

Together in Holiness
Saturday, September 23, 2023 | St. Helen Catholic Church, Pearland, Texas

THE HOLY FAMILY: MODEL OF VIRTUE

10:00 AM	CONFERENCE CHECK-IN Childcare Check-In Sacrament of Reconciliation – 10:00 – 10:30 am Exhibitor Booths – available throughout conference
10:30 – 10:45 AM	WORDS OF WELCOME Thomas Wheeler, Program Coordinator, St. John Paul II Foundation
10:45 AM – 11:45 PM	ST. JOSEPH, A JUST MAN AND VIRTUOUS HUSBAND Renzo and Monica Ortega, Co-founders of Two Become Family
11:45 – 1:45 PM	BREAK FOR LUNCH AND PRAYER Sacrament of Reconciliation – 12:45 – 1:45 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – 12:45 – 1:45 pm Benediction – 1:30 pm Exhibitor Booths – available throughout conference
2:00 – 3:00 PM	ICON OF THE HOLY FAMILY AND THE REALITY OF OUR HOME Speaker TBA
3:15 – 4:15 PM	FROM NAZARETH TO CANA TO CALVARY: THE RICHES OF MARY'S FEMININE SOUL Mary Stanford, Adjunct Professor at Christendom College
4:15 – 4:30 PM	CLOSING COMMENTS AND SENDING FORTH
4:30 PM	TRANSITION TO MASS Childcare Check-out Last Chance for Exhibitor Booths
5:00 PM	VIGIL MASS AND MARRIAGE BLESSING

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PRESENTATION DESCRIPTIONS

ST. JOSEPH, A JUST MAN AND VIRTUOUS HUSBAND

Renzo and Monica Ortega, Co-founders of Two Become Family

What our families need most is for each member to be living authentic virtue. In St. Joseph, Model of Virtue, we find the example and intercessor we need to achieve that mission. This presentation will share how the quiet, yet profound, life of St. Joseph can inspire husbands and fathers to live out their role in the mission of marriage and family life.

ICON OF THE HOLY FAMILY AND THE REALITY OF OUR HOME

Speaker TBA

The Church has consistently directed families to look upon the Holy Family as a model for daily life. In this presentation, a married couple will reflect upon how they strive to imitate the life of the Holy Family in their marriage and beyond. The couple will offer examples of lived experience and practical wisdom on the daily attempt to bridge the gap between the ideal of the Holy Family and the reality of their own home.

FROM NAZARETH TO CANA TO CALVARY: THE RICHES OF MARY'S FEMININE SOUL

Mary Stanford, Adjunct Professor at Christendom College

St. John Paul the Great coined the term "feminine genius" (*Letter to Women*, 10) to describe a woman's gift of "paying attention to another person" (*Mulieres dignitatem*, 18). This talk will explore the dispositions of the feminine soul which empower women to foster unity in their marriages and to nurture those entrusted to them. Examining key points in Our Lady's life, we will see that Mary perfectly embodies the receptivity, attentiveness, and empathy essential to the flourishing of family life.