

**Together in Holiness – Diocese of Wheeling- Charleston**  
**Saturday, February 12, 2022 | Saint John XXIII Pastoral Center**

## **FAMILY, A DOMESTIC CHURCH**

<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>ATTENDEE CHECK-IN</b> Childcare Check-In Exhibitor Booths – available throughout conference
<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>MASS AND MARRIAGE BLESSING</b> Most Rev. Mark E. Brennan, Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston
<b>9:45 - 10:00 AM</b>	<b>WORDS OF WELCOME</b> Charlotte Sacco, Program Coordinator, St. John Paul II Foundation
<b>10:00 - 11:00 AM</b>	<b>THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD AND YOUR HOUSEHOLD: WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A DOMESTIC CHURCH?</b> Charlotte Sacco, Program Coordinator, St. John Paul II Foundation
<b>11:15 AM - 12:15 PM</b>	<b>THE FAMILY: A COMMUNITY OF CONTAGIOUS LOVE, JOY, SACRIFICE, AND FAITH</b> Nick Chancey, Newman Center Director, Marshall University
<b>12:15 – 2:00 PM</b>	<b>BREAK 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>BLESS THIS MESS: THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO FORGING HOLINESS IN THE MIDST OF FAMILY CHAOS</b> Damon Owens, Founder of <i>Joyful Ever After</i>
<b>3:15 - 3:30 PM</b>	<b>CLOSING COMMENTS AND SENDING FORTH</b> Childcare Check-Out Last Chance for Exhibitor Booths

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## PRESENTATION DESCRIPTIONS

### **THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD AND YOUR HOUSEHOLD: WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A DOMESTIC CHURCH?**

**Charlotte Sacco**, Program Coordinator, St. John Paul II Foundation

The Second Vatican Council taught that “the family is, so to speak, the domestic church” (*Lumen gentium*, 11). This foundational presentation will explore the origin and significance of the “domestic church” based upon the thought of St. John Paul II, Scripture, and the witness of the saints. This talk will emphasize how understanding the identity and mission of the family as the domestic church is essential for the renewal of our culture, society, and the Church.

“The Church is a family of families, constantly enriched by the lives of all those domestic churches.” – Pope Francis, *Amoris laetitia*, 87

### **THE FAMILY: A COMMUNITY OF CONTAGIOUS LOVE, JOY, SACRIFICE, AND FAITH**

**Nick Chancey**, Newman Center Director, Marshall University

Cooperating with God’s design for marriage and the family leads to a natural, deep, and shared happiness among family members, along with the realization of God’s grace at work. Through prayer, flexibility, and patience, each member of the family is able to grow in holiness and flourish in the role God intends for them. Over time, the family becomes better equipped to evangelize the larger community on the joys and sacrifices of marriage, family life, and the Catholic faith. The presenter will share these principles in a lively, practical manner with examples from his/her own personal life.

### **BLESS THIS MESS: THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO FORGING HOLINESS IN THE MIDST OF FAMILY CHAOS**

**Damon Owens**, Founder of *Joyful Ever After*

Even in the best of times, it is impossible to live marriage and family life under our own power, will, skill, virtue, or strength. From the “beginning” God Himself created marriage – and the family that flows from it – as a privileged place to experience, participate in, and be formed by *Love*. Love perfects us, makes us more human, and makes us more of who we truly are: daughters and sons of God the Father. The beautiful “mess” of our marriage and families is the perfection in process. This presentation will encourage and teach couples a way of ordinary, natural prayer that will forge holiness in the midst of family chaos.

“The dignity and responsibility of the Christian family as the domestic Church can be achieved only with God’s unceasing aid, which will surely be granted if it is humbly and trustingly petitioned in prayer.” – St. John Paul II, *Familiaris consortio*, 59