



Together in Holiness

Diocese of Charlotte | November 23, 2019

Schedule

- 9:30 AM** **CONFERENCE CHECK-IN**
- Childcare Check-in
 - Sacrament of Reconciliation – 9:30 – 10:30 am
 - Exhibitor Booths - available throughout conference
- 10:30 AM** **WORDS OF WELCOME**
- 10:45 – 11:45 AM** **“MARRIAGE AS A SPECIFIC VOCATION TO HOLINESS”**
Mark J. Zia, S.T.L., S.T.D., Professor of Sacred Theology at Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas
- 11:45 AM – 1:30 PM** **BREAK FOR LUNCH AND PRAYER**
- Box Lunch Pick-Up (lunch is included for conference registrants)
 - Sacrament of Reconciliation – 12:15 - 1:15 pm
 - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – 12:15 - 1:15 pm
 - Benediction– 1:00 pm
 - Exhibitor Booths - available throughout conference
- 1:30 – 2:30 PM** **“BUILDING YOUR MARRIAGE ON A ROCK: HOW THEOLOGY OF THE BODY SETS UP A SOLID FOUNDATION”**
Benjamin and Kaitlyn Clare Mason, Natural Family Planning Promoters, Founded Mary Garden Showers
- 2:45 – 3:45 PM** **“MISSION: POSSIBLE! LIVING FAMILY LIFE WITH JOY AND PURPOSE”**
Joshua Bitting, Ph.D. (cand.), Program Director, St. John Paul II Foundation
- 3:45 – 4:00 PM** **CONCLUDING COMMENTS AND SENDING FORTH**
- 4:00 PM** **TRANSITION TO MASS**
- Exhibitor Booths - available until 4:30 pm
- 4:30 PM** **VIGIL MASS & MARRIAGE BLESSING**
Celebrant & Homilist: Rev. Timothy S. Reid



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PRESENTATION DESCRIPTIONS

“Marriage as a Specific Vocation to Holiness”

Mark J. Zia, S.T.L., S.T.D., *Professor of Sacred Theology at Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas*

The general aim of this talk is to bring us back to the creation of man and woman and the institution of marriage & marital love found within the second chapter of the book of Genesis. We will explore John Paul II’s understanding of marriage as a covenant of life and love realized through the self-donation of each spouse in a way that participates in the mystery and beauty of Trinitarian communion. These reflections will help us to appreciate that only a truly theological vision of marriage and family life can renew, revivify and empower Christian families to be a powerful source of evangelization in the world.

“Building Your Marriage on a Rock: How Theology of the Body Sets Up a Solid Foundation”

Benjamin and Kaitlyn Clare Mason, *Natural Family Planning Promoters, Founded Mary Garden Showers*

Marriage is a labor of love, maintained with continual prayer and the pursuit of virtue. But how can we be sure we’re building our marriages on a strong foundation? How can we be sure our marriages will withstand the rain, floods, and winds of this world? Enter Theology of the Body, God’s blueprint for a healthy, happy, covenantal marriage. Benjamin and Kaitlyn Mason will walk you through over a decade of stories and experiences to show you firsthand how they’ve learned to slowly but steadily build their marriage on rock. Learn about practical ways to honor and serve each other in daily life and how to reinforce the existing foundation of your relationship with continual communication that cultivates intimacy with each other and with God.

“Mission: Possible! Living Family Life with Joy and Purpose”

Joshua Bitting Ph.D (cand.), *Program Director, St. John Paul II Foundation*

Saint John Paul II taught that the family is an icon of the Trinity with a mission to “*guard, reveal, and communicate love.*” This is an awesome call! But how do we accomplish this mission at the hectic pace of modern life? In this talk, couples will explore together how even the most “ordinary” events of daily living can be transformed into occasions for God’s extraordinary grace to break through. Learn how your marriage and family are the path to true fulfillment and the means for transforming the world!