

*Together in Holiness* – Diocese of Beaumont  
Saturday, May 4, 2024 | Infant Jesus Catholic Church, Lumberton, TX

## **FAMILY, A BELIEVING AND EVANGELIZING COMMUNITY**

<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>CONFERENCE CHECK-IN</b> Childcare Check-In Exhibitor Booths – available throughout conference
<b>11:15 – 11:30 AM</b>	<b>WORDS OF WELCOME</b> Larry G. Freaney, PhD, Director of Education and Assessments, Rejoice Counseling Apostolate
<b>11:30 AM – 12:30 PM</b>	<b>THE EUCHARIST AS THE SOURCE AND SUMMIT OF THE PROPHETIC MISSION OF THE FAMILY</b> Larry G. Freaney, PhD, Director of Education and Assessments, Rejoice Counseling Apostolate
<b>12:30 – 2:15 PM</b>	<b>BREAK FOR LUNCH AND PRAYER</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation – 1:15 - 2:15 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – 1:15 - 2:15 pm Benediction – 2:00 pm Exhibitor Booths – available throughout conference
<b>2:30 – 3:30 PM</b>	<b>A LOVE THAT SPREADS THE GOSPEL</b> Deacon Fred and Trina Lemond
<b>3:45 – 4:45 PM</b>	<b>BECOMING WITNESSES TO THE JOY OF EUCHARISTIC LOVE</b> Ryan Hanning, PhD, Fellow, San Juan Diego Institute
<b>4:45 – 5:00 PM</b>	<b>CLOSING COMMENTS AND SENDING FORTH</b>
<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>TRANSITION TO MASS</b> Childcare Check-out Last Chance for Exhibitor Booths
<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>VIGIL MASS AND MARRIAGE BLESSING</b> Celebrant: Most Rev. David L. Toups, SThD

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## PRESENTATION DESCRIPTIONS

### THE EUCHARIST AS THE SOURCE AND SUMMIT OF THE PROPHETIC MISSION OF THE FAMILY

**Larry G. Freaney, PhD**, Director of Education and Assessments, Rejoice Counseling Apostolate

The family is called “to be a sign of unity for the world and in this way to exercise its prophetic role by bearing witness to the Kingdom and peace of Christ, towards which the whole world is journeying” (St. John Paul II, *Familiaris consortio*, 48). The Holy Eucharist is the source for communion within the Church as it brings about the unity between the faithful and Jesus Christ and the unity among the members of the Body of Christ, the Church. This talk will reflect upon the gift of the Holy Eucharist as a sign and foretaste of the unity that the family is called to proclaim through its faithful witness in the home and beyond.

### A LOVE THAT SPREADS THE GOSPEL

**Deacon Fred and Trina Lemond**

Parents are the primary teachers and evangelists in the domestic Church. This panel will highlight how the faith is passed down from one generation to another generation. A local family from two different generations will give witness to the value of receiving a firm foundation in the faith and how this impacts a future generation of believers. This presentation will offer insight into the importance of developing faithful habits of prayer, formation, and evangelization within the home.

### BECOMING WITNESSES TO THE JOY OF EUCHARISTIC LOVE

**Ryan Hanning, PhD**, Fellow, San Juan Diego Institute

Family life and evangelization? In a world that often rejects traditional marriage and family life, our families’ witness to joy and self-giving love is more important than ever. Despite the busyness and challenges of family life it remains part of God’s plan to share His love with the world. As St. John Paul II explained, “The Christian family’s faith and evangelizing mission also possesses this Catholic missionary inspiration. The sacrament of marriage takes up and reproposes the task of defending and spreading the faith, a task that has its roots in Baptism and Confirmation, and makes Christian married couples and parents witnesses of Christ ‘to the end of the earth’, missionaries, in the true and proper sense, of love and life” (*Familiaris consortio*, no. 54). This talk will give a foundational vision for the mission of the family and practical tips for joyfully sharing the faith within the context of family life.