



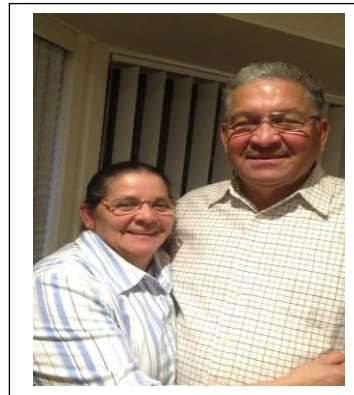
# INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF CHRISTIAN FAMILY MOVEMENTS

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

NAME: **Antonio y Margarita Galdámez**  
PLACE OF RESIDENCE: **Melbourne, Victoria, Australia**  
MARRIED YEARS: **41 years**  
CHILDREN: **7**  
GRANDCHILDREN: **17**  
GREAT-GRANCHILDREN: **nil**



### WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE JUST MARRIED LOVE AND THE LOVE YOU FEEL NOW?

Love has always been there since we got married, but as time has passed, we have been knowing and accepting each other the ups and downs of married life, and now our love is firm and more delivered for each other. We now feel that we are tasting the best sweetest wine of our love. We have reached a level that is already difficult separation and live for each other and every time the age is advancing the love is more firm between us.

El amor siempre ha existido desde que nos casamos, pero a medida que ha pasado el tiempo, nos hemos ido conociendo y aceptando en los altos y bajos de nuestra vida matrimonial y ahora estamos seguros que nuestro amor siempre ha estado firme y más entregado el uno para el otro. Ahora sentimos que estamos saboreando el mejor y dulce vino de nuestro amor. Hemos llegado a un nivel en el que ya es difícil una separación porque vivimos el uno para el otro y en cada momento en que nuestras edades avanzan, nos ayudan a cimentar con firmeza nuestro amor.

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

Understanding each other, understanding our children, loving and being patient each other, mutual respect, communication, trust, above all which is the base that prevents jealousy between husband and wife in a marriage, if there is respect between each other jealousy should not exist.

**La comprensión mutua, nuestros hijos, el amor, la paciencia, el respeto mutuo, la comunicación y la confianza la cual es sobre todo la base que evita los celos entre las parejas; en un matrimonio, si hay respeto los celos no deben de existir.**

### MENTION TWO UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS IN YOUR LOVE STORY.

**Margarita:** For me one of the unforgettable moments of our love story is when we got married, and also when we both go for holidays, where we enjoy being together. Just the two of us.

**Antonio:** For me, I have found in Margarita that she always looks for the way to please me, even in the small details e.g. in the way she dresses and also when we decided to migrate to Australia always she is being able to follow me anywhere I go.



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**Margarita:** Para mi cuando me case, fue uno de los momentos más inolvidables de mi vida, otro es cuando nos vamos de paseo y saber andamos juntos disfrutando de la vida en compañía uno del otro.

**Antonio:** El primero, es haber encontrado a Margarita y que desde que éramos novios me hizo caso en cambiar su forma de vestir, también cuando decidimos venirnos a vivir a Australia, y que ella siempre ha estado siempre dispuesta a seguirme donde quiera que yo vaya para la felicidad de ambos y de nuestra familia. .

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

When due to family safety Margarita had to move from our home town to the capital city( San Salvador ) en el Salvador. Due to the civil war in El Salvador. So we where apart from each other for 6 months. We solve that difficult time when we migrated to Australia.

La separación de casi 6 meses por motivos de seguridad de la vida de toda nuestra familia por motivos de los cinco años de guerra civil en El Salvador por lo cual Margarita y nuestros hijos tuvieron que moverse de nuestro pueblo de origen a la capital ( San Salvador.)

Dicha situación se resolvió habiéndonos movidos a vivir a Australia

#### **SHARE WITH US, WHAT HAVE WORKED TO YOU TO KEEP YOUR MARRIAGE FOR SO MANY YEARS?**

Showing with our testimony to our children by example and love based in a good education, respect and orientation during the time in the different stages of their lives according their age. Also respecting their family life since they started their own family.

Enseñando y demostrándoles a nuestros hijos con nuestro testimonio, ejemplo y amor en base a una buena educación, respeto y orientación en los momentos de las diferentes etapas de su vida y de acuerdo a sus edades.

También respetando su vida familiar desde que ellos formaron su propia familia.

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

Remember you have been married for the rest of your lives until death, start with a process of adaptation to the customs of the one and the other and accept each other with your defects and qualities, respect, trust each other , loving one another and above all the love to God as well as communication, if they have small problems connected one to the other therefore the problems will not become difficult and large.

Solve the problems as soon as possible and not leave them when till is too late and thereby avoid discussions and divisions at the same time. If for some reason you do not agree to resolve their problems, they can turn to the opinion a trusted third party.



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