

Together in Holiness – Diocese of Tulsa
Saturday, February 24, 2024 | The Church of Saint Benedict, Broken Arrow, OK

FAMILY, A SCHOOL OF VIRTUE

9:00 AM	CONFERENCE CHECK-IN Childcare Check-In Sacrament of Reconciliation - 9:00 - 9:30 am Exhibitor Booths – available throughout conference
9:30 AM	MASS AND MARRIAGE BLESSING Celebrant: Most Rev. David A. Konderla, Bishop of Tulsa
10:30 – 10:45 AM	WORDS OF WELCOME Suzie Saenz, Vice President of Operations, St. John Paul II Foundation
10:45 – 11:45 AM	MARRIAGE, FAMILY, AND THE VIRTUE OF LOVE Damon Owens, Founder of Joyful Ever After
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	THRIVING, NOT JUST SURVIVING: VIRTUES OF A JOYFUL MARRIAGE Robert and Diane Schwind, Co-Directors of Three Hearts Institute
3:00 – 4:00 PM	OVERCOMING CHALLENGES TO LIVING A VIRTUOUS LIFE Damon Owens, Founder of Joyful Ever After
4:00 – 4:15 PM	CLOSING COMMENTS AND SENDING FORTH Childcare Check-out Last Chance for Exhibitor Booths

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PRESENTATION DESCRIPTIONS

MARRIAGE, FAMILY, AND THE VIRTUE OF LOVE

Damon Owens, Founder of Joyful Ever After

Am I loving my spouse well? What does true love look like? Love and marriage were given to us from the beginning as a “way” to God the Father. This presentation will explore the authentic definition of love in contrast with the false definitions of love. There will be a particular focus on how the sacrament of marriage assists spouses to love and how married couples are called to inspire others with their mission of self-giving love.

THRIVING, NOT JUST SURVIVING: VIRTUES OF A JOYFUL MARRIAGE

Robert & Diane Schwind, Co-Directors of Three Hearts Institute

Married couples are called to thrive and not simply survive in the vocation of marriage. This presentation will examine how a couple can develop virtues to transform their marriage into a joyful vocation. This presentation will identify the causes of complacency in marriage that undermine its growth in virtue. There will be an emphasis on how married couples can become joyful through the ordinary ebbs and flows of married life.

OVERCOMING CHALLENGES TO LIVING A VIRTUOUS LIFE

Damon Owens, Founder of Joyful Ever After

From the beginning, God’s plan for joy-filled marriage and family life is ordered to our own good, and the good of all humanity. Though unique and unrepeatable, each family is a “domestic church” calling on and cultivating the same essential virtues: “habitual and firm dispositions to do the good.” Challenges to living these virtues come from within ourselves and homes, and from the world at large. This presentation will walk through these major modern challenges and how to overcome them, so our families can “become what they are” for our good and the good of all the world.