

Together in Holiness – Diocese of Nashville
Saturday, September 13, 2025 | Catholic Pastoral Center, Nashville, TN

FAMILY, A SCHOOL OF VIRTUE

8:30 AM	CONFERENCE CHECK-IN Childcare Check-In Exhibitor Booths – available throughout conference
9:00 AM	MASS AND MARRIAGE BLESSING Celebrant: Most Rev. J. Mark Spalding, JCL, Bishop of Nashville
10:15 – 10:30 AM	WORDS OF WELCOME Emcee TBA
10:30 – 11:30 AM	MARRIAGE, FAMILY, AND THE VIRTUE OF LOVE Presenter TBA
11:30 AM – 1:15 PM	BREAK FOR LUNCH AND PRAYER Sacrament of Reconciliation – 12:15 - 1:15 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – 12:15 - 1:15 pm Benediction – 1:00 pm Exhibitor Booths – available throughout conference
1:30 – 2:30 PM	THRIVING, NOT JUST SURVIVING: VIRUTES OF A JOYFUL MARRIAGE Renzo and Monica Ortega, Co-founders of <i>Two Become Family</i>
2:45 – 3:45 PM	HOLINESS AND THE RENEWAL OF THE CHURCH Sean Forrest
3:45 – 4:00 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

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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.

THRIVING, NOT JUST SURVIVING: VIRTUES OF A JOYFUL MARRIAGE

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

Married couples are called to thrive and not simply survive in the vocation of marriage. But how can spouses overcome the seemingly ordinary and mundane ebbs and flows of married life that might not always be so joy-filled? Together, we identify the causes of complacency in marriage that undermine its growth in virtue and will examine how couples can develop virtues to transform their marriage into a joyful vocation.

HOLINESS AND THE RENEWAL OF THE CHURCH

Sean Forrest

All people are called to become saints. St. Paul reminds the Church that God's will is our sanctification (1 Thessalonians 4:3). This presentation will explore the importance of the universal call to holiness within the Church and how married couples, in accordance with their state of life, can answer this call. There will be a particular focus on how the sacrament of marriage offers spouses the grace to answer the call to holiness and what steps couples can take to respond generously to the call to holiness.