



Together in Holiness – Diocese of St. Petersburg
Saturday, March 14, 2026 | St. Timothy Catholic Church, Lutz, FL

FAMILY, A SCHOOL OF VIRTUE

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. Gregory Parkes

10:30 – 10:45 AM

WORDS OF WELCOME

Gwyneth Anne Spaeder, MD, Fellow, St. John Paul II Foundation

10:45 – 11:45 AM

THE FAMILY: A SCHOOL OF VIRTUE

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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

MARRIAGE, FAMILY, AND THE VIRTUE OF LOVE

Deacon Scott and Mary Beth Moore

3:15 – 4:15 PM

OVERCOMING CHALLENGES TO LIVING A VIRTUOUS LIFE

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

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: A SCHOOL OF VIRTUE

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What did St. Paul VI mean when he wrote the family is the “first school of the social virtues”? How can spouses foster virtue in their marriage? How can parents encourage their children’s growth in virtue, despite the culture’s contrary messages of selfishness, individualism, and immorality? Drawing upon wisdom from the Church, this talk will offer guidance for married couples and parents at various stages of parenting to overcome common obstacles to peace, balance, and joy in daily family life. The talk will remind married couples to focus on the beauty, joy, and privilege of the family’s unique call to be a school of virtue for the entire family.

MARRIAGE, FAMILY, AND THE VIRTUE OF LOVE

Deacon Scott and Mary Beth Moore

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.

OVERCOMING CHALLENGES TO LIVING A VIRTUOUS LIFE

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

From the beginning, God’s plan for joy-filled marriage and family life is ordered to our own good, and the good of all humanity. Though unique and unrepeatable, each family is a “domestic church,” calling on and cultivating the same essential virtues: “habitual and firm dispositions to do the good.” Challenges to living these virtues come from within ourselves and homes, and from the world at large. This presentation will walk through these major modern challenges and how to overcome them, so our families can “become what they are” for our good and the good of all the world.