



# The Saints Go Marching In

JULY 24-26, 2025 | NEW ORLEANS, LA

**“The *saints*, the most exalted of human figures, were also the most *local*.”**

– G.K. CHESTERTON





# Conference Schedule

44th Annual Chesterton Conference  
The Saints Go Marching In | July 24-26, 2025

## DAY ONE

THURSDAY, JULY 24

### Welcome & Registration

2:00 PM - Registration and Vendor Tables Open

5:00 PM - Opening Mass 🏛️

All are invited to this uplifting service of prayer and worship.  
Scriptural Rosary at 4:30PM.

6:15 PM - Dinner & Fellowship

### Opening Session

Live & Virtual

7:30 PM - "I Want to Be in That Number"



**Dale Ahlquist**

*Society of Gilbert Keith Chesterton*

Dale Ahlquist explores the Chestertonian way of the Church Militant, marching hopefully to our heavenly reward.

8:30 PM - Chesterton and the Saints



**David Deavel**

*University of Sr. Thomas - Houston*

Dr. Deavel looks at Chesterton's depiction of the saints, and at the significance behind the particular aspects of saints' lives G.K.C. found most interesting.

9:30 PM - Night Prayer

9:45 PM - Afterglow

Greet old friends, and make new friends in a relaxed and convivial atmosphere. A legendary part of the Chesterton conference experience!



## DAY TWO

FRIDAY, JULY 25

7:30 - 8:45 AM - Breakfast available

7:15 AM - Extraordinary Form Parish Mass 🏛️

8:30 AM - Ordinary Form Mass 🏛️

🏛️ - Liturgical events will be held at St. Patrick's Church, 724 Camp Street.

## DAY TWO (cont.)

### Morning Session

Live & Virtual

9:30 AM - Chesterton in Croatia



**Nikola Bolšec**

*Croatian Chesterton Society*

Nikola discusses the impact of the life and works of G. K. Chesterton on his own life and in his country, particularly among young people.

10:30 AM - Touching Immortality: G. K. Chesterton, Sigrid Undset, and the Toy Theatre



**Amy Fahey**

*Thomas More College of the Liberal Arts*

Dr. Fahey explores the connections and similarities between Gilbert and the woman who has been called "The Norwegian Chesterton," Sigrid Undset.

### Afternoon Break Period

11:30 AM - 3:00 PM - Visit the vendor hall, explore the French Quarter, rest in your room - the time is yours!

12:00 PM - Lunch Buffet

For regular meal pass holders only. "Explorer" package holders can use this time for lunch on their own in the city.

1:30 PM - Optional Scriptural Rosary

2:00 PM - Workshop Session on the Father Brown Card Game



### Afternoon Session

Live & Virtual

3:00 PM - Chesterton in Retirement



**David Fagerberg**

*Prof. Emeritus of Theology, University of Notre Dame*

A recently retired theology professor looks at Chesterton's *non*-retirement and ponders what he missed and whether he'd have enjoyed retirement.

4:15 PM - Why Did Chesterton Hate Jazz, and Should We Hate It, Too?



**Marc Barnes**

*New Polity*

In the birthplace of Jazz, Dr. Barnes probes a controversial question: was Chesterton *wrong* in his dislike of America's classical music? Or should fans adjust their tastes to match Chesterton's?

5:30 PM - Dinner

## DAY TWO

FRIDAY, JULY 25 *(continued)*

### Evening Session Live & Virtual

7:00 PM – Chesterton and Walker Percy



**Cy Kellett**

*Catholic Answers*

Cy discusses G.K. Chesterton alongside the great American Catholic writer with roots in the Big Easy, Walker Percy.

8:00 PM – A Clash of Wisdom: The Troubadours Live

**Dale Ahlquist, Christopher Check, Joseph Pearce, William Fahey, and Dan Kerr**

Live together, the five friends trade insights and occasional barbs, arguing without acrimony with characteristic wit, candor, and charity.



9:30 PM – Night Prayer

9:45 PM – Afterglow

## DAY THREE

SATURDAY, JULY 26

7:30 – 8:45 AM – Breakfast available

7:15 AM – Extraordinary Form Parish Mass 🏛️

### Morning Session Live & Virtual

9:00 AM – Untamed Children: A Future of Hope



**Theresa Martin**

*Wojtyła Community & Institute*

A New Orleans native discusses the extraordinary effects of Chestertonian parenting.

## DAY THREE (cont.)

### Morning Session, cont. Live & Virtual

10:00 AM – The History of “Evangeline”



**Christopher Check**

*Catholic Answers*

Chris Check introduces the history behind Henry Wadsworth Longfellow’s epic poem about the tragic expulsion of the Acadians.

11:00 AM – The Poetry of “Evangeline”



**Joseph Pearce**

*Writer, Editor, and Speaker*

Joseph Pearce picks up the story and explores the poetry and the impact of Longfellow’s classic work.

11:45 PM – Lunch

### Afternoon Parallel Sessions

1:00 PM – PARALLEL SESSIONS I

I

Live & Virtual

**Chesterton and Nietzsche**



**Ted Janiszewski**

*Saint Irenaeus Ministries*

II

Live Only

**By Way of Kensal Green: Chesterton’s Spirituality of the Second Half of Life**



**Robert Moore-Jumonville**

*Spring Arbor University*

III

Live Only

**The Home is the Most Important Place in the World**



**Robert Gil**

*Biographer of the late Rosie Gil*

2:00 PM – PARALLEL SESSIONS II

I

Live & Virtual

**Chesterton and A.I.**



**Julian Ahlquist**

*Chesterton Academy of the Twin Cities*

II

Live Only

**Sir Walter Scott: A Great Catholic Writer?**



**Don Flanagan**

*St. Paul Chesterton Society*

III

Live Only

**The Chesterton Schools Network**



**Emily de Rotstein**

*Society of Gilbert Keith Chesterton*

3:30 PM – Confession available

5:00 PM – Rosary 🏛️

5:30 PM – Anticipatory Mass for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 🏛️

7:00 PM – Closing Banquet  
*Jokes, toasts, songs, Clerihews, and other fun; a can't-miss event hosted by Dale Ahlquist*

9:30 PM – Afterglow







# Additional Conference Details

## Conference Dates & Venue

Thursday, July 24 – Saturday, July 26, 2025

**InterContinental New Orleans**  
444 St Charles Ave. | New Orleans, LA 70130

+1 888-424-6835 *Mention Chesterton for special room rate!*

Authentic New Orleans awaits you at InterContinental New Orleans. Our landmark hotel puts you front row to the Big Easy, from world-class cuisine to world-famous Jazz. Our hotel is a respite from the vibrant city, with stunning views and a rooftop pool. Enjoy Cajun-Creole cuisine at Trenasse, or pop into Pete’s, our on-site pub. Then take a stroll down into the French Quarter, hop on a streetcar, and enjoy the best of NOLA.

Special conference rate of \$129/night!

## Airport & Transportation

Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport (MSY) Hotel is located around 30 minutes from the airport and is easily accessible via taxi or a ride-share app.

Our conference app, Whova, also has a ride-share section where attendees can coordinate carpooling or fare-splitting.

## Sponsors & Vendors

Contact [events@chesterton.org](mailto:events@chesterton.org) for pricing and information on event sponsorships and vendor tables.

## Hybrid Event Details

**In-person attendees** will receive access to all sessions, vendors, welcome reception, and world-famous afterglows. Talks will be available for re-stream on the conference app after the events.

**Virtual attendees** have access to all live-streamed sessions (as noted on conference schedule) through the event app, Whova. Upon launch of the app in late April, event registrants will receive a link via e-mail to download the app along with instructions.

## Conference Swag and Merch

Join us in person to receive a **FREE canvas tote** containing your welcome package and other items. Chesterton shirts, books, and other goods, as well as items from our wonderful vendors, will also be available for purchase!



## Registration Options

### Conference Registration

Includes all sessions. *Does not include hotel stay or meals.*

### Digital Attendance

Includes all virtual sessions as designated in schedule.

### Meal Options

Regular 6-meal package. 6 meals; does not include closing banquet (sold separately).

“Explorer” package. 5 meals; does not include closing banquet (sold separately). Friday lunch not included, giving guests opportunity to find lunch on their own in the city during the long break.

Closing banquet ticket. Ticket to our legendary Saturday evening banquet event.

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\$219.50

\$99.99



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