

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 VOCATION OF THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY Gwyneth Anne Spaeder, MD , 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 Deacon Scott Moore, MA, and Mary Beth Moore, MA , Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church
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 VOCATION OF THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY

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

The family is entrusted with the vocation to be signs of God's communion and love in the world. The presentation will offer insights into how married couples and families can draw upon authentic love as a source for their unity and strength. The important mission of the family within the Church and society will be highlighted as a means of a source of authentic renewal in our current culture.

MARRIAGE, FAMILY, AND THE VIRTUE OF LOVE

Deacon Scott Moore, MA, MACC, CPA, and Mary Beth Moore, MA, Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church

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.