

# FATHERHOOD

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**February 3, 2024**  
Westcott Study Center

## Thomas More as a “Father in Full”: Educating for “The Full Scope of Life”

Thomas More reflected deeply about how to educate his children. He set a new standard of education, a standard that included training in the full range of learning – scientific and humanistic – but a training that “put virtue in the first place, learning in the second.” He was also inventive in finding the best ways to educate each of his children. This talk will present More’s principles of education illustrated by some of his wittiest and most memorable examples.

*Dr. Wegemer is the founding director of the Center for Thomas More Studies at the University of Dallas where he has taught for the last 37 years. He has written and edited several books on St. Thomas More including The Essential Works of Thomas More (Yale UP 2020), Young Thomas More and the Arts of Liberty (Cambridge UP 2011), Thomas More on Statesmanship (Catholic UP 1996), and Thomas More: A Portrait of Courage (Scepter P, 1995).*



**April 6, 2024**  
Westcott Study Center

## Fathers and the Flourishing of Their Wives and Children

Fathers and mothers collaborate in the magnanimous enterprise of raising their children to become responsible adults. Thus, the role of fathers is one of essential anthropological value and noble leadership. The talk will present theory and evidence for the positive impact on children’s physical and mental health of their fathers’ involvement in their lives, as well as on their wives’ flourishing and on family unity as a whole. Specific behaviors by fathers that can foster family flourishing will be discussed.

*Teresa Lanza di Scalea, M.D., Ph.D., is a board-certified psychiatrist specializing in the care of women. She lives in Austin with her husband and son. She received her M.D. degree from the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore of Rome, Italy, and completed an adult psychiatry residency followed by a PhD in Neuroscience at the Università Tor Vergata of Rome. She subsequently completed a second residency in adult psychiatry at Brown University in 2015. Dr. Lanza has over a decade of experience in service provision and published research at nationally recognized academic programs in women’s mental health. A clinician-educator at heart, she currently maintains a private practice and serves as director of a meaning-centered initiative for psychiatrists in training at Dell Medical School to foster flourishing in medicine.*



**March 2, 2024**  
Western Academy

## A Father’s Critical Role in Leading His Children to Virtue & Happiness

Being a good breadwinner is increasingly difficult in a world of inflating costs of housing, health care, and education—but it is not enough. Today’s cultural contagions are so powerful, and so poisonous, that fathers must personally and intensively lead and supervise their children’s formation in intellect and morals. To ensure children’s future happiness, and mental and moral health, a father needs to commit to a family mission, and must plan and lead the execution of that mission, with the same strategic insight, attention, and determination that he applies to his professional career. That mission includes building a family culture that continually forms and directs children to grow in wisdom, faith, and a spirit of service. The culture needs to be leavened with fun, and nurtured with a father’s sacrificial attentiveness. The good news is that this kind of intentional, intensive fatherhood leads to joyful family life and effectively helps children grow to be mature, responsible and happy adults.

*Martin Boles spent 34 years in the Litigation Department at the law firm of Kirkland & Ellis, 24 of those as partner. Among other cases, he successfully defended BP against the United States Department of Justice in the trial to quantify the oil spilled after the Deepwater Horizon explosion. Currently, he teaches American History to seniors at St. Monica Academy in Montrose, California. Martin serves on the board of directors for Christendom College, a Catholic liberal arts college in Front Royal, Virginia. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa and Summa Cum Laude from Dartmouth College in 1980 with a degree in geology and did mineral exploration for Kennecott Corporation from 1979 to 1982. He received his JD and MBA degrees from Stanford University in 1986. Martin and his wife have nine children, one of whom with her husband is co-founding a new classical liberal arts school in Orange County, California, of which Martin will be the Headmaster.*

### Schedule

8:00 Holy Mass  
8:45 Breakfast  
9:15- 10:30 Talk

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