

Fall Educator Gathering – La Crosse
September 25, 2026
Diocese of La Crosse's Office for Catholic Schools

San Damiano Chapel	Aquinas Middle / High School
Viterbo University	315 11 th Street S.
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San Damiano Chapel

8:00 Rosary (Optional)

8:30 Mass

Aquinas Middle / High School - Theater

9:30 Father Martin – What does it mean to “Accompany?”

Aquinas Middle / High School - Classrooms

10:45 Break-out session one

Aquinas Middle / High School - Commons

11:45 Lunch

Aquinas Middle / High School - Classrooms

12:45 Break-out session two

Aquinas Middle / High School - Theater

1:45 What does effective teacher communication look like?

2:30 Conclusion and prayer

Break-Out Sessions:

What type of parents would you like to discuss with your colleagues?

1. Authoritative Parents
 - a. Trend names: Gardner, Dolphin
 - b. Definition: Parent works to balance flexibility and rules to guide child; boundaries are set while avoiding too much managing.
 - c. TV show / Theater examples – The Cosby Show, Full House, black-ish
2. Authoritarian Parents
 - a. Trend names: Tiger, Helicopter, Snowplow, Lawnmower
 - b. Definition: Over involved parents who demand strict obedience of their child and teachers. These parents often use strong discipline and push their child to be successful in academics and extracurriculars.
 - c. TV show / Theater examples – Captain Von Trapp from the Sound of Music
3. Permissive Parents
 - a. Trend names: Jellyfish, Free-Range
 - b. Definition: Parents who don't have a lot of rules, avoid conflict, and allow the child to do what the child desires. These parents see their child as a friend.
 - c. TV show / Theater examples – Gilmore Girls
4. Uninvolved / Neglectful Parents
 - a. Trend names: Panda, Hands-off
 - b. Definition: Parent who is disengaged, takes little to no interest in the life of the child.
 - c. TV show / Theater examples – Matilda, Home Alone

Catholic Teaching on Human Sexuality and Natural Family Planning (NFP)

(Required for Middle School and High School Religion teachers, all Health and Physical Education teachers, School Counselors, Campus Ministers and Chaplains.)

Kayla Hoecherl, NFP Coordinator for the Diocese of La Crosse, will present on a resource she is developing based on the Church's teaching on human sexuality and how Natural Family Planning is God's plan for proper understanding of "What is it to be a man, what it is to be a woman, and what God desires to reveal through them both in the marital covenant." In the future, this resource will be used by NFP Instructors when they present at Catholic Schools.