

The Holy Spirit was fully present, and the Father's love could be felt throughout our First KB Conference! We wanted to share with you some our development, highlights of the day, as well as the thoughts from Builders who attended.

- 247 women attended our first Kingdom Builders Conference
- Kingdom Builders welcomes ALL women. They came from approximately 30 different Catholic parishes, 4 Protestant Churches, and some had no church association.
- 42% of those surveyed have never been to a Christian Conference/Retreat
- 38% of those surveyed said it had been over two years since they attended a Christian Conference/Retreat
- Approximately 146 women received the Sacrament of Reconciliation

## Preparation and Development for the KB Conference

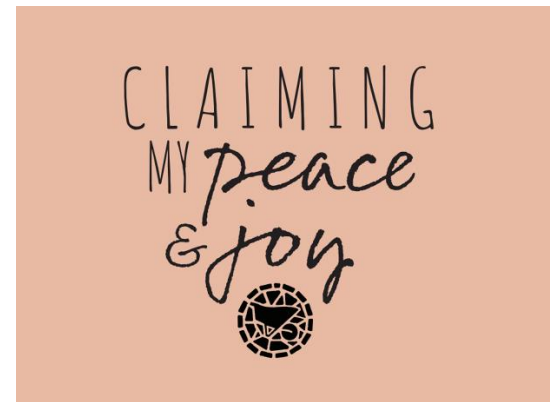
Twelve women served on our Conference Team who are raising a total of 53 children.



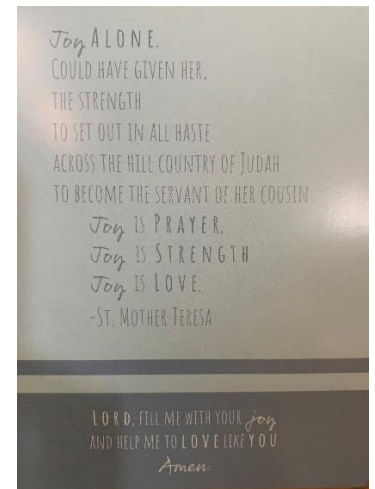
Our theme was *"Claiming My Peace and Joy."*

Black t-shirts were designed for the Conference Team (with our foundational KB Scripture of Matthew 6:33) and another t-shirt for the Builders with our theme.

We carried our theme throughout including our conference screens and our KB sticker (an item included in the KB Swag-Bag).



The Sacrament of Reconciliation was offered in three 10 x 12 heated tents. We created a Reconciliation prayer card for the priests to hand out to the penitents. We hired an artist to depict the Visitation in our KB colors and used a quote from St. Mother Theresa on the back that focused on joy.



The custom-made KB swag-bags had many goodies inside including a custom KB Scripture magnet, themed sticker, Pop-chips, Kind bars (with cute sticker), Magnificat, Today's Catholic, tiny pack of tissues, Litany of Trust, KB postcards, and a Conference Program.



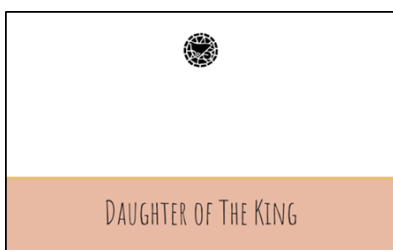


Hand-crafted whitewashed fencing with flowers decorated our stage beautifully.



Ten custom-made stained-glass windows with the KB colors and our Eucharistic focus decorated our venue and Adoration Tent.

Our Prayer team prayed over each individual chair and signed their first name to a tiny card ~ letting each Builder know she was held in prayer before she even arrived. This prayer card greeted them along with custom colored napkins, center pieces, and Cookie Cottage Cookies with our logo.



Every Builder received a lanyard and a beautifully printed nametag with a reminder of their worth and to Whom they belong.

# Mary Jo Parrish ~ Founder and Executive Director



# Amber DeMatte

Catholic Youth Summer Camp, Centerburg, OH



# Mass with the Most Reverend Bishop Kevin Rhoades



## Rosary with Visualization offered by Mary Jo

We prayed a Rosary using the Joyful Mysteries. We visualized ourselves or our loved ones within each mystery as we prayed together.



## Sister Bethany Madonna

Sisters of Life

Sister Bethany Madonna was not able to with us in person due to Covid. However, our Builders gave us so much positive feedback. Her authenticity, gentleness, and love could be felt throughout the room. Her Litany of Trust (provided to all attending) was huge gift to our Builders. Many women struggle with anxiety, insecurity, and fear which keeps them from fully resting in the love of the Father. In the midst of this pandemic, we felt this was a wonderful opportunity for these women to remember to Whom they belong.



# Eucharistic Adoration with Fr. Daniel Scheidt





## Outside Adoration with Armor of God Men ~

Our men spiritually protecting the women through prayer so that we could receive.



## Our Emcees: Father Jonathan Norton and Darrian Franzen



## Builder Babies!

We set up a Mother's Area with blankets and bouncers and baby toys. Mama's were encouraged to rest and enjoy. Babies are never a burden; always a blessing.



## Shopping with Vendors!



## What did our Builders say about the Conference?

“I enjoyed the speakers and just having a day that made me take a time out of my schedule to refocus on my life as a Catholic.”

“To my surprise the Rosary with visualization was my favorite. I have always struggled with the rosary but doing the visualizations was incredible for me. I had tears streaming down my face that I absolutely did not expect and was surprised at.”

“Seeing all of the women come together as a community in one room with love, support, and faith everywhere. The Rosary with Mary Jo’s visualization was very powerful.”

“I loved everything – the speakers, Adoration, Mass, and being able to bring my nursing baby with me.”

“I loved being there with faithful ladies surrounded by prayer and love.”

“I loved being together with friends and reconnecting with God and my religion.”

“I don’t even have small children anymore and I LOVED the fact you made the babies welcome and provided a safe spot for them and their mothers. Not being able to bring a nursing baby with me has kept me from many events over my years of raising my family.”

“I loved the whole spiritual package. It was the perfect day to grow closer to and be loved by our Father.”

“The whole day was planned beautifully. Great schedule, the time we had to visit with our tablemates and visit the vendors. Confession and Adoration was fantastic, then that salad – delicious!!! I am thankful for all the time that the team took to make this day so wonderful, even with a pandemic!”

“I loved having a day away to feed my soul and I made a new friend.”

“I loved the fun atmosphere, the food, the unlimited coffee, and the speakers!”

“I enjoyed the excitement and love of our Lord from the speakers. It was contagious.”

“I liked that confession was available all day and that Adoration was an available spot for doing penance.”

“I loved the feeling of peace and freedom that came from the entire day. It was such a great combination of Catholic topics and the pillars of our faith.”

“I appreciated how everything was done so well. All details ~ Cookie cottage cookie, breaks you could get a coffee and talk with friends, and shop. It felt like a getaway. It was super structured but very laid back.”

“I loved the messages and the fellowship of women.”

“My favorite parts were the joyfulness of the workers, female speakers, Fr. Jonathan’s openness, the location, parking, content was awesome.”

“It was ALL fantastic! I especially loved the music and Mary Jo’s talk.”

“My favorite was Mass with the Bishop, receiving the sacraments, and Adoration!”

“I appreciated the inspiration and uplifting words the speakers provided.”

“My favorite part was the music. I have missed music so much.”

“My favorite was Eucharistic Adoration and the guided rosary. But all of it was great. Mary Jo is hilarious, humble, and a friend to us all – she was a highlight.”

**Mark Your Calendars! 2021 KB Conference Date: October 16, 2021**