

Together in Holiness – Diocese of Beaumont
Saturday, May 6, 2023 | St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, Nederland, TX

FAMILY, A DOMESTIC CHURCH

10:00 AM	CONFERENCE CHECK-IN Childcare Check-In Exhibitor Booths – available throughout conference
10:30 – 10:45 AM	WORDS OF WELCOME Joshua Bitting, PhD, Program Director, St. John Paul II Foundation
10:45 AM – 11:45 PM	THE HOLY EUCHARIST: THE SOURCE AND SUMMIT OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE Joshua Bitting, PhD, Program Director, St. John Paul II Foundation
11:45 – 1:30 PM	BREAK FOR LUNCH AND PRAYER Sacrament of Reconciliation – 12:30 - 1:30 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – 12:30 - 1:30 pm Benediction – 1:15 pm Exhibitor Booths – available throughout conference
1:45 – 2:45 PM	STRENGTHENING THE SPIRITUALITY OF YOUR DOMESTIC CHURCH Blaine and Denise Wyninger, Educators and former National Couple for Domestic Church
2:55 – 3:55 PM	SACRIFICIAL LOVE IS SANCTIFYING LOVE Damon Owens, Founder of <i>Joyful Ever After</i>
3:55 – 4:05 PM	CLOSING COMMENTS AND SENDING FORTH
4:05 PM	TRANSITION TO MASS Childcare Check-out Last Chance for Exhibitor Booths
4:30 PM	VIGIL MASS AND MARRIAGE BLESSING Celebrant: Most Rev. David L. Toups, SThD, Bishop of Beaumont

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PRESENTATION DESCRIPTIONS

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

Joshua Bitting, PhD, Program Director, St. John Paul II Foundation

As the “source and summit” of the Christian life, the Eucharist vivifies and sustains all who worthily partake of it on their pilgrimage toward Heaven. The Eucharistic Sacrifice is also the source of grace that vivifies and sustains marriages and families. The actions of Christ’s offering and sacrifice are the model for the perfection and sanctification to which every marriage and family should aspire. This presentation will deal especially with how husbands and wives are called to imitate Christ in their marriage through their offering of themselves for the sake of the other, and through the willingness to sacrifice themselves for the sake of the other. It will also discuss how building a stronger relationship with the Eucharist can strengthen and sustain marriages in the day-to-day realities of family life.

STRENGTHENING THE SPIRITUALITY OF YOUR DOMESTIC CHURCH

Blaine and Denise Wyninger, Educators and former National Couple for Domestic Church

St. John Paul II wrote that “it is in the Holy Family, the original Church in miniature, that every Christian family must be reflected. It is therefore the prototype and example for all Christian families.” In this talk, Blaine and Denise Wyninger will explore how you can foster an authentic culture of discipleship to Jesus after the example of the Holy Family by integrating key principles into your marriage and family life. By doing so, you will learn to mirror to each other and to the world the joy and peace that Christ brings.

SACRIFICIAL LOVE IS A SANCTIFYING LOVE

Damon Owens, Founder of *Joyful Ever After*

Married life is a school of sacrifice, self-denial, and charity, reflecting Christ’s love for the Church. This presentation will discuss how striving to love each other with a pure, sacrificial love produces fruits of joy and peace within a marriage. This presentation will enable couples to have a deeper appreciation and understanding of self-giving love as a central characteristic of the marriage vocation. Couples will receive insights into how to offer themselves as living sacrifices (Romans 12:1) within their marriage.