

*The 4Real Forum  
proudly announces its first:*

# Real Learning Home Education Conference

**Saturday, August 11, 2007**  
**8:30 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.**

*Held at:*

Seton School  
Corpus Christi building  
9314 Maple Street  
Manassas, VA 20110

Early Registration: \$20  
After July 11: \$25

The Forum moves from the  
World Wide Web to

**Live and In Person!!**

Mark Your Calendars!!

Don't miss "4Real" in August!

## **Speakers Include:**

Elizabeth Foss, Dawn Hanigan,  
Jennifer Miller, Meredith Henning,  
Mary Ellen Barrett, Michele Quigley,  
Bridget Galbraith,  
Janette Smith, and Theresa Gonzalez

## **Confirmed Vendors:**

Family-Centered Press/Our Father's  
House  
Illuminated Ink  
Hillside Education  
Bethlehem Books  
*And more to come!*

## **Contact Information:**

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or go to

[www.ebeth.typepad.com/conference](http://www.ebeth.typepad.com/conference)

**Due to facility size and safety  
concerns, we regret that only  
nursing babies may accompany  
their parents.**

## **WHO IS 4REAL?**

4Real is an internet forum that promotes a new paradigm for home education which focuses upon developing the whole personality of the child -- the heart, soul, and mind -- to pursue a happy, wholehearted, academically excellent, spiritually complete childhood. The board moderators are Catholics in union with Rome who live and learn with their own children. As we all share ideas and experiences we look to the treasure of the Church, and we find ourselves discussing and learning from St. Teresa Benedicta (Edith Stein), Maria Montessori, and St. John Bosco, among others. The insight and wisdom of Charlotte Mason has blessed us, and we glean from her writing with great joy. We are parents committed to real learning.

We are passionate about learning in the context of real life. And we are in love with the Real Presence. We approach education with bounding enthusiasm, but not necessarily within the confines of traditional classroom methods. We are all on a journey and we gladly welcome you as a traveling companion. None of us professes to have a well-mapped-out road guide, though we do have lots of handy traveling tips. And we are certain of our ultimate destination. We're headed for heaven. We plan to take our whole families with us. Where we go on the way is all part of the adventure. Certainly, the journey can be an arduous one but we are committed to it being a holy, joyful one.

## Speaker Profiles

**Mary Ellen Barrett** is the mother of seven children who joyfully gave up a career as an event planner for an investment bank to live a learning lifestyle at home. She is a part-time writer/ researcher and co-founder of the *Special Kids Mom* list offering support to Catholic moms of disabled children. Mary Ellen lives with her husband of fourteen years and seven children on Long Island in New York.

**Elizabeth Foss** is the author of *Real Learning: Education in the Heart of the Home*, co-founder of the *Catholic Charlotte Mason* list and the *4 Real Learning Forums*, and a longtime columnist for the *Arlington Catholic Herald* and *Catholic Exchange*. She lives and learns with her husband and eight children in Loudoun County, Virginia.

**Bridget Galbraith** has been happily married to Kevin for 15 years. Together they are raising and educating their seven children, ages 14 to 20 months.

**Theresa Gonzalez** is a biologist and nature enthusiast who enjoys living and learning along with her husband Ed, her 5 children and 2 grandchildren in North Carolina and Kodiak, Alaska. She shares her enthusiasm through her homeschool blog, *Lapaz Farm Home Learning*.

**Dawn Hanigan** lives in Massachusetts with her husband Bill and their three sons (5, 8 and 12). They have been home educating for seven years - and counting! In her free time Dawn likes to blog, read, watch nature and do crafts.

**Meredith Henning** from Idaho, a Catholic home educating mother of 4 sweeties aged 11 down to 2, will be married 14 years this Fall to the man of her dreams, who fully supports her wish to be with their children and learn along with them! They have schooled in many ways, but find their comfort zone in a Real Learning environment including Montessori, Charlotte Mason, and maybe even some unschooling too!! They love to live their faith everyday as they learn and explore together!

**Jennifer Miller**, the oldest of seven children, was raised by parents who planted the seed of loving the Church's Liturgy from early childhood. She has contributed to catholicculture.org and continues living and learning the Faith with her son and husband in Manassas, Virginia.

**Michele Quigley** is the mother of ten children and the creator of the Catholic Woman's Daily Planner. She is co-founder of the *Catholic Charlotte Mason* list and co-author of the *Mater Amabilis* free online Catholic Charlotte Mason curriculum. She currently hosts the *Family-Centered Learning*, *Catholic Moms Sewing* room and *Mater Amabilis Teacher Training* forums. Michele and her husband Tim live with their children in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

**Janette Smith** lives in Texas with her husband of 15 years, Tim, and their four children. She graduated with a degree in engineering, and loves her life as a home educator. Tim and Janette share administrative duties at the 4RealLearning forums.

## 4Real Conference Schedule

- 8:30 Holy Sacrifice of the Mass  
*Celebrant: Fr. Thomas Vander Woude*
- 9:15 Coffee and Donuts
- 9:45 Welcome
- 10:00 The Real Learning Philosophy  
*By: Elizabeth Foss*
- 11:00 Living the Liturgical Year  
*By Jennifer Miller and Dawn Hanigan*
- 12:00 Nature Study/Notebooking  
*By: Theresa G*
- 1:00 Lunch and Vendor Shopping
- 2:30 Individual Breakouts:
- High School - *Michele Quigley*
  - Montessori and Real Learning - *Meredith Henning*
  - Special Needs - *Mary Ellen Barrett*
  - Math - *Janette Smith*
- 3:30 A Loving Lifestyle: Husbands and Real Learning  
*By: Bridget Galbraith & Elizabeth Foss*
- 4:30 Speakers Q & A Forum  
*Moderated by: Mary Ellen Barrett*
- 5:00 Closing -- Vendors will remain open ½ hour.



## REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### REGISTRATION FEE:

\$20.00 (Before July 11<sup>th</sup>)

\$25.00

Please make checks out to:  
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