



# TRUTH OF LOVE CONFERENCE IV

## The Eucharist and the Logic of the Gift

June 21-23, 2024

Friday and Saturday sessions livestreamed

**Franciscan University of Steubenville**

*1235 University Blvd | Steubenville, OH*



The slogan “My body, my choice” is often used in the abortion debate to argue for a woman’s right to choose, even at the expense of the unborn child. However, this slogan is also relevant in other contexts, particularly those related to sexual identity and end-of-life issues.

This upcoming conference seeks to present an alternative perspective that sees the body not as a matter of choice but as a gift. The Church has proclaimed this view for nearly two millennia through the celebration of the Eucharist. Christ instituted the Eucharist by saying, “This is my body, given for you” (Lk 22:19). In this way he established the gift as the paradigm for understanding the body. The Eucharistic body is a “body given for you,” and our human body is governed by the same logic.

The conference intends to explore this logic from three perspectives:

- 1) the “body given” in response to a vocation,
- 2) the “body given” transforms our moral life, and
- 3) the “body given” is always also a social body, embedded in the Church and in society, and thus in history and tradition.

**Fri, 6/21**

## First Session: The Eucharist and the Vocation to Love

2:00-5:30pm

Opening Remarks

*Most Reverend Paul J. Bradley (Bishop of Steubenville, OH)*

A Nuptial Sacrament: The Eucharist and Marriage

*Perry J. Cahall (Josephinum, Columbus)*

An Eschatological Horizon: The Eucharist and Consecrated Virginity

*Sr. Albert Marie Surmanski (University of Saint Thomas, Houston)*

Yielding Fruit a Hundredfold: The Eucharist and the Spiritual Fatherhood of the Priest

*Scott Hahn (Franciscan University)*

**Sat, 6/22**

## Second Session: The Eucharist and the Renewal of Life

9:30am-1:00pm

Nature Renewed by Grace: the Eucharist and Moral Transformation

*Nicholas Healy (John Paul II Institute, Washington DC)*

Healing the Wounds: The Regenerating Power of the Eucharist

*Mauro Meruzzi (Josephinum, Columbus)*

Confronting Suffering and Death: The Eucharist as the Medicine of Immortality

*Katharina Westerhorstmann (Franciscan University, Gaming Campus)*

## Third session: The Eucharist and the Common Good

2:30-6:00pm

Understanding the Gift of Truth: The Eucharistic Context of Ecclesial Theology

*José Granados (Saint John Vianney Theological Seminary, Denver)*

The Body and Society: Toward a Eucharistic Transformation

*Stephan Kampowski (John Paul II Institute, Rome)*

Joining Past and Future: The Eucharist as the Bearer of Tradition

*Jacob Wood (Franciscan University)*

7:30-8:30pm

Keynote Address:

The Wedding Feast of Cana and the Eucharistic Mystery

*Most Reverend Earl K. Fernandes (Bishop of Columbus, OH)*

**Sun, 6/23**

10:00am-12:00pm

Seminar:

Free discussion of issues raised during the conference and exploration of future opportunities for cooperation.