

## NAVIGATING CHALLENGES IN FAMILY: THE MINISTRY OF BEING PRESENT

### MORNING SESSION

*If someone turns with his spiritual world to the spiritual world of another person, he encounters an awesome and inspiring mystery... He comes into contact with the true image of God in man with the very icon of God incarnate in the world, with a reflection of the mystery of God's incarnation and divine manhood. And he needs to accept this awesome revelation of God unconditionally, to venerate the image of God in his brother. – St. Maria of Paris*

- 11:15 Introduction
- 11:25 Dr. Rossi – Becoming a Healing Presence
- 11:40 Personal Reflection
- 11:45 Group Discussion
- 12:10 Whole Group Share Highlights
- 12:20 Bishop John – Healing the Healer
- 12:35 Personal Reflection
- 12:40 Whole Group Discussion
- 1:05 Whole Group Share Highlights

### AFTERNOON SESSION

*Every one of us is in the image of God, and every one of us is like a damaged icon. But if we were given an icon damaged by time, damaged by circumstances, or desecrated by human hatred, we would treat it with reverence, with tenderness, with broken-heartedness. We would not pay attention primarily to the fact that it is damaged, but to the tragedy of its being damaged. We would concentrate on what is left of its beauty, and not on what is lost of its beauty. And this is what we must learn to do with regard to each person as an individual, but also—and this is not always as easy—with regard to groups of people, whether it be a parish or a denomination, or a nation. We must learn to look, and look until we have seen the underlying beauty of this group of people. Only then can we even begin to do something to call out all the beauty that is there. Listen to other people, and whenever you discern something which sounds true, which is a revelation of harmony and beauty, emphasize it and help it to flower. Strengthen it and encourage it to live. – Metropolitan Anthony of Sourozh*

- 2:15 Patrick Tutella – Parish Care Team Ministry  
Introduction to Case Studies
- 2:40 Case Studies
- 3:25 Case Study Report Back
- 4:10 Wrap Up the Day
- 4:20 Closing Reflection