

Together in Holiness – Archdiocese of Detroit
Saturday, October 12, 2024 | St. Therese of Lisieux Parish, Shelby Township, MI

FAMILY, A SCHOOL OF VIRTUE

9:00 AM	CONFERENCE CHECK-IN Childcare Check-In Exhibitor Booths – available throughout conference
9:30 AM	MASS AND MARRIAGE BLESSING Celebrant: Most Rev. Allen Vigneron, Archbishop of Detroit
10:30 – 10:45 AM	WORDS OF WELCOME
10:45 – 11:45 AM	MARRIAGE, FAMILY, AND THE VIRTUE OF LOVE Larry G. Freeney, PhD, Director of Education and Assessments, Rejoice Counseling Apostolate
11:45 AM – 1:30 PM	BREAK FOR LUNCH AND PRAYER Sacrament of Reconciliation – 12:30 - 1:30 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – 12:30 - 1:30 pm Benediction – 1:15 pm Exhibitor Booths – available throughout conference
1:45 – 2:45 PM	THRIVING, NOT JUST SURVIVING: VIRTUES OF A JOYFUL MARRIAGE Greg Schutte, MSW, LISW-S, Senior Director of Marriage Works! Ohio
3:00 – 4:00 PM	OVERCOMING CHALLENGES TO LIVING A VIRTUOUS LIFE Steve and Becky Greene, Catholic Speakers, Writers, and Co-hosts of "The Catholic Conversation"
4:00 – 4:15 PM	CLOSING COMMENTS AND SENDING FORTH Childcare Check-out Last Chance for Exhibitor Booths

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PRESENTATION DESCRIPTIONS

MARRIAGE, FAMILY, AND THE VIRTUE OF LOVE

Larry G. Freney, PhD, Director of Education and Assessments, Rejoice Counseling Apostolate

Am I loving my spouse well? What does true love look like? Love and marriage were given to us from the beginning as a “way” to God the Father. This presentation will explore the authentic definition of love in contrast with the false definitions 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.

THRIVING, NOT JUST SURVIVING: VIRTUES OF A JOYFUL MARRIAGE

Greg Schutte, MSW, LISW-S, Senior Director of Marriage Works! Ohio

Married couples are called to thrive and not simply survive in the vocation of marriage. This presentation will examine how a couple can develop virtues to transform their marriage into a joyful vocation. This presentation will identify the causes of complacency in marriage that undermine its growth in virtue. There will be an emphasis on how married couples can become joyful through the ordinary ebbs and flows of married life.

OVERCOMING CHALLENGES TO LIVING A VIRTUOUS LIFE

Steve and Becky Greene, Catholic Speakers, Writers, and Co-hosts of “The Catholic Conversation”

From the beginning, God’s plan for joy-filled marriage and family life is ordered to our own good, and the good of all humanity. Though unique and unrepeatable, each family is a “domestic church” calling on and cultivating the same essential virtues: “*habitual and firm dispositions to do the good.*” Challenges to living these virtues come from within ourselves and homes, and from the world at large. This presentation will walk through these major modern challenges and how to overcome them, so our families can “*become what they are*” for our good and the good of all the world.