

## FFWPU Dominican Republic: 2<sup>nd</sup> Gen Seminar for Preparation of the Blessing

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On June 17 to 19 2022, the Blessed Families department hold a seminar for parents and second generations with the aim to bringing young people to the blessing and also improving the relationship between parents and children.

The seminar began with a prayer offered by the Rv. Hope, continuously by the words of the regional director Mr. Leonidas Belliard. One of the words said by Rv. Leonidas was that everything has its due time.

Then came the conference "Value of the blessing for the 2nd generation" By Mr. Cesar Regalado. Commenting that the second generation really has to know the great value that the second generation has, because if they do not understand this they will change it with anything.

After 10-minute question and answer, Mr. Bernardo Cruz spoke about "love life and lineage". He commented that if the second generation is lost, the life and love invested will be lost.

In the afternoon session, Mrs. Carmen Belliard, Director of Blessed Families of the Dominican Republic gave a message for the young people, she commented that as young people you think that as time has changed they know more than their parents, however the parents only want the good of the young people, to see them succeed and to have a full life, that in the end everyone will return to the blessing, with more or less stumbles but it will return, however it is better not to stumble so much to return. Because it will be more painful for the young and for God.

Leader of the second generation department in the Dominican Republic gave some advice to parents. He commented that as parents sometimes we forget how we were as children, that it is good to be very disciplined but let us not forget as parents to give love, in the end we also had a question and answer session

As a final session we try to bring parents and children in a game where children connected to their parents regarding the things they are grateful for, the feelings of forgiveness and shared dreams flowed. You could really feel a very beautiful atmosphere, where feelings between parents and children flowed, they hugged and cried.

The Parents were very grateful for the chance to be able to share time between parents and children, for placing importance on this issue of the blessing of the second generation, and they hope that more seminars can continue to unify them more.

Our event finished with group photo and writing the reflections.