

Together in Holiness – Diocese of Salina
Saturday, April 18, 2026 | Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Hays, KS

FAMILY, A DOMESTIC CHURCH

9:00 AM	CONFERENCE CHECK-IN Childcare Check-In Sacrament of Reconciliation - 9:00 - 9:45 am Exhibitor Booths – available throughout conference
9:45 – 10:00 AM	WORDS OF WELCOME Victor Saenz, PhD, Executive Director, Houston Institute
10:00 – 11:00 AM	THE HOLY EUCHARIST AND THE DOMESTIC CHURCH Victor Saenz, PhD, Executive Director, Houston Institute
11:15 AM – 12:15 PM	STRENGTHENING THE SPIRITUALITY OF YOUR DOMESTIC CHURCH Deacon Bill and Mandy Meagher
12:15 – 2:00 PM	BREAK FOR LUNCH AND PRAYER Sacrament of Reconciliation – 1:00 - 2:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – 1:00 - 2:00 pm Benediction – 1:45 pm Exhibitor Booths – available throughout conference
2:15 – 3:15 PM	SACRIFICIAL LOVE IS SANCTIFYING LOVE Renzo and Monica Ortega, Co-founders of <i>Two Become Family</i>
3:15 – 3:30 PM	CLOSING COMMENTS AND SENDING FORTH
3:30 PM	TRANSITION TO MASS Childcare Check-out Last Chance for Exhibitor Booths
4:00 PM	VIGIL MASS AND MARRIAGE BLESSING Celebrant: Most Rev. Jerry Vincke

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PRESENTATION DESCRIPTIONS

THE HOLY EUCHARIST AND THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

Victor Saenz, PhD, Executive Director, Houston Institute

The Second Vatican Council taught that “the family is, so to speak, the domestic church” (*Lumen gentium*, 11). This foundational presentation will explore the origin and significance of the “domestic church” based upon the thought of St. John Paul II, Sacred Scripture, and the witness of the saints. This talk will emphasize how understanding the identity and mission of the family as the domestic church and its relationship to the Holy Eucharist is essential for the renewal of our culture, society, and the Church.

STRENGTHENING THE SPIRITUALITY OF YOUR DOMESTIC CHURCH

Deacon Bill and Mandy Meagher

St. John Paul II wrote that “it is in the Holy Family, the original Church in miniature, that every Christian family must be reflected. It is therefore the prototype and example for all Christian families.” In this presentation, the speakers will explore how they can foster an authentic culture of discipleship to Jesus after the example of the Holy Family by integrating key principles into their marriage and family life. By doing so, they learn to mirror to each other and to the world the joy and peace that Christ brings.

SACRIFICIAL LOVE IS SANCTIFYING LOVE

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

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. This presentation will 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.