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The Question I've Been Waiting to Answer

Today is one of my favorite days of the year.

It's the day I finally get to answer a question I've been hearing for months.

Wherever I go—at church, community events, meetings, or simply running into friends—someone eventually asks, “Who is your fall banquet speaker this year?” Even my staff members ask me.

My answer has always been the same: “I’m working on it.”

That’s because we don’t simply look for a well-known name. We look for someone who can speak with clarity, conviction, and hope into the cultural moment we’re living through—someone whose life and message reinforce the importance of faith, family, and freedom.

For example, it took five years of trying to finally land last year’s Friends of the Family banquet speaker, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis. Getting Dr. James Dobson not once – but twice – in 1999 and again in 2014 – was both a feat and a blessing that few, if any, have matched. I could go on, but enough with the suspense.

I’m thrilled to announce that Rachel Campos-Duffy will be the keynote speaker at Pennsylvania Family Institute’s 2026 Friends of the Family Banquet.

Millions know Rachel as co-host of *Fox & Friends Weekend*. But through every chapter of her public life, she has remained what is most important: a devoted wife, mother of nine, woman of deep faith, and compelling advocate for marriage, family, and the values that help communities flourish.

Rachel speaks about family not as an abstract policy issue, but from lived experience—raising a large family, caring for a daughter with Down syndrome, balancing work and home, and bringing faith and conviction to the national conversation.

That makes her a wonderful fit for this year’s theme: A Celebration of Family.

For more than 35 years, our Friends of the Family Banquet has brought together people from across Pennsylvania for an evening of encouragement, fellowship, and renewed purpose. In recent years, attendance has consistently topped 1,000 and has reached as many as 1,800.



I couldn’t be more pleased to welcome Rachel Campos-Duffy to Pennsylvania this October. I think you’ll come away encouraged, challenged, and grateful to have been part of the evening.

Please save the date: Saturday, October 10, 2026, at the Hershey Lodge & Convention Center.

Looking forward to being with you,



Michael Geer



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P.S. I mentioned that attendance has reached up to 1,800, and I'd love for this year to be no different. Sponsorships are open now, and one of the best ways to be part of the evening is to sponsor a table. Fill it with your family, friends, or a group from your church. Details are at pafamily.org/banquet. I hope to see you there!

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