

## Parents Matching Convocations in Chicago, Illinois

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A month later, on October 17-18, another program was held at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Chicago. This Parents Matching Convocation attracted 43 parents from Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, and Missouri. The convocation was held on the heels of a Matching Advisor Training at the Chicago Family Church on October 16-17, 2015. Holding these two events together was a wonderful opportunity to spend time educating parents, and investing in the support system of matching advisors that will help many more as they go through the process.

The weekend included presentations, small group discussions, Q & A sessions, and of course, testimonies from couples and parents.

Here is what some of the participants had to say:

“I came here as a rookie and I’m leaving with so much information. Thank you for that. I was like a sponge to be honest. It’s very hopeful to me to know that our next generation is taking ownership to teach us about the matching. I was deeply moved by the overall heartfelt impact of the weekend. I was truly empowered to successfully get both my son and daughter matched and blessed and also to continually deepen my relationship with them. I had a great experience and was very impressed with all aspects of the convocation.”



“Most meaningful for me was the concept of the matching plan which gives me confidence that the process can be properly interactive and methodical (rather than random).”

“The testimonies, both of child and parent, were fantastic. The honesty and openness is refreshing and gives hope that matchings, as challenging as it may seem, is not only possible but can also succeed. Testimonies from Blessed BC couples enabled us as parents to understand more deeply their hearts and feelings.”



“The Parents testimony gave me a lot of hope that they had patience for their children’s match. Wonderful convocation! The real life stories of those who have done it were very meaningful. The testimonies! Very powerful, very useful, very real!”