

## 2021 Diocesan Women's Conference Resource Guide

The **Diocesan Women's Conference** occurs once a year, but you can keep the grace flowing long after the day is over! This resource guide provides suggestions for individuals and small groups to make the most of the themes and ideas from this year's conference. Try one, many, or all of these ideas, or use it as a launchpad to create your own ideas for women's ministry in your home and parish.

2021 Theme:

### ***Catholic Motherhood: Life-Giving Love***

While many women answer a call to natural motherhood, there is also a universal call of all baptized women to spiritual motherhood.

Keynote Conference Speakers:

- Bishop Ronald Gainer
  - "When Tommy Wants to be Tammy": Taking a look at Gender Dysphoria from Our Catholic Teachings
- Dr. Theresa Farnan
  - From clown socks to crazy socks: St. John Paul II's insights about women, culture, and our maternal vocation

Resources to supplement your learning and formation:

- ***Christifideles laici, (Christ's Faithful People)***, Pope St. John Paul II, Apostolic Exhortation
- ***Mulieris dignitatem, (On the Dignity and Vocation of Woman)***, Pope St. John Paul II, Apostolic Exhortation
- ***Where Did I Come From? Where Am I Going? How Do I Get There?: Straight Talk for Young Catholics***, Dr. Theresa Farnan; Dr. Charles Rice
- ***Person and Identity Project***: <https://personandidentity.com/>
- ***Letters to Women - Embracing the Feminine Genius in Everyday Life***, Chloe Langr
- ***Discovering the Feminine Genius***, Katrina J. Zeno
- ***Living the Good Life: A Beginner's Thomistic Ethics***, Steven J. Jensen
- ***A Summa of the Summa***, Peter Kreeft

**Reflecting on the Conference and Using the Resources: Ideas to keep the grace flowing after the conference is over**

- Host a Discussion Group, sharing takeaways from the conference
- Host a Book Club using a recommended text above
- Host a Tea Party for women in your parish, celebrating physical and spiritual motherhood
- Send a card, write a letter, or make a phone call to your mother, or a mother-figure in your life
- Host a dinner party celebrating the family – don't forget to consider singles, those without children in the home, and those longing for connection
- Offer a Holy Hour, a Rosary, or a Mass for those dealing with issues of identity and for a renaissance of a true Christian anthropology and gender ideology
- Start, bolster, or revive a Women's Prayer Group in your parish (perhaps considering a Seven Sisters Apostolate!)
- Invite other women for a walk, spending time developing friendships, praying together, and fostering a healthy lifestyle

*May our Mother Mary bless your efforts to embrace Catholic motherhood!*