



“GOOD TEACHER” AREA FAITH COMMUNITY

Great Books Classical
Homeschool Coop

In association with:
Angelicum Academy
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Targeting enrollment for:
Fall 2021

INTERESTED? CONTACT:

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“One of the great problems of our time is that many are schooled, but few are educated.”

-St. Thomas More

Purpose Statement:

To provide the opportunity for SW Minnesota families to give a “Great Books” classical education to their children in a community setting.

Why “Great Books”?

- Puts students **directly** in contact with the Great Ideas proposed by Western Civilization. Students read works from Plato, Aristotle, Augustine, Dante, Aquinas, Shakespeare, and many more! (Greeks, Roman, Medieval and Modern authors)
 - These are not just for “smarty-pants” intellectuals! The concepts are accessible to everyone, though they are sadly no longer taught in most curriculums today.
- Uses “Socratic” method of shared questioning and inquiry.
- Oriented toward the understanding that the primary purpose of education is not to just “get a job” but to seek the True, Good, and Beautiful (and become better human beings in the process).

Why partner with Angelicum Academy?

- Qualified Instructors/Moderators
- Optional additional offerings available:
 - Logic, Ethics, Latin, Theology and other courses
 - 3-8th Gr – “Socratic discussions” & “Philosophy for Kids”
 - Liberal Studies offerings with Ignatius Press
 - College credit (A.A. degree) for Great Books students in partnership with Holy Cross College (Cromwell, CT)
- Solidly Catholic (Note: students from other faith traditions are welcome! Theology offerings are optional.)
- Flexible format with minimum time commitment (2-4 hrs/wk)
 - Easily coordinates with any homeschool curriculum
 - For public/private school students, may even be an option to incorporate into school schedule.

Proposed Format

- Co-op students would be co-located and connect with teachers & other students live via virtual connection.
- 4-year program (typically taken 9th-12th grades, but is open to any student age 14 or older. Heck, even adults can go through the program!)
- ½ day/week “shared” class time
 - Students in different years may not have class simultaneously but to the extent possible classes would be scheduled “close” to each other
 - Students are welcome to take other Angelicum courses, even if they occur outside the “shared” time.

To-Dos/In Progress:

- Determine interest level in region
- Determine exact meeting location (targeting “Good Teacher” Area Faith Community in Minnesota, MN)
- Determine meeting/class times
- Procure potential funding source(s) to assist interested families who need financial aid (unaided tuition = \$1295/year)