

Together in Holiness – Diocese of Nashville
Saturday, February 19, 2022 | Catholic Pastoral Center

FAMILY, A BELIEVING AND EVANGELIZING COMMUNITY

9:00 AM	CONFERENCE CHECK-IN Childcare Check-In Exhibitor Booths – available throughout conference
9:30 AM	MASS AND MARRIAGE BLESSING Celebrant: Most Rev. J. Mark Spalding, JCL
10:30 AM	WORDS OF WELCOME
10:45 – 11:45 AM	EDUCATING IN CHRIST: PARENTS AS PRIMARY TEACHERS OF THEIR CHILDREN IN THE FAITH Ryan Hanning, PhD, Fellow, San Juan Diego Institute
11:45 AM – 1:15 PM	BREAK FOR LUNCH AND PRAYER 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	ENKINDLING AND FANNING THE FLAME: HOW TO PASS ON THE FAITH TO YOUR CHILDREN Sr. Elizabeth Anne Allen, OP, EdD, Director, Center for Catholic Education at Aquinas College, Nashville
2:45 – 3:45 PM	THE SAINTS, FAMILIES, AND EVANGELIZATION Damon Owens, Founder of <i>Joyful Ever After</i>
3:45 – 4:00 PM	CLOSING COMMENTS AND SENDING FORTH

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PRESENTATION DESCRIPTIONS

EDUCATING IN CHRIST: PARENTS AS PRIMARY TEACHERS OF THEIR CHILDREN IN THE FAITH

Ryan Hanning, PhD, Fellow, San Juan Diego Institute

The Church has consistently taught that parents are the “primary educators” of their children. This foundational presentation will explore the unique mission entrusted to parents to serve as the first teachers of the faith within the domestic church. This talk will emphasize the essential role of parents in rooting their children in the teaching of the Church, the life of virtue, and regular participation in the sacraments.

ENKINDLING AND FANNING THE FLAME: HOW TO PASS ON THE FAITH TO YOUR CHILDREN

Sr. Elizabeth Anne Allen, OP, EdD, Director, Center for Catholic Education at Aquinas College, Nashville

As heralds and teachers of the Gospel for their children, there is nothing that can replace the words and example of a parent in the spiritual development of a child. In the Rite of Baptism, parents accept responsibility for training their children in the practice of the faith. They are the first image of God for their children. This presentation will offer parents practical guidance on how parents can successfully pass on the gift of the faith to their children.

THE SAINTS, FAMILIES, AND EVANGELIZATION

Damon Owens, Founder of *Joyful Ever After*

What happens if I go *all-in* as a believer and disciple of Jesus Christ? Is it even necessary or possible “to be made worthy of the promises of Christ?” It’s unfair, but easier, to judge the truth of the Faith by the witness of Christians who betray, fail, or compromise. It seems more just, but harder, to judge by the heroic witness of those who live it to the full. These are the saints. Ordinary men, women, and children made holy by God through their heroic faith in Him and His Church. *Their witness is for us*. This presentation will offer couples insights on how to develop a vibrant relationship with these saints. The witness of the saints can assist the faith journey of families and help them to bear witness to the gospel in the ordinary events of their lives.