dubuque, Iowa

All are welcome!





## Featured Speakers



**Sister Sara Butler, M.S.B.T., S.T.L., Ph.D.**, has specialized in ecumenical questions including women's roles in the Church. She recently published "The Catholic Priesthood and Women: A Guide to the Teaching of the Church." She belongs to the Missionary Servants of the

Most Blessed Trinity. Sister is Professor of Theology at the University of St. Mary of the Lake/ Mundelein Seminary (Archdiocese of Chicago) and has taught dogmatic theology to seminarians for over twenty years. She serves on the International Theological Commission and is a consultant to the Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization and the U.S. Bishops' Committee on Doctrine.

### "Women Priests: Why Not?"

This talk will look at why this question came up and why so many Catholics still remain puzzled by the Church's answer. It will then identify the fundamental reasons for this teaching and the theological arguments to explain it. There will be time to consider answers to several of the objections that are commonly raised.

### "Gender Confusion"

What is the source of the current confusion about sex and gender in our culture? How is it related to the struggle for women's rights, and "equal rights"? This talk will review the relation of gender confusion to "gender feminism," a theory that questions the value—and even the fact!—of the difference between the sexes. How does the Church evaluate these trends, and how does the "theology of the body" proposed by Pope John Paul II address them?



**Fr. Brian O'Brien**, originally from Houston, graduated from Boston College with a degree in Theology and Political Science. He earned a Masters in Education through the University of Notre Dame's Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) program in 2000. He is the author of the book *Tough Choices: Bringing Moral Issues Home* (2003). He earned an M.A. in Catholic

Social Thought and Life in 2004 and a Masters of Divinity in 2007. Fr. O'Brien was ordained to the priesthood in 2007 for the diocese of Tulsa. Father has been a parish priest and high school chaplain and now serves as President of Bishop Kelley High School.

### "Leave Room for the Holy Spirit! Why Ignoring the Third Person of the Trinity is Bad for Us."

The Holy Spirit is God's gift to us yet He plays a very small part in so many of our lives. This has to change if we are to become saints! This talk will explore ways to grow in the Spirit and allow Him to move and work in our families, our work, our prayer, and lives in general.

### Teen talks

#### "I Am Not a Chair"

You are a beautiful creation of God and yet we often treat each other like objects. This talk will help teens see their inherent dignity as beautiful creations of God. It will cover specific actions that every teen can do to grow in their spiritual lives and to build healthy, beautiful, and loving relationships.

#### "Big V/little v: How Do I Know What to Do with My Life?"

There is no more important decision in the life of a person than what they will do with their life. Too bad we don't spend enough prayer, time, and energy figuring it out. God is speaking and He has a plan for you!



**Virginia Seuffert** lectured, debated, and authored articles on behalf of the pro-life movement in New York for several years before moving to the Chicago area in 1988. Since that time, she has switched her focus to strengthening Catholic family life, especially through home schooling. Ginny has appeared

on EWTN, been a guest on numerous radio shows, lectured at Catholic family conferences all over the United States and Canada, and authored many articles and a book *Ginny's Gems: Home Management Essentials*. She is a founding member of the Illinois Association of Roman Catholic Home Educators. Mrs. Seuffert lives in Illinois with her husband.

### The Value of an Authentic Catholic Education

Authentic Catholic education was central to the growth of the Church in the United States. Catholic schools face unique challenges at the beginning of the new millennium. Learn what is being done right now to restore Faith formation to its rightful place in the American Church.

### The Lost Arts of Home Making and Hospitality

Tools of Evangelization? In the not-too-distant past, a cheerful, well-run home was the powerful glue that held families and neighborhoods together. Has the influence of popular culture killed the art of home making? A few simple ideas can make your home the heart of your family and the hub of healthy community life. The speaker will also discuss hospitality as a tool of evangelization.



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\_\_\_\_ Please check if this is your first time attending a Springtime of Hope conference.

\_\_\_\_ I have attended this conference before and am bringing \_\_\_\_\_ new people this year.

\_\_\_\_ \$48 Women \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 Full-time student / age: \_\_\_\_\_ \$30 Women Religious

\_\_\_\_ God has been good. I can donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I need scholarship help. I can only pay \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian lunch preferred \_\_\_\_\_ Gluten-free lunch needed

\_\_\_\_ Hearing impaired \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ Cash

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