

*Together in Holiness* – Diocese of Tyler  
Saturday, October 23, 2021 | St. Matthew Catholic Church, Longview, TX

## FAMILY, A DOMESTIC CHURCH

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| 10:00 AM            | <b>ATTENDEE CHECK-IN</b><br>Childcare Check-In<br>Exhibitor Booths - available throughout conference  |
| 10:45 AM            | <b>WORDS OF WELCOME</b>   |
| 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM | <b>THE FAMILY: KNOW WHO YOU ARE, IN A WORLD THAT TELLS YOU OTHERWISE</b><br>Sister Josephine Garrett, CSFN  |
| 12:00 - 12:30 PM    | <b>LUNCH</b><br>Box Lunch Pick-Up (lunch is included for conference registrants)  |
| 12:30 - 1:45 PM     | <b>BREAK FOR DISCUSSION AND PRAYER</b><br>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (12:45 - 1:45 pm)<br>Benediction (1:30 pm)<br>Sacrament of Reconciliation (12:45 - 1:45 pm)<br>Exhibitor Booths – available throughout conference |
| 2:00 - 3:00 PM      | <b>7 PILLARS OF A HEALTHY AND VIBRANT DOMESTIC CHURCH</b><br>Joshua Bitting, PhD  |
| 3:15 - 4:15 PM      | <b>BECOMING A DOMESTIC CHURCH: HOW TO EMBRACE GOD’S PLAN FOR YOUR FAMILY</b><br>Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers  |
| 4:15 PM             | <b>CLOSING COMMENTS &amp; SENDING FORTH</b>   |
| 4:30 PM             | <b>TRANSITION TO MASS</b><br>Childcare Check-Out<br>Last Chance for Exhibitor Booths  |
| 5:00 PM             | <b>VIGIL MASS</b><br>Celebrant: Most Rev. Joseph E. Strickland  |

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## PRESENTATION DESCRIPTIONS

### **THE FAMILY: KNOW WHO YOU ARE, IN A WORLD THAT TELLS YOU OTHERWISE**

**Sister Josephine Garrett, CSFN, Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth**

“The Church thus finds in the family, born from the sacrament, the cradle and the setting in which she can enter the human generations.” – Pope John Paul II. We know that the final battle between the Lord and the kingdom of Satan will be about Marriage and the Family. We do not need to be afraid, and rather strive to know ever more deeply who we are, whose we are, and live that ever more boldly in the world. This presentation will provide participants with an opportunity to reflect on their core identity as sons and daughters of God, entrusted with a mission that unfolds in marriage and in the family. The question “what is a domestic church?” will be addressed, along with the significant role that holiness among domestic churches has in the sanctification of the Church and of the world.

### **7 PILLARS OF A HEALTHY AND VIBRANT DOMESTIC CHURCH**

**Joshua Bitting, PhD, Program Director, St. John Paul II Foundation**

Saint Pope John Paul II in his 1981 apostolic exhortation *Familiaris consortio*, on the role of the Christian family in the modern world, gives these stirring words, “Family, become what you are.” This practical workshop aims to inspire and equip Catholic couples to thrive in their marriages and families, not just survive! The speaker will present 7 key pillars of a healthy and vibrant domestic church to help you explore how you can do the “Catholic Thing” intentionally, intelligently, and intensely in your home and family – so you can become what you are called to be.

### **BECOMING A DOMESTIC CHURCH: HOW TO EMBRACE GOD’S PLAN FOR YOUR FAMILY**

**Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, The Dynamic Deacon**

This presentation will discuss the sacredness of family life in the example of the Holy Family, and how the power of God’s grace supports and strengthens both parents and children on their journey toward heaven.