

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 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	FATHERHOOD AND MOTHERHOOD: REFLECTION OF THE HEART OF GOD Presenter TBA
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

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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.

FATHERHOOD AND MOTHERHOOD: REFLECTION OF THE HEART OF GOD

Presenter TBA

Every human experience of parenthood finds its origin and pattern in the eternal Fatherhood of God, from whom "all fatherhood and motherhood is named". This presentation explores how the complementarity of father and mother reflects the life and love of the Trinity. Couples will receive practical guidance on forming their children's hearts through daily rhythms of prayer, witness, and instruction. Parents will leave equipped to see their distinctive vocations as participation in the Father's work of forming saints in His love and mercy.

SENT FORTH IN LOVE: THE FAMILY'S TRINITARIAN MISSION

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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.