



## INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF CHRISTIAN FAMILY MOVEMENTS

Mission San Jose



### THE TESTIMONY OF THE BEAUTY AND JOY OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

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RESIDENCE: ***Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico***  
MARRIED YEARS: ***63 years***  
CHILDREN: ***9 children, 8 married and a Lasallista  
brother.***  
GRANDCHILDREN: ***30 grandchildren and 3  
beautiful great-grandchildren.***



WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE JUST MARRIED LOVE AND THE LOVE YOU FEEL NOW?  
**Newlyweds Love is based mainly on the senses, in the outside of the persons, but when the years pass you get to know our partner, its values, its interior, the integral part of the human being. Physical beauty is transforming into a greater beauty that is the Spiritual beauty.**

WHAT ARE THE VALUES AND ATTITUDES YOU THINK HAVE KEPT YOU UNITED AND HAPPY FOR SO MANY YEARS?

**The value of responsibility, confidence, our love, respect, understanding, and communication. There are many, it does not mean that we have accomplish them all but we have tried to apply them.**

**It is important that love will prevail, but above all accept each other as we are and learn to forgive.**

MENTION TWO UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS IN YOUR LOVE STORY.

**One of the important moments we have shared in the 63 years of our life together, is to have been able to achieve with effort to purchase a House to keep our children tranquil and safe. Other experiences we had is to see all our children graduated, that is something we are proud of, because each of them ended their college career. It was a beautiful thing.**

**The other moment was a painful experience, losing two of our children, one a baby and the other one an adult, they were a very hard experiences, very painful but at all times we felt the grace of having the strength of the Lord that is always us, strength that he grant us both.**

WHICH HAS BEEN THE MOST STAGE DIFFICULT IN YOUR MARRIAGE AND HOW DID YOU FACED IT?

**We have had a little bit of everything, shadows and lights, we will only mention two. One is the children formation stage, there are very important things to sow in them, but there is always a question if our acting is right or wrong, but we must rely on the guidance of the Divine Providence. We have the gift of God by belonging to the Christian Family Movement in Monterrey, where they helped us guide our children.**



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Another difficult stage is elder hood, which is the stage we are currently living in, it is hard, it's difficult to realize that we are losing faculties, losing skills, but we are really happy to contemplate our family, the succeed of our children, our grandchildren and our great-grandchildren. We face it with true confidence in God, thanking every night for the lived day and every morning because He allows us to see the light of a new day together.

SHARE WITH US, WHAT HAVE WORKED TO YOU TO KEEP YOUR MARRIAGE FOR SO MANY YEARS?  
Ensure always the communication and understanding, do not misunderstand the attitudes of the other but to put into the other shoes to have in mind their State of mood or concerns that can carry.

As my wife says, communication is essential since each of our children show us his love, his care for us. Love is the most important thing in the family. To avoid fights among the family, avoid them at all costs, to promote love between brothers and do not tech them to fight.

THREE RECOMMENDATIONS (ADVICES) THAT YOU WANT TO MAKE TO THE NEWLYWEDS.

-Take decisions together, always in the light of the faith.

-Do not forget that marriage is a life plan, which must be responsibly taken and both most help to make that plan happen.

-Pray together every day, as many times as possible.

We share one jaculatory that tells us a lot " Señor, no permitas que jamás nos apartemos de Ti." (Lord, don't let us ever be away from you).

\*Translated by Luis and Edgar Montalvo

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*"Let the Holy Spirit guide the mission of proclaiming the Gospel of marriage, family and life in the world"*