Conference Announcement:

Family and Children in the Patristic Tradition

October 13-15, 2011
Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology
Brookline, Massachusetts

The Stephen and Catherine Pappas Patristic Institute of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology is pleased to announce its annual thematic conference on “Family and Children in the Patristic Tradition,” which will be held October 13-15, 2011 in Brookline, Massachusetts at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology. The conference begins Thursday evening and ends with dinner on Saturday.

Theme: Children play a surprising role in several of the narratives in the canonical gospels. They are even viewed by Jesus as paradigmatic of the Kingdom of God, – “to such as these the Kingdom of Heaven belongs” (Mat 19:14). In other writings of the New Testament, and in the later patristic corpus, the treatment of children is more varied and complex, including shared viewpoints with the Greco-Roman culture. The purpose of our conference is to engage those patristic writings, Greek, Latin and Syriac, that treat the subjects of family and children; we will seek to examine both theological and socio-historical treatments of the family and children, attempting to deal with any gaps between the theoretical and the historical. Some papers will examine the use of “family” and “children” as metaphors, including those treating monasticism.

Confirmed Plenary Speakers:

- Véronique Dasen, Fribourg University
  Picturing child and family in the Roman period
- Cornelia B. Horn, St. Louis University
  Children and family in the patristic period: Past, present, and future perspectives
- David G. Hunter, University of Kentucky
  Family and christianization in the early church
- John W. Martens, University of St. Thomas
  "Do Not Sexually Abuse Children”: The Language of Sexual Ethics in the Early Church
- Candida Moss, University of Notre Dame
Abandonment of family/children in the New Testament and some early martyrrological literature

- Mark Tarpley, Southern Methodist University
  *Child formation in the thought of Gregory of Nazianzus*

Confirmed Short Communications:

- Chiara Barilli, University of Bologna, Italy and École Pratique des Hautes Études, Paris
  *Actual and potential: men in fieri in the thought of Origen of Alexandria*
- Ann Bezzerides, Office of Vocation and Ministry, Hellenic College
  *St. John Chrysostom and the Teaching of Children at home and in the Church*
- Dr. Alberto Ferreiro, Seattle Pacific University
  *The Catechetical Role of Children in the Sermons of Caesarius of Arles*
- Carrie Frederick, Frost University of Virginia
  *Formed by a Mother's Prayer: Prayer, Pregnancy, and Motherhood in John Chrysostom’s Homilies on Hannah*
- Linda Fuchs, Chesteron House
  *Mother as Teacher of the Sincere Milk of the Word: A Child's Loculus Plaque in the Centrale Montemartini at Rome*
- David Goodin, McGill University
  *Marriage and Children in the Cosmological thought of Gregory Nazianzus*
- Sandy Haney Temple University
  *Raising Godly Girls through Letters, Mosaics, and Dolls: The Intersection of Material Culture and Text*
- Paul Hartog Faith Baptist Theological Seminary
  *Making Peace with Παῖς: 'Child' Imagery in Clement of Alexandria*
- Görge Hasselhoff Ruhr-Universität Bochum
  *Jerome on Education: Biblical, Roman, or both?*
- Jennifer Haddad Mosher Independent Scholar
  *Christ Child: Human Childhood in Christological Focus*
- Daniel Napier Biblijski Institut, Zagreb, Croatia
  *Christianizing Commendatio and Perversio: Augustine’s Theology of Infancy and Childhood in its Late Ancient Philosophical Context*
- Dennis P. Quinn California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
  *Idolatrous Nativity: Demons and the Rhetoric of Child Endangerment in the Christian Apologists*
- Efthalia Makris Walsh, Independent Scholar
  *Eve: The Model Wife*

Registration Information:
Please register at your convenience by email to Dr. Bruce Beck at pappaspatristic@comcast.net, with your name, institutional affiliation, address, and phone number. There is a $125 registration fee, which also includes all the meals and breaks during the conference. This fee is payable upon check-in. The registration fee for students is $40.00. The registration fee is waived for those presenting a paper. The conference hotel is the Sheraton of Needham. Shuttle service will be provided between the conference hotel and the campus.

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