FFWPU Costa Rica: Gathering for Blessed Couples on the Purpose of Marriage

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Report: What happened? What was significant about the event?

> **13 blessed couples** participated in the activity.
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> **Schedule:** The event ran from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., with a total duration of two hours and thirty minutes.

The program began with a greeting to the True Parents, followed by a representative prayer and an icebreaker activity. Subsequently, an educational lecture was delivered by Andrés Barrantes, a High Noon tutor, titled *"My connection with Heavenly Parent and my partner."*

During the talk, the divine purpose of marriage was addressed, along with the importance of strengthening the couple's relationship through understanding, respect, conjugal love, and living values that contribute to mutual growth. Likewise, it highlighted God's desire for couples to build prosperous relationships where conjugal connection and love are frequently expressed. Furthermore, the importance of understanding marriage from an eternal perspective was emphasized, recognizing that the marital bond transcends earthly life and is an eternal union. At the end, suggestions were shared on how to improve quality of life by improving the relationship between the couple through healthy daily habits to maintain a harmonious relationship.

Next, various activities aimed at strengthening the couple's relationship were carried out:

> In one activity, each participant had the opportunity to write down resentments or situations they

still held toward their partner, and then burn the written paper as a symbolic act of forgiveness, release, and heart healing.

Following that, a gratitude activity was conducted where each participant wrote down five aspects or qualities for which they felt grateful toward their partner, sharing them on the spot to promote an attitude of mutual recognition and appreciation.

To conclude the program, a joint prayer was held among all the couples present at the CSW. Additionally, resonance prayers dedicated to the specific intentions and desires of each couple were conducted so that everyone could receive this blessing.

As a final activity, a raffle was held, and the winner received a monetary prize intended for the couple to enjoy an outing together and share a special moment as a couple.



Participants' Reactions and Testimonies

The couples had the opportunity to reflect once again on the value of the blessing of sharing life together and to recognize the worth of their partner. Through the activities, they put forgiveness and gratitude into practice, thereby strengthening their emotional bonds. During this time, several couples expressed deep feelings of gratitude - some even shedding tears - as they recognized and appreciated the gift of staying together and continuing to build their relationship.