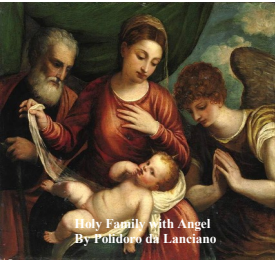


# Diocese of Santa Rosa Religious Education - Eureka Conference

## “Called to be Holy Families”

Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018 9am - 3pm  
9am Holy Mass Talks 10am - 3pm Raffle 3pm  
Held at St. Bernard Catholic Academy, 222 Dollison St., Eureka



Dear Conference Participants,

It is my pleasure and privilege to welcome you to the annual Santa Rosa Religious Education Eureka Conference!

The Second Vatican Council taught in its Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, “The Christian family proclaims aloud both the present power of the kingdom of God and the hope of the blessed life” (*Lumen Gentium*, no. 35). The theme of this year’s Congress, “Called to be Holy Families”, reminds us of the necessity of living the universal call to holiness in our families. It is my hope and prayer that each of you will be enriched, rejuvenated and inspired by our speakers today. It is then my hope that you are emboldened to carry this message to the parishes, schools and institutions of our Diocese so that they too can be enriched through your ministry in their midst.

At the end of his Apostolic Exhortation on the Christian Family in the Modern World, St. John Paul II entrusted his work to the Blessed Virgin Mary with these words: “May the Virgin Mary, who is the Mother of the Church, also be the Mother of ‘the Church of the home.’ Thanks to her motherly aid, may each Christian family really become a ‘little Church’ in which the mystery of the Church of Christ is mirrored and given new life” (*Familiaris Consortio*, no. 86).

We make those words our own for this day: May the Virgin Mary, who is the Mother of the Church, also be the Mother of the Church of the homes in the Diocese of Santa Rosa. Through her motherly aid, may each Christian family with which we interact really become a ‘little Church’ in which the mystery of the Church of Christ is mirrored and given new life.

I pray that God continue to shower every good grace and blessing upon you.



Most Reverend Robert F. Vasa

Please join Bishop Vasa and these dynamic speakers to a day of prayer and fellowship.

### “Accepting Mary into Your Home - The Secret to Holy Family Life” 10:15 am

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, “*Woman, behold your son.*” Then he said to the disciple, “*Behold your mother.*” And from that hour the disciple took her into his home. (John 19, 26-27)

Mary’s presence can and will transform every aspect of family life. The gift of her spiritual motherhood has already been given to us by Jesus Himself as a departing gift on the cross.

In a series of memoirs from her own childhood, Mother Teresa Christe will share practical ideas of how to accept this gift of Mary’s spiritual motherhood and allow it to transform every aspect of family life.

Mother Teresa Christe  
MSSR



### “How To Get To Heaven (For Dummies Like Me)” 11:15am

Jesse will give a detailed description on how to and what does it mean to live in a state of grace? And what does it mean to live in a state of mortal sin? Also, does venial sin wound our relationship with God or does it cut us off from God?

Jesse Romero, M.A.  
Author and Radio host



### “The Virtues: The Language of Christianity” 12:45pm

Go into any bookstore, and the amount of “self-help” books has become so overflowing, that you would think the world is having a “happiness epidemic”. Perhaps we have set aside the most important key to our own happiness, the Virtues! The Virtues are in essence the very *Language of Christianity*, our faith in action. We are called to have a firm grip on exactly what these Virtues are, and how we to recenter our focus on living a truly virtuous life.

Deacon W. Dance Farrell  
St. Bernard’s Academy



### “The Power of Prayer” 1:45

In this workshop Jesse will describe the three styles of prayer of the Catechism and explain them in detail. He will also share twenty five reasons why God may not listen to our prayers.

Jesse Romero, M.A.  
Author and Radio host

There will be a few Exhibitors and Ministries showcasing gifts. Please take time during the day and stop by and visit.

#### INFORMATION

- The day will begin with Holy Mass with Bishop Vasa at St. Bernard Academy, Gym.
- Please fill out the registration form **or** contact your parish office **or** the Diocese's DRE office. It is also available on the website.
- The registration fee covers admission. Tickets are required.

**Early Bird Registration fee \$10.00-**  
Deadline Mon. Nov. 26th.

**Group rate** (group of 4 people or more) - **\$8.00** - Deadline Mon. Nov. 26th.

**Day of Event \$15.00**

- Registrations received after Nov. 26th are at risk of not being processed.
- We except Emailed or faxed registrations. Then mail fee or pay at door. (Can't pay contact Carmen)
- For those who register by Nov. 26th your tickets will be held at the will call table under the registrants name.
- English talks held in Gym. Spanish talks held in Auditorium.
- Bring a bag lunch - Lunch **will not** be provided.
- There will be Ministries & Exhibitors showcasing Books & Gifts.
- Complimentary Coffee and doughnuts will be provided in the auditorium.

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