



WEST BRANDYWINE, PA | FEBRUARY 28, 2026



*Together in Holiness – Archdiocese of Philadelphia*  
**Saturday, February 28, 2026 | St. Peter Catholic Church, West Brandywine, PA**

## FAMILY, A DOMESTIC CHURCH

**8:00 AM**

### CONFERENCE CHECK-IN

Childcare Check-In

Sacrament of Reconciliation – 8:00 – 8:30 am

Exhibitor Booths – available throughout conference

**8:30 AM**

### MASS AND MARRIAGE BLESSING

Celebrant: Most Rev. Efren V. Esmilla

**10:00 – 10:15 AM**

### WORDS OF WELCOME

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

**10:15 – 11:15 AM**

### THE HOLY EUCHARIST AND THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

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**11:30 AM – 12:30 PM**

### LITURGICAL LIVING IN THE HOME

Sara Hulse Kirby, PhD, Department Chair of Theology and Philosophy, DeSales University

**12:30 – 2:15 PM**

### BREAK FOR LUNCH AND PRAYER

Sacrament of Reconciliation – 1:15 - 2:15 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – 1:15 - 2:15 pm

Benediction – 2:00 pm

Exhibitor Booths – available throughout conference

**2:30 – 3:30 PM**

### THE EUCHARISTIC MISSION OF THE FAMILY

Steve and Becky Greene, Catholic Speakers, Writers, and Co-hosts of "The Catholic Conversation"

**3:30 – 3:45 PM**

### CLOSING COMMENTS AND SENDING FORTH

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Last Chance for Exhibitor Booths



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## PRESENTATION DESCRIPTIONS

### THE HOLY EUCHARIST AND THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

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

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.

### LITURGICAL LIVING IN THE HOME

**Sara Hulse Kirby, PhD**, Department Chair of Theology and Philosophy, DeSales University

Liturgical living in the home helps strengthen the vocation of married couples and the family as a domestic church. Living out the beautiful rhythm of the Catholic liturgical year helps families to integrate their Catholic faith into all aspects of their life and helps them draw closer to Christ together. This presentation will offer personal insights about living a liturgy-centered life within the domestic church and beyond.

### THE EUCHARISTIC MISSION OF THE FAMILY

**Steve and Becky Greene**, Catholic Speakers, Writers, and Co-hosts of "The Catholic Conversation"

St. John Paul II teaches about the unity we find in the Eucharist: “Thus the Lord unites us with Himself through the Eucharist – sacrament and Sacrifice – and he unites us with Himself and with one another by a bond stronger than any natural union. Thus united, He sends us into the whole world to bear witness, through faith and works, to God’s love.” This talk will explore the ways that St. John Paul II emphasizes the unity of the Eucharist, Jesus’ Real Presence in the Sacrament, and the ways in which the Eucharist places us in the moment of Jesus’ death and resurrection. We will look at ways that the family in particular is called to be fed, inspired, and united with Jesus and one another, in the Holy Eucharist.