

Together in Holiness – Archdiocese of Nashville
Saturday, September 21, 2024 | Catholic Pastoral Center, Nashville, TN

FAMILY, A SCHOOL OF EUCHARISTIC LOVE

8:30 AM	CONFERENCE CHECK-IN Childcare Check-In Exhibitor Booths – available throughout conference
9:00 AM	MASS AND MARRIAGE BLESSING Celebrant: Most Rev. J. Mark Spalding, JCL, Bishop of Nashville
10:15 – 10:30 AM	WORDS OF WELCOME
10:30 – 11:30 AM	THE FAMILY: THE FIRST SCHOOL OF LOVE Joshua Bitting, Program Director, St. John Paul II Foundation
11:45 – 12:45 PM	GROWING IN LOVE AS SPOUSES Patrick & Kristi Bentley
12:45 PM – 2:15 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 – 2:15pm Exhibitor Booths – available throughout conference
2:45 – 3:45 PM	BECOMING WITNESSES TO THE JOY OF EUCHARISTIC LOVE Patty Schneier, Catholic Author and Speaker
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: THE FIRST SCHOOL OF LOVE

Joshua Bitting, Program Director, St. John Paul II Foundation

Love is the foundation that unites a husband and wife in marriage, the sacrament of love. The self-giving love of spouses forms the basis for love within the family. The family as the first society grows in love through the witness of faithful conjugal love of spouses. This talk offers insight into how marriage and the family is called to grow as the first school of love.

GROWING IN LOVE AS SPOUSES

Patrick & Kristi Bentley

The mission of marriage and family life is a sacrament in service of communion and love of the Lord and other people. Marriage is a beautiful vocation that allows couples the opportunities to grow in strength, humility, forgiveness, reconciliation, and charity. In this talk the presenter will offer wisdom, based upon his own journey with the Lord as a husband, that may assist other married couples to grow in love with one another.

BECOMING WITNESSES TO THE JOY OF EUCHARISTIC LOVE

Patty Schneier, Catholic Author and Speaker

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 reposes 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*, 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.