

*Together in Holiness – Diocese of Venice*  
**Saturday, October 22, 2022 | St. John XXIII Catholic Church**

## **FAMILY, A COMMUNITY OF PRAYER**

<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>CONFERENCE CHECK-IN</b> Childcare Check-In Sacrament of Reconciliation – 9:30 - 10:00 am Exhibitor Booths – available throughout conference
<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>WORDS OF WELCOME</b> Most Rev. Frank J. Dewane, Bishop of Venice
<b>10:15 - 11:00 AM</b>	<b>THE HOLY EUCHARIST: THE SOURCE AND SUMMIT OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE</b> Rev. Shawn Monahan, OMV, Associate Director, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center
<b>11:10 AM – 12:45 PM</b>	<b>BREAK FOR LUNCH AND PRAYER</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – 11:10 am - 12:10 pm Benediction – 12:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation – 11:15 am - 12:30 pm Box Lunch Pick-Up – 12:10 – 12:45 pm Exhibitor Booths – available throughout conference
<b>12:45 - 1:00 PM</b>	<b>WHAT'S NEXT AFTER THE <i>TOGETHER IN HOLINESS</i> CONFERENCE?</b>
<b>1:15 - 2:15 PM</b>	<b>A FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER</b> Christopher J. Stravitsch, DMin, Chairman of the Board, St. John Paul II Foundation
<b>2:30 - 3:30 PM</b>	<b>TO LOVE AND TO CHERISH: DEEPENING LOVE AND INTIMACY IN MARRIAGE</b> Damon and Melanie Owens, Co-Founders, <i>Joyful Ever After</i>
<b>3:30 - 3:35 PM</b>	<b>CLOSING COMMENTS AND SENDING FORTH</b> Childcare Check-Out Last Chance for Exhibitor Booths
<b>4:00 - 5:00 PM</b>	<b>VIGIL MASS AND MARRIAGE BLESSING</b> Celebrant: Rev. Michael Young

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## **PRESENTATION DESCRIPTIONS**

### **THE HOLY EUCHARIST: THE SOURCE AND SUMMIT OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE**

**Rev. Shawn Monahan, OMV, Associate Director, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center**

Bishop Fulton Sheen said “It takes three to get married”. It’s God’s love that unites and fuses the marriage bond between bride and groom. When a couple walks through the doors of the church to enter into the Sacrament of Marriage, they don’t just make vows / promises to each other. Christ also makes a promise to them to help them live out that vocation and to empower them to mirror His love for His bride the Church profoundly through the Eucharistic embrace which is both at the heart of the Christian life and the Sacrament of Marriage.

### **A FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER**

**Christopher J. Stravitsch, DMin, Chairman of the Board, St. John Paul II Foundation**

Saint John Paul II taught that families have a “priestly mission” that includes living a life of prayer together in the home—husband and wife together, parents and children together. Yet, most spouses and families do not pray outside of the Mass and would likely say they do not know how. In this presentation, Dr. Chris will share three simple steps couples and families can follow to begin or to deepen their prayer life together, so they can receive the grace to overcome the many modern-day obstacles to family faith life.

### **TO LOVE AND TO CHERISH: DEEPENING LOVE AND INTIMACY IN MARRIAGE**

**Damon and Melanie Owens, Co-Founders, *Joyful Ever After***

This presentation will focus on the significance of cherishing the most important person in your life, your spouse, even in the face of the challenges and demands of daily family life. You can expect to walk away with practical ideas to love and honor the gift of your spouse in the way that God intended. The goal is to send you forth equipped, inspired, and excited to intentionally love your spouse, nurture a vibrant relationship, and thrive in your marriage, no matter what stage of married life you are in.