

PRESENTATION DESCRIPTIONS

"FAMILY, BECOME WHAT YOU ARE!"

Rev. Matthew Kauth, Rector, St. Joseph College Seminary

St. John Paul II's Apostolic Letter *Familiaris Consortio* challenges families to "become what you are." That means that the family is already and at the same time not yet. Becoming a man or a woman is an achievement not an age one reaches. Similarly, becoming a family is not mere biology but rather intentionality. The goal is a true domestic church. The purpose of this foundational talk is to lay the footings upon which your family can be built. Taking St Joseph as head and our Lady as the heart of the Holy Family, we will explore the ways in which your family might become what God has designed from all eternity.

"THE HOLY FAMILY AND YOUR FAMILY"

Joshua Bitting, PhD (cand), Program Director, St. John Paul II Foundation

St. John Paul II wrote that "it is in the Holy Family, the original Church in miniature, that every Christian family must be reflected. It is therefore the prototype and example for all Christian families." In this talk, couples will explore how they can foster an authentic culture of discipleship to Jesus after the example of the Holy Family by integrating six key principles into their marriage and family life. By doing so, they learn to mirror to each other and to the world the joy and peace that Christ brings.

"AWAKENING YOUR DOMESTIC CHURCH"

Kathryn Whitaker, Author and Speaker

After the birth of her premature son, Kathryn Whitaker and her family decided to start living an authentic life, filled with intention. She will share how you and your spouse can pray with purpose, surround yourself with holy friends to support and guide your faith and family, and how you can allow God to reshape your life.