

***Together in Holiness – Diocese of Venice***  
**Saturday, October 18, 2025 | St. John XXIII Catholic Church, Fort Myers, FL**

## **FAMILY, A SCHOOL OF LOVE**

**8:30 AM**

**CONFERENCE CHECK-IN**

Childcare Check-In  
Sacrament of Reconciliation – 8:30 - 9:00 am  
Exhibitor Booths – available throughout conference

**9:00 AM**

**MASS AND MARRIAGE BLESSING**

Celebrant: Most Rev. Frank J. Dewane

**10:30 – 10:45 AM**

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

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

**10:45 – 11:45 AM**

**THE FAMILY: THE FIRST SCHOOL OF LOVE**

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**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**

**THE CALL TO LOVE IN A THROWAWAY CULTURE**

Rev. David Portorreal, Administrator, St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church

**3:15 – 4:15 PM**

**BECOMING WITNESSES TO THE JOY OF EUCHARISTIC LOVE**

Dcn. Jason and Rachel Bulman, Catholic Authors and Speakers, Co-Hosts of *Meet the Bulmans*

**4:15 – 4:30 PM**

**CLOSING COMMENTS AND SENDING FORTH**

Childcare Check-out  
Last Chance for Exhibitor Booths

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### **PRESENTATION DESCRIPTIONS**

#### **THE FAMILY: THE FIRST SCHOOL OF LOVE**

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

Love is the foundation that unites a husband and wife in marriage, the sacrament of love. The self-giving love of spouses forms the basis for charity within the family. The family as the first society grows in charity through the witness of faithful, conjugal love of spouses. This talk offers insight into how marriage and the family is called to grow as the first school of love.

#### **THE CALL TO LOVE IN A THROWAWAY CULTURE**

**Rev. David Portorreal, Administrator, St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church**

Married couples are called to a love that has been described as “total, faithful, and fruitful.” This stands in contrast with a throwaway culture that reduces the gift of people and institutions to what is disposable. This presentation will highlight the unique call to love for the marriage vocation and how this love can be a positive witness for the present society, focusing on how spouses and other members of the family can grow together in their witness to the authentic meaning of love.

#### **BECOMING WITNESSES TO THE JOY OF EUCHARISTIC LOVE**

**Deacon Jason and Rachel Bulman, Catholic Authors and Speakers, Co-Hosts of *Meet the Bulmans***

In a world that often rejects traditional marriage and family life, our families' witness to joy and self-giving love is more important than ever. Despite the busyness and challenges of family life, it remains part of God's plan to share His love with the world. This talk will give a foundational vision for the mission of the family and practical tips for joyfully sharing the faith within the context of family life.