

*Together in Holiness* – Diocese of Beaumont  
Saturday, April 5, 2025 | Holy Family Retreat Center, Beaumont, TX

## FAMILY, A SEEDBED OF VOCATIONS

<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>CONFERENCE CHECK-IN</b> Childcare Check-In Exhibitor Booths – available throughout conference
<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>MASS AND MARRIAGE BLESSING</b> Celebrant: Most Rev. David L. Toups
<b>11:30 – 11:45 AM</b>	<b>WORDS OF WELCOME</b> Elisa Mazzarolo, Program Coordinator, St. John Paul II Foundation
<b>11:45 AM – 12:45 PM</b>	<b>CALLED AND SET APART: LIVING THE CALL TO HOLINESS IN THE FAMILY</b> Sister Clare Hunter, FSE
<b>12:45 – 2:30 PM</b>	<b>BREAK FOR LUNCH AND PRAYER</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation – 1:30 - 2:30 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – 1:30 - 2:30 pm Benediction – 2:15 pm Exhibitor Booths – available throughout conference
<b>2:45 – 3:45 PM</b>	<b>THE CALL TO SANCTIFY MARRIED LIFE</b> Vince and Dora Cortez
<b>4:00 – 5:00 PM</b>	<b>VOCATION OF THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY</b> Renzo and Monica Ortega, Co-founders of Two Become Family
<b>5:00 – 5:15 PM</b>	<b>CLOSING COMMENTS AND SENDING FORTH</b> Childcare Check-out Last Chance for Exhibitor Booths

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## PRESENTATION DESCRIPTIONS

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

**Sister Clare Hunter, FSE**, Assistant to the Dean of Human Formation, St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary

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 presentation 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.

### **THE CALL TO SANCTIFY MARRIED LIFE**

**Vince and Dora Cortez**

God has called husband and wife to become a mysterious sign of the love shared between Christ and the Church. It is very easy for such profound mystery to be overlooked in daily life. In this presentation, the speakers will reflect upon the gift of their marriage vocation and offer practical guidance to how others can sanctify their marriage and seek the gift of God’s grace daily in marriage.

### **VOCATION OF THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY**

**Renzo and Monica Ortega**, Co-founders of Two Become Family

The family is entrusted with the vocation to be a sign of God’s communion and love in the world. This presentation will offer insights into how married couples and families can draw upon authentic love as a source for their unity and strength. The important mission of the family within the Church and society will be highlighted as a means of authentic renewal in our current culture.