

Together in Holiness – Diocese of Nashville
Saturday, February 18, 2023 | Catholic Pastoral Center, Nashville, TN

FAMILY, A DOMESTIC CHURCH

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, Bishop of Nashville
10:30 – 10:45 AM	WORDS OF WELCOME Rachel Townsend, Program Coordinator, St. John Paul II Foundation
10:45 – 11:45 AM	THE HOLY EUCHARIST AND THE DOMESTIC CHURCH Larry G. Freeney, Director of Education and Assessments, Rejoice Counseling Apostolate
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	LITURGICAL LIVING IN THE HOME Daniel and Michelle Schachle, Parishioners at St. Christopher Catholic Church
2:45 – 3:45 PM	THE EUCHARISTIC MISSION OF THE FAMILY Leonard J. DeLorenzo, PhD, McGrath Institute for Church Life; Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame
3:45 – 4:00 PM	CLOSING COMMENTS AND SENDING FORTH Childcare Check-out Last Chance for Exhibitor Booths

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PRESENTATION DESCRIPTIONS

THE HOLY EUCHARIST AND THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

Larry G. Freeney, Director of Education and Assessments, Rejoice Counseling Apostolate

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, Sacred Scripture, and the witness of the saints. This talk will emphasize how understanding the identity and mission of the family as the domestic church and its relationship to the Holy Eucharist is essential for the renewal of our culture, society, and the Church.

LITURGICAL LIVING IN THE HOME

Daniel and Michelle Schachle, Parishioners at St. Christopher Catholic Church

Liturgical living in the home helps strengthen the family as a domestic church. Living out the beautiful rhythm of the Catholic liturgical year helps families to integrate their Catholic faith into all aspects of their life and helps them draw closer to Christ together. This talk will provide insights to couples about living a liturgy centered life within the domestic church and beyond.

THE EUCHARISTIC MISSION OF THE FAMILY

Leonard J. DeLorenzo, PhD, McGrath Institute for Church Life; Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame

St. John Paul II teaches about the unity we find in the Eucharist: “Thus the Lord unites us with Himself through the Eucharist – sacrament and Sacrifice – and he unites us with Himself and with one another by a bond stronger than any natural union. Thus united, He sends us into the whole world to bear witness, through faith and works, to God’s love.” This talk will explore the ways that St. John Paul II emphasizes the unity of the Eucharist, Jesus’ Real Presence in the Sacrament, and the ways in which the Eucharist places us in the moment of Jesus’ death and resurrection. We will look at ways that the family in particular is called to be fed, inspired, and united with Jesus and one another, in the Holy Eucharist.