

Together in Holiness – Archdiocese of Indianapolis
Saturday, April 27, 2024 | St. Jude Catholic Church, Indianapolis, IN

FAMILY, A SEEDBED OF VOCATIONS

- 8:00 AM** **CONFERENCE CHECK-IN**
Childcare Check-In
Exhibitor Booths – available throughout conference
- 8:30 AM** **MASS AND MARRIAGE BLESSING**
Rev. Michael Prakasam, Associate Pastor, St. Jude Catholic Church
- 9:45 – 10:00 AM** **WORDS OF WELCOME**
Rachel Townsend, Senior Program Coordinator and Team Leader, St. John Paul II Foundation
- 10:00 – 11:00 AM** **CALLED AND SET APART: LIVING THE CALL TO HOLINESS IN THE FAMILY**
Ryan Hanning, PhD, Fellow, San Juan Diego Institute
- 11:00 – 1:00 PM** **BREAK FOR PRAYER AND LUNCH**
Sacrament of Reconciliation – 11:10 am – 12:10 pm
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – 11:10 am – 12:10 pm
Benediction – 11:55 am
Lunch 12:10 - 1:00 pm
Exhibitor Booths – available throughout conference
- 1:00 – 2:00 PM** **NURTURING VOCATIONS IN THE HOME**
Very Rev. Michael T. Keucher, VF, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Indianapolis
- 2:15 – 3:15 PM** **THE EUCHARISTIC MISSION OF THE FAMILY**
Ryan Hanning, PhD, Fellow, San Juan Diego Institute
- 3:15 – 3:30 PM** **CLOSING COMMENTS AND SENDING FORTH**
Childcare Check-out
Last Chance for Exhibitor Booths

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PRESENTATION DESCRIPTIONS

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St. John Paul II describes the profound influence his father had upon his vocation: “Day after day I was able to observe the austere way in which [my father] lived ...his example was in a way my first seminary, a kind of domestic seminary.” Every household can prepare future generations to answer the call to marriage, to priesthood, or to the religious/consecrated life. This talk will focus on the different ways in which the family can nourish our vocation to sanctity and the personal vocation entrusted to us by the Father for the good of others. This talk will outline the fundamental understanding of the notion of vocation as it relates to the identity and mission of the family.

NURTURING VOCATIONS IN THE HOME

Very Rev. Michael Keucher, VF, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Indianapolis

According to Pope Francis, “All vocations make their first steps in the family.” This presentation will explore the role of the family in developing a culture of vocations, drawing upon the wisdom and pastoral experience of the Church and personal stories to demonstrate the invaluable mission that married couples and families have to nourish and form all vocations. The speaker will offer us insight into how the family becomes a healthy seedbed of vocations.

THE EUCHARISTIC MISSION OF THE FAMILY

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According to Pope Benedict XVI, “The family, this is the place where the theology of the body and the theology of love are interwoven.” These words remind us of the power of love when it is seen, touched, heard, tasted, even smelled. Love is sensual – literally experienced through the senses – not some abstract notion. Even God – Love Himself – took on flesh, became a man, and has a body. Love, as a communion of persons, is the deepest mystery of God that informs marriage as the communion of man and woman, family as the communion of relatives, Church as the communion of Believers, and even Heaven as the communion of Christ (the Bridegroom) and the Church (the Bride). This truth reveals a “eucharistic munus” (mission or office) of the family. This presentation invites and shows couples how to take up their mission for our good and the good of all the world.