

Fall Educator Gathering – Marshfield
October 9, 2026
Diocese of La Crosse's Office for Catholic Schools

Our Lady of Peace Church
510 S Columbus Ave
Marshfield, WI
715-384-9414

Columbus Catholic Middle/High School
710 S Columbus Ave
Marshfield, WI
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Our Lady of Peace Church

8:30 Rosary (Optional)
9:00 Mass

Columbus Catholic Middle / High School Gym

10:00 Father Redfern – What does it mean to “Accompany?”

Columbus Catholic Middle / High School classrooms

11:15 Break-out session one

Our Lady of Peace Church hall (basement)

12:15 Lunch

Columbus Catholic Middle / High School classrooms

11:15 Break-out session two

Columbus Catholic Middle / High School Gym

2:15 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.