



## **DON BOSCO HOMES** **(HOGARES DON BOSCO)**

**Movement of Family Ministry**  
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### **Personal presentation**

We are Andrés and Carmen, married couples of Pozoblanco. Ten years ago, we decided to become part of Don Bosco Homes. We felt the need to form ourselves as a couple and to seek help and support in faith with other couples with similar concerns. And that's what we found in HDB.

### **What is "Don Bosco Homes"?**

- **DB Homes** is an ecclesial movement of Salesian family pastoral care. It was founded in 1965 by the Salesian Cooperators. Today it is spread in eight countries. In Spain 100 marriage groups make up the movement.
- **DB Homes** are organized into groups of married couples, who freely accept their spirit, want to travel in the path of human, Christian and Salesian family growth. We feel in communion with all the groups of the Salesian Family, especially with the Association of SSCC, who are our animators.
- **The name of HOMES** makes special reference to the family, domestic church. And DON BOSCO expresses that our following of Christ is inspired by the evangelical spirit of the Saint.
- **We rely on our Ideology.** We live the spirituality of the Preventive System. We try to create a family environment by taking advantage of all the resources that love, reason and faith offer us. We look above all for the educational strength of everyday situations. For us to belong to DBH is meaningful to grow as people, as marriage couples and as a family.

## Basic processes of the life of the Movement



— **The monthly meeting of the group**, in which we share a topic previously worked by each of marriage groups. We are accompanied by a counselor priest.

— **The training process of DBH** goes through three complementary stages with specific objectives and themes:

- The initiation stage. A stage to form a group, grow in trust among its members and begin personal and group work. This stage takes care of human and Christian formation, family life and the knowledge of Homes and the Salesian Family. It lasts about three years.
- The consolidation stage. A stage is to discover and live the family as a Salesian domestic church. The experiences of the consolidated groups help the new groups that are incorporated.
- The stage of commitment and dissemination. It has a diffusive and apostolic character, sharing what they have received and caring for the pastoral action in favor of the others. From here, the groups continue to mature in age, experience of coexistence and mutual help, in life of faith and love, and in witnessing.

— **The group** is a strong support for marriage and family life:

- Experiences and problems are shared.
- It grows in trust and faith. The vision of reality and the knowledge of the Church are broadened.
- The sense of belonging becomes stronger and stronger, because the other marriages become part of you.
- The meetings make the group a new family, the family of Homes. In



them the presence of the Lord is felt.

## **Strong values in the experience of DBH**

- Day-to-day love based on dialogue and trust.
- Fidelity to love, thanking love with more love.
- The sincere communication that helps to grow in conjugal communion.
- The encounter, moment of intimacy where the project of life in common is reviewed.
- The experience of the Salesian charism so powerful for the family.
- The integration of the children into a wider community.
- The domestic church experience.
- The strength that encourages witnessing and evangelizing.
- Free, open and healthy relationship.
- The deepening of the values of conjugal love.
- The experience of a love that leads to God.
- Feeling agents of change in favor of children and families.





## Looking to the future: in what directions do we move?

- *To consolidate our identity as a family pastoral movement in the Salesian Family.*
- *To continue and consolidate our participation in the family ministry of the local Church (parishes and dioceses).*
- *To witness the beauty and meaning of our way of understanding and living the family, putting God at the center of our family relationship.*
- *To accompany young people during engagement and preparation for marriage, facilitating the formation of new groups of Homes.*
- *To Commit ourselves to the accompaniment of wounded marriages, particularly in their initial stage including that of broken marriages*



## Conclusion

Don Bosco told us: How many souls can be attracted by a good example! From Home we try to offer the good example in which we believe and in which we grow. A happy experience of the Salesian Family which can give even more of itself. Count on Homes for it.

