



Salesian Family Spirituality Days 2017

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Introduction, story of our marriage...

We intend to talk through the testimonial of our marriage and our family. We are fully aware of the marriage sacrament value which was given to us and we try to fulfill our identity and place in Church. We know that God provided us with a lot of love and we feel that it is our responsibility to pass this love onto the others.



Children folk dance group Kremienok

With this group we perform at the St. Vincent de Paul elementary school in Bratislava. The kid's members of Kremienok are mainly from families with more children.

The aim of our work is to provide meaningful activities for these children. As Pope Francis says in *Amoris Laetitia* 239 "An unhappy

childhood or adolescence can breed personal crises that affect one's marriage".

Sometimes we witness children whose behavior is deeply affected by crisis in their families. And that is why we try to reflect on these situations and through children influence their whole family. We have to recognize the smallest impulse when child is willing to talk about it.

For us is very important to know that children look at us not just as dance leaders but also as a married couple and parents because our own children are a part of the group. When they see a good example it gives them hope that bad situation can turn over in their own families. And if not, they can see hope that in their future families they can build their relationships in a completely different way.

Counseling center Family Garden

Counseling center for families named Family Garden has opened its door for public in January 2014. The center staffs Salesians cooperators from our community and Katarina became the head coordinator of the center. The main activities of our center are:

- Testimonials of married couples and lectures from experts
- Marriage preparation classes
- Counseling for married couples or individuals
- Training course “Christian couch”
- Volunteers

There are many experts involved in the particular cooperation, for example gynecologist, psychologist, priest, lawyer, education specialist, financial adviser.

Our duty as a Christian married couple is to live in the way so that young couples who are looking for families where everything works can come for help in case of their hard times.

Let us finish with words of Pope Francis “Dear families you are also a part of God’s people. Walk with joy together with these people, stay united with Jesus and bring it to the masses through your testimonial”.

