

Together in Holiness – Diocese of Venice
Saturday, October 19, 2024 | Church of the Resurrection of Our Lord, Fort Myers, FL

FAMILY, A BELIEVING AND EVANGELIZING COMMUNITY

7:30 AM	CONFERENCE CHECK-IN Childcare Check-In Sacrament of Reconciliation - 7:30 - 8:00 am Exhibitor Booths – available throughout conference
8:00 AM	MASS AND MARRIAGE BLESSING Celebrant: Most Rev. Frank J. Dewane
9:00 – 9:15 AM	WORDS OF WELCOME Elisa Mazzarolo, Program Coordinator, St. John Paul II Foundation
9:15 – 10:15 AM	THE EUCHARIST AS THE SOURCE AND SUMMIT OF THE PROPHETIC MISSION OF THE FAMILY Fr. Alex Pince, Parochial Vicar at Epiphany Cathedral and Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Venice
10:30 – 11:30 AM	LETTING YOUR LIFE BE A VESSEL FOR THE GOSPEL Mallory Smyth, Speaker & Author, Walking with Purpose
11:30 AM – 1:25 PM	BREAK FOR LUNCH AND PRAYER Sacrament of Reconciliation – 12:25 - 1:25 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – 12:25 - 1:25 pm Benediction – 1:10 pm Exhibitor Booths – available throughout conference
1:40 – 2:40 PM	A LOVE THAT SPREADS THE GOSPEL Renzo and Monica Ortega, Co-founders of Two Become Family
2:40 – 2:45 PM	CLOSING COMMENTS AND SENDING FORTH Childcare Check-out Last Chance for Exhibitor Booths

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PRESENTATION DESCRIPTIONS

THE EUCHARIST AS THE SOURCE AND SUMMIT OF THE PROPHETIC MISSION OF THE FAMILY **Fr. Alex Pince, Parochial Vicar at Epiphany Cathedral and Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Venice**

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.

LETTING YOUR LIFE BE A VESSEL FOR THE GOSPEL **Mallory Smyth, Speaker & Author, Walking with Purpose**

Pope Benedict XVI eloquently said, "Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." In this talk Mallory will discuss what it means for each of us to encounter Jesus Christ and then allow that encounter to transform how we live every single part of our lives. She will teach on how to live out this encounter within marriage and the family. Finally, she will reflect upon how we can foster an encounter with Christ in the lives of our children and others.

A LOVE THAT SPREADS THE GOSPEL **Renzo and Monica Ortega, Co-founders of Two Become Family**

Parents are the primary teachers and evangelists in the domestic Church. This presentation will highlight how the faith is passed down from one generation to another generation. A couple 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.