

Together in Holiness – Archdiocese of San Francisco
Saturday, October 26, 2024 | St. Pius Catholic Church, Redwood City, CA

FAMILY, A SCHOOL OF LOVE

10:00 AM	CONFERENCE CHECK-IN Childcare Check-In Sacrament of Reconciliation – 10:00 - 10:30 am Exhibitor Booths – available throughout conference
10:45 – 11:00 AM	WORDS OF WELCOME Michael Villanueva, MTS
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	HOW TO NOURISH LOVE IN THE FAMILY Mario Sacasa, PhD, LMFT, Host of the <i>Always Hope</i> Podcast
12:00 – 1:45 PM	BREAK FOR LUNCH AND PRAYER Sacrament of Reconciliation – 12:45 - 1:45 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – 12:45 - 1:45 pm Benediction – 1:30 pm Exhibitor Booths – available throughout conference
2:00 – 3:00 PM	MARRIAGE, FAMILY, AND THE VIRTUE OF LOVE Deacon Dominick and Mary Ellen Peloso, Parishioners of Church of the Nativity
3:15 – 4:15 PM	SACRIFICIAL LOVE IS SANCTIFYING LOVE Mario Sacasa, PhD, LMFT, Host of the <i>Always Hope</i> Podcast
4:15 – 4:30 PM	CLOSING COMMENTS AND SENDING FORTH
4:30 PM	TRANSITION TO MASS Childcare Check-out Last Chance for Exhibitor Booths
5:00 PM	VIGIL MASS AND MARRIAGE BLESSING Celebrant: Most Rev. Salvatore J. Cordileone

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PRESENTATION DESCRIPTIONS

HOW TO NOURISH LOVE IN THE FAMILY

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“Please”, “Thank you”, “Sorry” – Pope Francis has said these three statements are essential for marriage and family life. Service becomes love in action, gratitude is a foundation for love in family life, and reconciliation heals family relationships when we inevitably fall short of love. This presentation will draw from the popes and lived experience to reflect upon the practical wisdom in offering these three simple yet profound words for daily married life.

MARRIAGE, FAMILY, AND THE VIRTUE OF LOVE

Deacon Dominick and Mary Ellen Peloso, Parishioners of Church of the Nativity

We all know well how our own brokenness can alienate us from true love; it can alienate us from God, others, and even from ourselves. For those called to marriage, Christ has established your relationship with your spouse as a sacrament; for you it is *the* privileged road to true love, joy, and peace in Jesus Christ. But, what is true love and how do you live it? This presentation will explore the authentic definition of love in contrast with the false visions of love. There will be a particular focus on how the sacrament of marriage assists spouses to love and how married couples are called to inspire others with their mission of self-giving love.

SACRIFICIAL LOVE IS SANCTIFYING LOVE

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Married life is a school of sacrifice, self-denial, and charity, reflecting Christ’s love for the Church. This presentation will discuss how striving to love each other with a pure, sacrificial love produces fruits of joy and peace within a marriage. It will also enable couples to have a deeper appreciation and understanding of self-giving love as a central characteristic of the marriage vocation. Couples will receive insights into how to offer themselves as living sacrifices (Romans 12:1) within their marriage.