

*Together in Holiness* – Diocese of Phoenix  
Saturday, September 28, 2019 | St. Andrew the Apostle, Chandler

## SCHEDULE

- 9:30 AM CONFERENCE CHECK-IN
- Childcare Check-In
  - Exhibitor Booths – available throughout conference
- 10:30 AM WORDS OF WELCOME
- 10:45 – 11:45 AM “JOYFUL EVER AFTER: GETTING THE MARRIAGE YOU WANT FROM THE MARRIAGE YOU HAVE”  
Damon & Melanie Owens, Founders of *joytob*
- 11:45 AM-1:45 PM BREAK FOR LUNCH AND PRAYER
- Sacrament of Reconciliation – 12:00 – 1:30 pm
  - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – 12:00 - 1:30 pm
  - Benediction – 1:15 pm
  - Exhibitor Booths – available throughout conference
- 1:45-2:45 PM “MARRIAGE AS AN ICON OF THE TRINITY”  
Rev. John Parks, Vicar of Evangelization, Diocese of Phoenix
- 3:00-4:00 PM “STRAIGHT TALK FOR SPOUSES: HOW TO LOVE EACH OTHER RIGHTLY”  
Patty Schneier, Author and Catholic Speaker
- 4:00-4:15 PM CONCLUDING COMMENTS AND SENDING FORTH
- 4:15 PM TRANSITION TO MASS
- Pick up children from childcare
  - Exhibitor Booths - available until 4:45 pm
- 5:00 PM JUBILEE MASS  
Celebrant: Most Rev. Thomas J. Olmsted, Bishop of Phoenix
- Marriage Blessing

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## TALK DESCRIPTIONS

### “JOYFUL EVER AFTER: GETTING THE MARRIAGE YOU WANT FROM THE MARRIAGE YOU HAVE”

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Each stage of married and family life carries its own particular struggles and challenges to live joyfully: intimacy, sex, finances, time, communication, prayer, work-home balance, parenting, leisure, health, etc. When our desire for a joy-filled marriage doesn't materialize on its own, the day-to-day reality of married life becomes more real to us than God's plan for a joy-filled marriage. Now is the time to embrace and experience God's designs for your marriage! With their distinctive style of warmth and humor, Damon & Melanie share 25+ years of joys, mistakes, struggles, wisdom, and faith to help you rediscover how to live joyfully ever after!

### “MARRIAGE AS AN ICON OF THE TRINITY”

Rev. John Parks, Vicar of Evangelization, Diocese of Phoenix

In this talk Fr. Parks will explore the Sacrament of Marriage as an icon of the Trinitarian God. This richly textured analogy of marriage and Trinity is a source of profound insight into the mysterious and life-giving dynamics of marriage. At the same time, this Trinitarian view of marriage also gives rise to practical wisdom that help marriages grow in deeper mutuality, intimacy, and conflict resolution. Drawing on Catholic sources such as the Scriptures, Church Fathers, and ancient and modern theologians, as well as contemporary research on marriage, this talk aims to inspire and empower couples to reflect the life-giving love of the Trinity in their marriage and family life.

### “STRAIGHT TALK FOR SPOUSES: HOW TO LOVE EACH OTHER RIGHTLY”

Patty Schneier, Author and Catholic Speaker

“Love one another as I have loved you...” Fifteen years ago, Patty wrestled with this question and asked, “HOW, Lord? What does that look like in marriage?” These questions led Patty and her husband Larry to discover the meaning of authentic love, real intimacy, and the transforming power of God's grace. In this talk, Patty speaks directly to both spouses about loving each other rightly. Imagine how strong EVERY marriage would be if every husband really knew how to love his wife (and vice versa!)...It changes everything.