

Together in Holiness

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PRESENTATION DESCRIPTIONS

THE EUCHARIST MISSION OF THE FAMILY

Blaine and Denise Wyninger, Educators and Former National Couple for Domestic Church

Marriage is a sacrament at the service of communion. It is, as the *Catechism* describes, “directed towards the salvation of others; if it contributes as well to personal salvation, it is through service to others that it does so” (§1534). The Catholic family comes from and is ordered to this mission of communion, a mission which originates not in the married couple but in the Eucharistic sacrifice of the Lord. It is his mission that the married couple serves and to which the family is ordered. In this session we will look at how the family in particular is united with Jesus and one another in the Holy Eucharist.

NURTURING VOCATIONS IN THE HOME

Vic and Karen Perez, Parishioners of St. Joseph Catholic Church

What is the role of the family in developing a culture of vocations? According to Pope Francis, “All vocations make their first steps in the family.” This presentation will draw 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 speakers will offer us insight into how the family becomes a healthy seedbed of vocations.

CALLED AND SET APART: LIVING THE CALL TO HOLINESS IN THE FAMILY

Sr. John Mary Sullivan, FSE, Associate Director of Ministries and Outreach, Archdiocese of Vancouver

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.