

Together in Holiness – Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston
Saturday, February 11, 2023 | St. Michael Catholic Church, Wheeling, WV

FAMILY, A BELIEVING AND EVANGELIZING COMMUNITY

9:45 AM	CONFERENCE CHECK-IN Childcare Check-In Exhibitor Booths – available throughout conference
10:30 AM	WORDS OF WELCOME Susie Lopez, Vice President of Operations, St. John Paul II Foundation
10:45 – 11:45 AM	THE MARRIAGE VOCATION AND THE CHURCH'S MISSION OF NEW EVANGELIZATION Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, <i>The Dynamic Deacon</i>
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	A LOVE THAT SPREADS THE GOSPEL Walt and Jackie Schratz, Speakers for the “Renew the I Do”, Foundation, and Founders of “Mission Project Love”
2:45 – 3:45 PM	THE SAINTS, FAMILIES, AND EVANGELIZATION Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, <i>The Dynamic Deacon</i>
3:45 – 4:00 PM	CLOSING COMMENTS AND SENDING FORTH
4:00 PM	TRANSITION TO MASS Childcare Check-out Last Chance for Exhibitor Booths
4:30 PM	VIGIL MASS AND MARRIAGE BLESSING Celebrant: Most Rev. Mark E. Brennan, Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston

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PRESENTATION DESCRIPTIONS

THE MARRIAGE VOCATION AND THE CHURCH'S MISSION OF NEW EVANGELIZATION

Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, *The Dynamic Deacon*

Married couples and families have a vocation to become a place where the spouses and every member of the family is evangelized by one another. Spouses and family members are called upon the Lord to radiate His love to all whom they encounter. The health of a culture and society depends on the health of marriage and the family. This presentation will present the invaluable role of married couples in the Church's call for a new evangelization.

A LOVE THAT SPREADS THE GOSPEL

Walt and Jackie Schratz, Speakers for the "Renew the I Do" Foundation, and Founders of "Mission Project Love"

Have you ever seen "that family" that evangelizes without saying a word, simply through their example of love and joy? No doubt, even the happiest family is not perfect, and we must avoid unhealthy comparisons. Yet, the Church makes available to us through the closely linked Sacraments of Matrimony and of the Eucharist the grace to enter more deeply into the joy of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. This talk will present these basic ideas of the Church in an accessible way, pointing to practical ways that spouses at any point in their spiritual journey can bring each other, their family, and their community closer to Jesus—growing in joy and peace along the way.

THE SAINTS, FAMILIES, AND EVANGELIZATION

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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 lived 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 so their own witness can assist the faith journey of families and help them to bear witness to the gospel in the ordinary events of their lives.