

OCHEC 2010 Convention – Keynote Topics

Mary Ann Eagleson

Teaching Our Children to Teach Themselves

The responsibility load on homeschooling parents, especially in the early years, can be overwhelming. Mary Ann, a homeschooling mom of 23 years, shares some of the ways their children have experienced independent learning in the home education setting, thereby giving all family members some measure of independence. She will explore, with some doses of humor, educational options that have helped them in this realm, record keeping issues, and some of the pitfalls they encountered while dealing with this issue.

Surprises at the End of Homeschooling

Are you just beginning the homeschooling journey? This session is for you, so you can learn in part what is ahead. Are you halfway through the homeschooling journey? This session is for you, for you may find some help to press on. Are you done or nearly done? This session is for you, because you are on the verge of some surprises and maybe you have some to share as well. Come explore some of the delightful and daunting surprises at the end of homeschooling with Mary Ann as the Eaglesons have now graduated their fourth and youngest child.

Homeschooling: One of God's Greatest Tools to Shape Us into His Image

When the laundry backs up, and the children's books are missing, and there is conflict in the Co-op, the call to prayer seems so much more urgent. Mary Ann will candidly and sometimes humorously, share some of the ways these normal homeschooling moments and homeschooling at large has helped mold the character of Christ in the Eagleson family.

Around the Year - Creating Christian Family Traditions

"Mom, of all my childhood memories, doing Advent is among my most favorite. You need to share this with other parents." The Eagleson's 25 year old son, Nate, reported this to his mother several years ago. He and his three sisters still love doing Advent. One never knows what a child will bring into their adult world as a special memory, but the Eaglesons are rejoicing that a memory focused on Jesus is in Nate's top choices, and their daughters have said the same. In this session, Mary Ann shares how the Eagleson family celebrates Advent and Christmas, as well as other special events throughout the year. The church calendar, some of the activities and resources used by the Eaglesons, as well as several thoughts as to how these activities can help us give our children a rich and enjoyable family legacy centered in the Lord are explored.

"Don't home college me!"

So pleaded one Eagleson child, but Bruce and Mary Ann did. All four of the Eagleson children have had some experience in this realm and two have graduated from a fully accredited "home college." The Eaglesons will share how to save hundreds of thousands of dollars, a model for doing it, and some of the challenges and blessings of traveling this road. An "Eaglet" or two may be on hand to give you a "bird's eye view" of this experience. Come hear "The rest of the story!"

Ten (out of countless) Mistakes I've made as a Homeschooling Mom

In this contemplative, yet lighthearted session, Mary Ann shares with candor some of the mistakes she and Bruce have made over the years of their family's homeschooling journey, and what lessons God has taught them. This session is designed for over motivated homeschooling parents who feel like a failure at times and brings some "good news" despite our capacity to make mistakes.

Bruce Eagleson

College Rules

Do you want your children to succeed in College? Then you'll want to hear Dr. Eagleson's rules for success in college. Come and listen as Dr. Eagleson shares the tips that took him 40 years to learn. The Eagleson family has 33 years of post high school educational experience on which to draw from.

How To Find a Pearl of Great Price

Dr. Eagleson shares from his own experience what it takes to find a Pearl of Great Price. Bruce shares stories of when he did it wrong as well as when he did it right. This pearl is in your own house and it is up to you to find it.

What do I do After High School?

The question of what to do after high school is difficult because there are so many options and each child is different. Dr. Eagleson will present some of the options and how you might go about deciding which direction to take next.

The Value of Standing Alone – Mother's Worldview Youth Program

It is May 1940 and the decision of one man will change the course of World War II, and the course of democracy. In our current age of spreading democracy to the whole world, it is hard to imagine just 65 years ago the survival of democracy was seriously in doubt. Dr. Eagleson will share the story of one man's decision and how it changed the world and what we can learn from it.

Here I Stand! - Martin Luther

Dr. Martin Luther will appear in person to share his story. He will recall his discovery that "the just shall live by faith." Dr. Luther will then talk about how this revelation led to numerous conflicts for him. This story shows God was indeed a mighty bulwark never failing.

The Two Paths- What Fathers And Sons Must Believe.

Dr. Eagleson will share with fathers and sons the things that they must know believe and choose in order to walk the narrow path. No father or son has completed his Biblical education without coming to grips with these facts. Due to the nature of this teaching this session is a "guys only" time.

What's Next for Homeschooling?

Dr. Eagleson will share some perspective on what the future may bring. In his position as Chairman of National Alliance of Christian Home Education Leadership he has the chance to meet many of those people will shape the future of the homeschooling movement. He will share where he thinks we may be headed.

John Stonestreet

Vocation: What it is and Why We Must Reintroduce this Biblical Concept What should I do with my life?

A better question is "Who Am I?" A secular education teaches students to make a living. A Christian education teaches students to make a life. The long, lost concept of calling is explored here, including clear Biblical teaching of how the concept applies beyond occupational ministry. Unlock a student's vision and watch him change the world!

Five Reasons Students Set Aside their Faith

Why Students Walk Away from their Faith Studies show that nearly 50% of students reject their faith in college, and 70% will no longer go to church after they leave home. Why is this happening? What can we do about it? Based on years of research and his experience working with students and parents all over the US, this seminar explores five reasons students walk away from the Christian faith. Suggestions are also made how we as parents, teachers, and mentors can keep this from happening.

The Cultural Identity Crisis: the key question of our times . . .

Biotechnology, international relations, perverted sexuality, gender confusion, the crisis in the family, fashion . . . The key question that faces our civilization, at every turn, is what does it mean to be human. Inevitably, a culture that forgets God will forget what it means to be themselves. This session looks at that question in light of current cultural issues and gives Biblical answers.

The Biblical View of Education: Why Students Must Have A Christian Worldview

Christian education is more than education in a Christian environment. In fact, it isn't a Christian education unless it confronts students with a Christian worldview. This seminar provides a model for education that is distinctly Christian, beginning with Christian assumptions, governed by Christian methodology, towards Christian ends.

Using the Culture to Teach Worldviews

Rather than trying without success to teach students to avoid our culture, or be intimidated by it, why not use culture to help them develop discernment? Avoiding culture is not only impossible, it's unbiblical. Methods are offered during this seminar to teach discernment, and to keep up with culture as an educator.

How We Lost Our Minds:

The Challenge of Postmodernism (1 or 2 sessions) Everyone has heard that we live in a postmodern culture, but what does that even mean? This is a clear concise session on the basics of the postmodern worldview from both a historical and ideological perspective. Includes teaching on the key figures of postmodernism.

Understanding Youth Culture

The most powerful culture shaping force in America is entertainment. It literally changes not only what we think about, but how we think. This seminar presents a fresh, and Biblical, understanding of entertainment as well as strategies for helping students understand this cultural force and respond Christianly, without being irrational or afraid of it.

Cory McKenna

The Dash of Destiny

What will people say about you, your life and your destiny when you die? As a homeschool family, are you just living your life...or are you leaving a legacy? This challenging and inspiring session takes a candid look into the life of Moses to see how vital vision and steadfastness are to running the race to win what matters most in the end.

HSLDA: A guard at your gate and guide on your journey

Have you fortified your family against the legal forces that threaten your homeschool? In this session, Cory McKenna (Vice President of Home School Legal Defence Association) will provide you with "need-to-know" legal information and the important updates affecting homeschoolers in Ontario.

Living to Die

As Christians, we live out our God-given call to leadership first and foremost in the context of our marriage and our family. As home educators, we have taken this call very seriously! However, the best way to confuse and destroy followers is to take down the leader and that's why enemy attack is imminent in our homes and homeschools. This session will offer powerful life lessons in leadership and temptation, based on Christ's victory over the devil in the wilderness.

The Student Body of Christ

It's interesting that the only picture the Bible gives us of Jesus between infant and adult is in the role of a student. What might we learn from God's education example? This session will offer helpful hints for structuring your homeschooling relationship and cultivating the love of learning for both teacher and student.