

## Spotlight Couple #4

Rogel and Ivy Bautista  
ME Class # 22

We are super honored to present this couple who also was our shepherd couple during our deepening days class #34. Truly commendable with their work and passion for our community. Here's what they have say....

### **TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT YOURSELF**

R: We have 2 sons- Lawrence Gerard, 33 and Joseph Aaron, 29. Lawrence is happily married to his wife of 2 years, Kerry. We attended the MEW in 2006 and have been active in the community ever since. At present, we are members of the KFI-ME Council of Elders and its ministerial partner, Joshua Evangelization Group. In addition, we're members of the Somerville Metro Lions Club. (Is that it, he asks Ivy. Whew!)

I: Yes, we keep ourselves busy! We live in Branchburg, NJ. Ha! I need to add also that we're active members of Immaculate Conception Parish in Somerville, NJ where we formed our charismatic prayer group 7 years ago. (When do you rest?)

### **WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT EACH OTHER?**

R: We love doing things together, especially walking together every day. Since the start of pandemic, we made it a "Mission" to do at least 10,000 STEPS DAILY!

I: Our mutual love for each other and our love for God. And we seem to read each other's minds. We react to a situation in a similar manner.

### **HOW HAS BEING AN ME COUPLE AFFECTED YOUR RELATIONSHIP?**

R: Being an ME couple has tremendously enriched and deepened our relationship and our lookout in life. Especially in dealing with problems and situations with people around us.

I: It has opened our lives to the wonderful life with Christ as our driver. We have developed that desire of praying together every day.

R: Together, we travel our spiritual journey to know more about our God and his magnificence.

I: It has also made it easier for us to do volunteer activities.

Author: Wow, very inspiring!!!

### **WHAT'S THE MOST MEMORABLE/FUNNIEST THING YOU'VE DONE TOGETHER?**

I: Before the invention of cell phones and navigation devices, we had this wonderful experience while traveling to a NJ beach one summer, driving separate cars, we lost each other after the tollbooth area in the Garden State Parkway. I did not know what beach we were going. It was a miracle that we saw each other in the beach, considering that there are 3 entrance points and there were many beach areas along GSP.

R: In the midst of this past winter, while walking the dog of our younger son, we came across a slippery frozen area. The dog pulled us through and from the ice surface we glided. It was hilarious.

### **GIVE US 3 THINGS IN YOUR BUCKET LIST AS A COUPLE**

R: Ride an air balloon (Esp. over Cappadocia, Turkey). Watch the Aurora Borealis, and travel with grandkids!!!

I: Visit and experience Africa, South America, and Antartica. To experience different cultures and God's wonderful creations.

### **IF I DON'T KNOW YOUR HUSBAND/WIFE, HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE HIM/HER TO ME?**

I: Rogel is considerate and sensitive to the needs of others, loves spending time in the garden. He looks at a dying plant and it bears fruits!!!!

R: IVY is very religious and spiritual. Always clutching her Magnificat booklet anywhere she goes. If she could, she would attend mass every day!

### **HOW DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 10 YEARS AS A COUPLE?**

I: Retired and spending wonderful time together, traveling the world if physically able (especially pilgrimages) and more active participation in spiritual and volunteer activities.

R: God willing, we will still be healthy and able to move around. We see ourselves living in Philippines 3-4 months in a year. We plan to build a little cottage house in Northern Phil., plant fruit trees and vegetables. Raise farm animals and a little fish pond. Do volunteer work like putting up a soup kitchen for the impoverished kids in the area.



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