

Together in Holiness – Archdiocese of Detroit
Saturday, October 14, 2023 | St. Hugo of the Hills, Bloomfield Hills, MI

FAMILY, A COMMUNITY OF PRAYER

9:00 AM	CONFERENCE CHECK-IN Childcare Check-In Sacrament of Reconciliation - 9:00 - 9:20 am Exhibitor Booths – available throughout conference
9:30 AM	MASS AND MARRIAGE BLESSING Celebrant: Most Rev. Allen Vigneron, Archbishop of Detroit
10:30 – 10:45 AM	WORDS OF WELCOME Charlotte Sacco, Speaker and Spiritual Director
10:45 – 11:45 AM LIFE	THE HOLY EUCHARIST: THE SOURCE AND SUMMIT OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY Charlotte Sacco, Speaker and Spiritual Director
11:45 AM – 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	A FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER Ken and Signe Castel, Couple Prayer Inc.
3:00 – 4:00 PM	TO LOVE AND TO CHERISH: DEEPENING LOVE AND INTIMACY IN MARRIAGE Damon Owens, Founder of <i>Joyful Ever After</i>
4:00 – 4:15 PM	CLOSING COMMENTS AND SENDING FORTH Childcare Check-out Last Chance for Exhibitor Booths

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PRESENTATION DESCRIPTIONS

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

Charlotte Sacco, Speaker and Spiritual Director

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.

A FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER

Ken and Signe Castel, Couple Prayer, Inc.

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. Yes, most spouses and families do not pray outside of the Mass and would likely say they do not know how. In this presentation, Ken and Signe 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 Owens, Founder of *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.