

Together in Holiness – Archdiocese of Detroit
Saturday, October 10, 2026 | St. Anastasia Catholic Church, Troy, MI

FAMILY, AN IMAGE OF THE TRINITY

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. Robert J. Fisher
9:45 – 10:00 AM	WORDS OF WELCOME Susie Saenz, Chief of Staff and Vice President, St. John Paul II Foundation
10:00 – 11:00 AM	THE NUPTIAL MEANING OF THE BODY Colin and Aimee MacIver, Catholic Speakers, Authors, and Co-Founders of <i>Thy Ship</i>
11:15 AM – 12:15 PM	THE LOGIC OF GOD: FROM SPOUSAL LOVE TO FAMILY COMMUNION Lea and Josh Ross, Catholic Leaders, Musicians, & <i>Together in Holiness</i> Formation Series Host Couple
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	SENT FORTH IN LOVE: THE FAMILY'S TRINITARIAN MISSION Colin and Aimee MacIver, Catholic Speakers, Authors, and Co-Founders of <i>Thy Ship</i>
3:15 – 3:30 PM	CLOSING COMMENTS AND SENDING FORTH Childcare Check-out Last Chance for Exhibitor Booths

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PRESENTATION DESCRIPTIONS

THE NUPTIAL MEANING OF THE BODY

Colin and Aimee MacIver, Catholic Speakers, Authors, and Co-Founders of *Thy Ship*

The human body can speak a language that reveals the deepest truths about love, gift, and communion. This presentation unveils St. John Paul II's insight that our bodies reveal the invisible mystery of God's love made visible in the world. Couples will explore how the one-flesh union of marriage is a profound participation in God's own life-giving love, which is characterized by unity and fruitfulness. Spouses will gain a transformative vision of their marriage as both a sacrament and a path to holiness.

THE LOGIC OF GOD: FROM SPOUSAL LOVE TO FAMILY COMMUNION

Lea and Josh Ross, Catholic Leaders, Musicians, & *Together in Holiness* Formation Series Host Couple

"My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways" (Is 55:8). God's ways are mysterious and His godly logic doesn't always align with our human logic. As we trust Him more and give ourselves as a unique and precious gift to our spouse, our marriage love and family love grow according to His perfect plan. In this presentation, couples will visualize each member of their marriage (and family) through the analogy of gold - its precious value, its status as a gift worth giving, and its need to be refined until the image of the goldsmith is reflected in its face. Couples will walk away with practical tips for living and loving through the most "daily" moments of marriage and family life, keeping in mind that God has a perfect, unique plan for each of us!

SENT FORTH IN LOVE: THE FAMILY'S TRINITARIAN MISSION

Colin and Aimee MacIver, Catholic Speakers, Authors, and Co-Founders of *Thy Ship*

Just as the Father sends the Son and, together, they send forth the Spirit into the world, so the Christian family exists not for itself but to be sent on mission. This presentation reveals how the family's identity as an icon of the Trinity necessarily invites us to a missionary call that extends far beyond the home. Couples will discover that their family is a missionary outpost called to transform culture through hospitality, service, witness, and the formation of children as disciples. Families will leave with renewed vision of their irreplaceable role in forming the next generation of builders of the civilization of love.