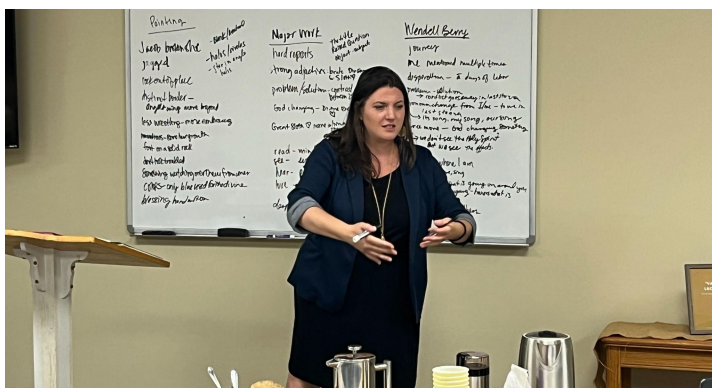


Jennifer R. Souza Speaking, Retreats, & Workshops



Jennifer (Dow) Souza is a classical teacher, curriculum developer, and academic program developer. Jennifer completed her BA in Interdisciplinary Studies & English from Belmont Abbey College, is a CiRCE certified Classical Teacher, and is currently pursuing her Masters in Theological Studies, with a concentration in Patristics & Pedagogy, at Hellenic College Holy

Cross. She has taught humanities, logic, writing, rhetoric, nature study, and the fine arts since 2009. She is the founder of Paideia Academics, an online resource and training center for Christian classical educators and Eastern Orthodox Charlotte Mason Homeschoolers, a popular Facebook group to discuss implementing a Charlotte Mason education in the Eastern Orthodox homeschool.

Currently she teaches high school English, theater, speech, and nature study, develops curriculum with the Classical Learning Resource Center, and writes and develops teacher training and classical teaching resources here at Paideia Academics.

Jennifer was a contributing author for *The Lost Tools of Writing Level 1*, published by The CiRCE Institute, and former co-host of *The Classical Homeschool Podcast*. Jennifer has spoken at dozens of events across the nation on classical education and teaching.

Her research interests include, Classical Rhetoric, Classical Pedagogy, The Liberal Arts, Literature, Letters, and Fine Art Studies, The Intersection of Education and Healing, Education and Pedagogy through the lives and writings of the Saints, Patristic Fathers, and Iconography

Jennifer's teaching and training style is thoughtful, down-to-earth, immersive, and practical. Participants walk away with deep, authentic, and hands-on knowledge of the content discussed in each training. Additionally, Jennifer leads participants in connecting with the ancient philosophy of the classical tradition and shows them how to connect it to practices and ideas that live on the ground level in the classroom.

Jennifer lives with her husband, Fr. John, in Michigan. Together they have five grown children and one son who joined the bunch in 2025! She enjoys music, art, poetry, trying her hand at a challenging recipe, collecting more books than she'll ever read, and exceptionally long walks anywhere beautiful.

Jennifer's published works and podcast appearances can be seen across the web. [View Jennifer's Curriculum Vitae Here.](#)

Workshops

- Teaching with the Rhythms of Nature: Milestones in Student Learning & How to Walk with them as Guide
- Oratory: The Crown Jewel of Classical Rhetoric. Telling the Truth with Words, Voice, and Gesture
- Classical Rhetoric as the Pursuit & Practice of Love
- Nature Study as Commonplace: What it is, how to teach it, and how to integrate the entire curriculum through it.
- The Five Postures of Classical Teaching: A Mastery Journey
- The Lost Tools of Writing (All Levels)
- In Media Res: Reading and Discussing the Essay (select Simone Weil, Dorothy Sayers 'The Lost Tools of Learning, etc.)

Retreats

Retreats are developed through a combination of 2-3 workshops, contemplative activities, fellowship time, and beauty. I work with your retreat coordinator to create a beautiful, restful, and equipping experience. For example:

- Workshops: Teaching with the Rhythms of Nature, Oratory, and Nature Study
- Contemplative Activities: Nature Walks, Silent Reflection Time, Communal Prayer
- Fellowship: Discussion time over Shared Meals and an evening tea or bonfire
- A Beautiful Setting

Conference Talks

- The Relationship's The Thing: Poetic, Mimetic, and Dialectical Learning in The Little Prince
- Classical Rhetoric as the Pursuit & Practice of Love
- Teaching with the Rhythms of Nature: Milestones in Student Learning & How to Walk with them as Guide
- The Five Postures of Classical Teaching: A Mastery Journey

If you have another topic in mind you would like me to speak on, please reach out. I am open to developing custom workshops, retreats, and conference talks upon request. You can reach me at jenniferruthsouza@gmail.com.

Pricing

90-minute online presentation/workshop: \$397

60-minute online presentation/workshop: \$267

Two-Three Day Retreat or Workshop: \$4,000 - \$5,000

Full-Day Workshop or Retreat: \$2,170 per day (plus travel, room, and board)

Half-Day Workshop or Retreat: \$1,470 (plus travel, room, and board)

Conference Talks: Travel, Room & Board, and Conference Registration

To learn more or book Jennifer for your next training, email her with what you are looking for at jenniferruthsouza@gmail.com.