

Together in Holiness – Diocese of Lake Charles
Saturday, April 13, 2024 | Camp Karol, Moss Bluff, LA

FAMILY, A SCHOOL OF VIRTUE

8:15 AM	CONFERENCE CHECK-IN Childcare Check-In Light Breakfast – pastries, coffee, etc. Exhibitor Booths – available throughout conference
9:00 – 9:15 AM	WORDS OF WELCOME
9:15 – 10:15 AM	THE FAMILY: A SCHOOL OF VIRTUE Danielle Bean, Author, Speaker, and Podcaster
10:30 – 11:30 AM	THRIVING, NOT JUST SURVIVING: VIRTUES OF A JOYFUL MARRIAGE Katie and Tommy McGrady, Hosts of Family Mass Prep on Hallow Rev. Whitney G. Miller, PhD, LPC, Director, Diocesan Counseling Services
11:45 AM – 12:45 PM	MASS AND MARRIAGE BLESSING Celebrant: Most Rev. Glen John Provost
12:45 – 2:30 PM	BREAK FOR LUNCH AND PRAYER Sacrament of Reconciliation – 1:30 - 2:30 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – 1:30 - 2:30 pm Benediction – 2:15 pm Exhibitor Booths – available throughout conference
2:45 – 3:45 PM	OVERCOMING CHALLENGES TO LIVING A VIRTUOUS LIFE Danielle Bean, Author, Speaker, and Podcaster
3:45 – 4:00 PM	CLOSING COMMENTS AND SENDING FORTH Childcare Check-out Last Chance for Exhibitor Booths

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PRESENTATION DESCRIPTIONS

THE FAMILY: A SCHOOL OF VIRTUE

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What did St. Paul VI mean when he wrote that the family is the “first school of the social virtues”? How can spouses foster virtue in their marriage? How can parents encourage their children’s growth in virtue, despite the culture’s contrary messages of selfishness, individualism, and immorality? Drawing upon wisdom from the Church, this talk will offer guidance for married couples and parents at various stages of parenting to overcome common obstacles to peace, balance, and joy in daily family life. This talk will remind married couples to focus on the beauty, joy, and privilege of the family’s unique call to be a school of virtue for the entire family.

THRIVING, NOT JUST SURVIVING: VIRTUES OF A JOYFUL MARRIAGE

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Rev. Whitney G. Miller, PhD, LPC, Director, Diocesan Counseling Services

Married couples are called to thrive and not simply survive in the vocation of marriage. But how can spouses overcome the seemingly ordinary and mundane ebbs and flows of married life that might not always be so joy-filled? Together, we identify the causes of complacency in marriage that undermine its growth in virtue and will examine how couples can develop virtues to transform their marriage into a joyful vocation.

OVERCOMING CHALLENGES TO LIVING A VIRTUOUS LIFE

Danielle Bean, Author, Speaker, and Podcaster

From the beginning, God’s plan for a 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.