

**Together in Holiness – Diocese of Venice**  
**Saturday, October 24, 2026 | Our Lady of Light Parish, Fort Myers, FL**

## **FAMILY, AN IMAGE OF THE TRINITY**

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| <b>8:30 AM</b>            | <b>CONFERENCE CHECK-IN</b><br>Childcare Check-In<br>Sacrament of Reconciliation - 8:30 - 9:00 am<br>Exhibitor Booths – available throughout conference                                                                     |
| <b>9:00 AM</b>            | <b>MASS AND MARRIAGE BLESSING</b><br><b>Celebrant: Fr. David M. Vidal, VG, PhD</b> , Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia,<br>Diocese of Venice in Florida                                                             |
| <b>10:30 – 10:45 AM</b>   | <b>WORDS OF WELCOME</b><br><b>Paul Rouleau</b> , Director of Philanthropy, St. John Paul II Foundation                                                                                                                     |
| <b>10:45 – 11:45 AM</b>   | <b>THE NUPTIAL MEANING OF THE BODY</b><br><b>Maria Fedoryka, PhD</b> , Associate Professor of Philosophy, Ave Maria University                                                                                             |
| <b>11:45 AM – 1:45 PM</b> | <b>BREAK FOR LUNCH AND PRAYER</b><br>Sacrament of Reconciliation – 12:45 - 1:45 pm<br>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – 12:45 - 1:45 pm<br>Benediction – 1:30 pm<br>Exhibitor Booths – available throughout conference |
| <b>2:00 – 3:00 PM</b>     | <b>THE CRUCIBLE OF MARRIAGE: HOW MARRIAGE LEADS TO HEALING AND TRANSFORMATION</b><br><b>Rev. Eric Scanlan</b> , Pastor, Our Lady of Light Parish                                                                           |
| <b>3:15 – 4:15 PM</b>     | <b>FRUITFULNESS AND MISSION: THE FAMILY'S GENERATIVE LOVE</b><br><b>Dominick Albano</b> , Catholic Speaker and Author                                                                                                      |
| <b>4:15 – 4:30 PM</b>     | <b>CLOSING COMMENTS AND SENDING FORTH</b><br>Childcare Check-out<br>Last Chance for Exhibitor Booths                                                                                                                       |

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## **PRESENTATION DESCRIPTIONS**

### **THE NUPTIAL MEANING OF THE BODY**

**Maria Fedoryka, PhD**, Associate Professor of Philosophy, Ave Maria University

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 CRUCIBLE OF MARRIAGE: HOW MARRIAGE LEADS TO HEALING AND TRANSFORMATION**

**Rev. Eric Scanlan**, Pastor, Our Lady of Light Catholic Community

The married life is often seen as a means to personal happiness and fulfillment. While marriage certainly can bring that at times, it also brings out our wounded natures far more often than we would like. This presentation explores the foundations of a healthy marital relationship and how the Lord invites each spouse to begin their own healing journey, both individually and as a couple, towards a life of greater spiritual and emotional maturity in Christ.

### **FRUITFULNESS AND MISSION: THE FAMILY'S GENERATIVE LOVE**

**Dominick Albano**, Catholic Author and Speaker

The love between spouses is intended to overflow into new life and generous service to others. This presentation explores how the family's identity as an icon of the Trinity necessarily bears fruit through gift of children and service to those in need. Couples will discover that fruitfulness takes many forms, each one extending the family's communion of love outward into the world. Families will leave with a renewed vision of their household as a wellspring of life and grace for the Church and the world.