

*Together in Holiness* – Diocese of Venice  
Saturday, October 2, 2021 | St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Sarasota

## FAMILY, A SCHOOL OF VIRTUE

<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>ATTENDEE CHECK-IN</b> Childcare Check-In Sacrament of Reconciliation – 9:30 - 10:15 am Exhibitor Booths - available throughout conference
<b>10:00 – 10:15 AM</b>	<b>WORDS OF WELCOME</b> Most Rev. Frank J. Dewane, Bishop of Venice
<b>10:15 – 11:15 AM</b>	<b>FAMILY: A SCHOOL OF VIRTUE</b> Kevin and Lisa Cotter, Catholic Authors and Speakers
<b>11:15 – 11:30 AM</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>11:30 AM – 12:30 PM</b>	<b>MARRIAGE, FAMILY, AND THE VIRTUE OF LOVE</b> Leonora Butau, PhD, Associate Fellow, St. John Paul II Foundation
<b>12:30 – 2:00 PM</b>	<b>FOR LUNCH AND PRAYER</b> Box Lunch Pick-Up (lunch is included for conference registrants) Sacrament of Reconciliation – 1:00 - 2:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – 1:00 – 2:00 pm Benediction – 1:45 pm Exhibitor Booths – available throughout conference
<b>2:15 – 3:15 PM</b>	<b>HOW TO NOURISH LOVE IN THE FAMILY</b> Rev. Eric Scanlan, Pastor, Incarnation Catholic Church
<b>3:15 – 3:30 PM</b>	<b>CLOSING COMMENTS &amp; SENDING FORTH</b> Childcare Check-Out Last Chance for Exhibitor Booths
<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>VIGIL MASS &amp; MARRIAGE BLESSING</b> Celebrant: Rev. Eric Scanlan, Pastor, Incarnation Catholic Church

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## PRESENTATION DESCRIPTIONS

### **FAMILY: A SCHOOL OF VIRTUE**

**Kevin and Lisa Cotter**, Catholic Authors and Speakers

What did St. Paul VI mean when he wrote the family is the “first school of the social virtues”? How can parents encourage their children’s growth in virtue, despite the culture’s contrary messages of selfishness, individualism, and immorality? Drawing upon wisdom from the Church, this talk will offer guidance for parents at various stages of parenting to overcome common obstacles to peace, balance, and joy in daily family life. The Cotters will remind couples to focus on the beauty, joy, and privilege of the family’s unique call to be a school of virtue for both children and parents alike.

### **MARRIAGE, FAMILY AND THE VIRTUE OF LOVE**

**Leonora Butau, PhD**, Associate Fellow, St. John Paul II Foundation

Am I loving my spouse well? What does true love look like? Love and marriage were given to us from the beginning as a “way” to the Father. Am I living this vocation well? How does the sacrament of marriage assist me to love in this way? This talk will explore the purpose and meaning of this particular and exceptional call to love.

### **HOW TO NOURISH LOVE IN THE FAMILY**

**Rev. Eric Scanlan**, Pastor, Incarnation Catholic Church

“Thank you,” “I’m sorry,” “Excuse me” – Pope Francis has said these three statements are essential for marriage and family life. Gratitude is a foundation for love in family life, reconciliation heals family relationships when we inevitably fall short of love, and service becomes love in action. This talk will draw from the wisdom of our Holy Fathers, past and present, as they teach us how to nourish love in the family.