



Tri-Diocesan Catholic Family Conference

Our Children: Embracing God’s Gift of Love

- A Gift within Our Church, Village & Family

Saturday, April 18, 2020 - St. John XXIII Parish - 3390 Portage Ave

8:30-9:00 am	Registration			
9:15-9:30 am	Welcome & blessing – with Archbishop Legatt			
9:30-10:30am	“Children: The Ultimate Gift!” – Guest speaker: Kevin Dunn			
10:30-10:45 am	BREAK			
10:45-11:10 am	Family activity			
11:15-12:15pm	“Children: Gifts to the Church & Village” – Guest speaker: Kevin Dunn			
12:15-12:30 pm	Presentation by Conquest & Challenge			
12:30-1:30 pm	LUNCH (Provided)			
1:30-2:00 pm	Praise & Worship Music (Youth band)			
2:05-2:50 pm	Adults “Grandparents & Parents: Witnesses of Family Faith” With Archbishop Gagnon	Youth “You are a Unique piece of the Puzzle” (13-17 years)	Kids “One with my Family” (9-12 years)	Kids “Together with my Family” (4-8 years)
2:50-3:10 pm	BREAK			
3:10-3:30 pm	Family activity			
3:30-4:15 pm	“The Power of Presence in an Age of Technology” – Guest speaker: Kevin Dunn			
4:15-4:30 pm	Family Blessing & Closing Remarks- with Archbishop Huculak			
5:00-6:00 pm	Mass at St. John XXIII			

Register online at: bit.ly/familyconference-nwlf

Or contact: Nadine Fetherston (204)594-0295 mfl2@archsaintboniface.ca

Catholic Family Conference Topics- April 18, 2020:

Matthew 19:14 "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs"

❖ "Children: The Ultimate Gift" – with Kevin Dunn

"The future of humanity passes by way of the family." - St. John Paul II. Children are indeed a blessing from our Lord, and a gift to the family at every stage: from conception through adulthood. Through the use of music, puppets and Kevin's powerful testimony as a father of six, this talk underscores the unique gift of children to each member of the family unit. God has a plan and purpose for each of us, no matter our age or ability!

❖ Children: Gifts to the Church & Village" – with Kevin Dunn

Children need not be adults to impact our church and the world... they already do by their very presence! Welcomed into the church through Holy Baptism and fed with the Eucharist at Holy Communion, our children receive unique gifts from the Holy Spirit at Confirmation. The Sacramental life of a child paves the way for each to become a witness to Christ, a gift to the village and a prophet of hope to the world. Never forget the power of your child's presence at Mass!

❖ Family activities & Praise and Worship Music

❖ "Grandparents & Parents: Witnesses of Family Faith" – with Archbishop Gagnon

Specially for parents and grandparents, sharing on the words of Pope Francis, Archbishop Gagnon will teach on the family as a gift of love from God, as well as the important and unique role of grandparents and parents in witnessing, inspiring and sharing faith through the generations.

❖ "You are a Unique piece of the Puzzle" – For Youth

Our family is a beautiful gift from God. In our family, we all have differences & similarities that can fit & work together as one! Find out how we can better recognize and appreciate the gift of our families.

❖ "One with my Family" & "Together with my Family" – For Kids

God has given us all unique gifts and talents- How amazing to think God created You: unrepeatable, special & with the ability to change the world!

❖ "The Power of Presence in an Age of Technology"- with Kevin Dunn

"Are you looking at your phone or are you looking at me?" Kevin speaks about the *power of presence* in an age of technology, and what we can do to make our relationships - at home, school or work - more meaningful. Technology is amazing... but it will never replace the gift of *presence*!

Catholic Family Conference- April 18, 2020: Special Guest Speaker: Kevin Dunn



Kevin Dunn, Filmmaker and International Speaker

A three-time Gemini Award (Canada's version of the Emmys) nominee, Kevin Dunn has had an exceptional 30-year career as a broadcaster, filmmaker, TV host, guest speaker and musical performer. As a proud Catholic and father of six (and recent grandfather!) Kevin is well versed in the joys and challenges of family life. His ministry, Prophets of Hope is a testimony to the dignity of the human person and an encouragement to families around the world. Kevin is a former Winnipegger and parishioner at nearby St. Vital Parish – and is pleased to be returning to his old stomping grounds!

His credits include more than 1,000 hours of both live and pre-produced television from a variety of genres including variety, pop culture, science, history, social justice, religious and children's programming. His work has been seen on Networks such as Discovery Channel, History Channel UK, ARTE France & Germany, CBC, CTV, Global and EWTN.