

Together in Holiness – Diocese of Austin
Saturday, August 2, 2025 | St. Albert the Great Catholic Church, Austin, TX

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
10:30 – 10:45 AM	WORDS OF WELCOME Ryan Hanning, PhD , Fellow, St. John Paul II Foundation
10:45 – 11:45 AM	HOW TO NOURISH LOVE IN THE FAMILY Ryan Hanning, PhD , Fellow, St. John Paul II Foundation
11:45 AM – 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 Chris and Kendra Bartlett
3:15 – 4:15 PM	SACRIFICIAL LOVE IS SANCTIFYING LOVE Greg Schutte, MSW, LISW-S , Senior Director of Marriage Works! Ohio, Marriage Therapist, Author
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 TBA

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PRESENTATION DESCRIPTIONS

HOW TO NOURISH LOVE IN THE FAMILY

Ryan Hanning, PhD, Fellow, St. John Paul II Foundation

“Thank you,” “I’m sorry,” “Excuse me” – Pope Francis has said these three statements are essential for marriage and family life. Gratitude is a foundation for love in family life, reconciliation heals family relationships when we inevitably fall short of love, and service becomes love in action. 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

Chris and Kendra Bartlett

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 I 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

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

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.