



Rochester Catholic

Women's Conference

March 10, 2018 ~ The Power of the Eucharist: Glorifying God and Sanctifying the World

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Hello Ladies of the Parish! It is time, once again, for the Rochester Catholic Women's Conference coming on March 10, 2018! Our fifth conference is titled, **The Power of the Eucharist: Glorifying God and Sanctifying the World**, which ties in SO nicely with Bishop Matano's Year of the Eucharist commemorating the 150th anniversary of our Diocese! We are excited to present fabulous national speakers to inspire, lift our hearts and entice us to learn more about our Catholic faith, **as well as an amazing Eucharistic Miracles exhibition**. Allow me to share some highlights of the day . . .

Dr. Edward Sri is a theologian, author and well-known Catholic speaker who appears regularly on EWTN and has written several best-selling books including his newest release, *Who Am I to Judge?—Responding to Relativism with Logic and Love*. He is also the host of the acclaimed film series *Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained*, and annually hosts pilgrimages to Rome and the Holy Land. He's a founding leader of FOCUS (the Fellowship of Catholic University Students) and serves as a professor of theology among other posts at the Augustine Institute in Denver. He holds a doctorate from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome, and resides with his wife Elizabeth and their eight children in Littleton, Colorado. If you have ever heard him speak, you know what a joy he is to listen to and how much he has to share!

Danielle Bean ALSO has eight children with her husband and, despite appearances, having eight children was NOT a requirement to speak at our conference this year! Danielle is the former editor-in-chief of Catholic Digest, the most popular Catholic magazine in the United States, with over 1 million readers, and is also the creator and host of The Gist, a weekly Catholic women's television talk show in its seventh season on CatholicTV. On top of that, Danielle is the author of several books, most recently a study of women in the Gospels entitled *You're Worth It! Change How You Feel About Yourself by Discovering How Jesus Feels About You*. She also authored *Momnipotent*, a book and parish study that helps women find peace, balance, and joy in their roles as mothers. Danielle encourages women of all ages and stages of life to find humor in their daily challenges and the joy God intends for every one of us.

Coming to Rochester for the first time, the **Eucharistic Miracles exhibit** was created by Servant of God, Carlo Acutis, of Milan, Italy. Acutis died of leukemia at the age of 16 in 2006. He led a brief but intense Christian life which included, since age 7, daily Mass, Adoration and rosary. He was also considered a computer genius, was very involved in sports, and was a regular volunteer serving children and the elderly in need. At age 11 Acutis began researching and cataloguing Church-recognized Eucharistic miracles that occurred over the centuries in different countries around the world, collecting them into a virtual museum and visiting many of the locations in person. In addition to creating a website to house this collection, he helped create presentations that have traveled the globe and that now number 180 panels. We are excited to host this exceptional exhibit which highlights the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist at the Rochester Catholic Women's Conference.

We are blessed, once again, to have Bishop Matano kick off our day with a beautiful Mass. There will also be Catholic vendors to visit, opportunities for Confession, a delicious continental breakfast and luncheon, and much more. So ladies, we hope you will join us again this year or, if you have not been with us before, it is a great time to give it a try! And for all you men out there, please keep in mind that the Conference would be a great gift to any of the women in your life, whether they are 18 or 118! Thank you for your time! Please see our table for more information.