



# **The Spirit & Craft of Teaching in the Classical Liberal Arts Tradition**

**JUNE 16-20, 2025**

Aquinas College | Nashville, TN

## MONDAY, JUNE 16

1:00-3:00 p.m. Registration, Check-in: Siena Hall

3:00 p.m. **Welcome and Introductions**

3:45 p.m. **Identity and Vision: You Become What You Behold**

*What is the importance of our work as educators and what role does it play in our children's developing sense of identity and, consequently, the health of our culture? We must offer our students something deeper to love that they will carry with them throughout the peaks and valleys of life.*

5:00 p.m. Break

6:00 p.m. Dinner

7:00 p.m. Wine and cheese reception

## TUESDAY, JUNE 17

7:30 a.m. Breakfast

8:30 a.m. **An Overview of Church Teachings on Education (*religious*)**

9:30 a.m. Break

9:45 a.m. **Narration: Education for Freedom - Frederick Douglass**

11:15 a.m. **Colloquy: the Habit of Attention**

*This talk explores the fundamental importance of developing the habits of attention in a child.*

12:00 p.m. Break & Lunch

1:15 p.m. **Number: Finding Harmony at the Tip of a Compass**

*Does liberal education apply to the humanities only? In this hands-on geometrical exercise, we will start with geometry and see its connectedness with other disciplines.*

Break

2:45 p.m. **Colloquy: The Trivium as the Pathway to Learning**

Resources: *Trivium worksheet, Adler's Three Columns, Sayers Chart*

- 3:30 p.m. Break
- 3:45 p.m. **Imitation in the Classroom: Imitation Exercises**
- Dictation - Writing a passage that is read or spoken aloud
  - *Imitatio* - Imitating the structure and cadence of a passage
  - Copywork - Reproducing an excellent passage in excellent penmanship
- 4:30 p.m. Break
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner
- 7:00-8:15 p.m. **Imitation in the Classroom**, continued. Wine and cheese available.
- Rendering - Drawing a likeness
  - Song/Chant - Reproducing melody or sound
  - Movement/Physicality - Re-presenting motions of sports or dance

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:45 a.m. **Coffee Conversation: Small groups**  
“The Allegory of the Cave,” *The Republic* by Plato
- 9:30 a.m. Break
- 9:45 a.m. **Breakouts: Forming the Human Person (split ES/MS and MS/HS)**
- 10:30 a.m. **History through Narrative**  
Resource: *Imagination Resource List*
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. **Seminar: Method of a Lesson**
- 2:00 p.m. Break
- 2:15 p.m. **Sample Mimetic Lessons**
- Latin
  - Mathematics
- 3:15 p.m. **The Five Steps of a Mimetic Lesson**  
Resources: *Mimetic instruction handouts and lesson plan templates*

3:45 p.m.	<b>Group Preparation of a Mimetic Lesson</b>
4:15 p.m.	<b>Mimetic Workshop: Preparation of Lessons</b>
Evening	Participants are free this evening to explore Nashville independently, or relax on campus and join fellow participants for a social hour and pizza.
5:30 p.m.	Social hour and Dinner for those on campus.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 19

7:30 a.m.	Breakfast
8:45 a.m.	<b>Mimetic Teaching Presentations and Reviews</b> (split groups of individual lesson)
11:30 a.m.	Break
12:15 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	<b>Reflection: Christian Anthropology and Incarnational Teaching</b> ( <i>religious</i> )
1:30 p.m.	<b>Mimetic Teaching Presentations and Reviews</b>
5:15 p.m.	Meet in lobby to board bus
6:00 p.m.	Convivial dinner at the Loveless Cafe

## FRIDAY, JUNE 20

7:30 a.m.	Breakfast
8:45 a.m.	Colloquy: <i>On the Deeply Human Things: Seven Foundations of Pedagogy</i>
9:45 a.m.	Break
10:00 a.m.	<b>Reflection and Picture Study</b>
10:30 a.m.	Debrief and evaluations
11:00- 11:30 a.m.	Conclusion
1:00 p.m.	Checkout deadline for Siena Hall

***\*All times and topics are subject to change***

Non-religious content: 94%

Religious content: 6%