

Spotlight Couple #5

Brian and Christina Fernandez
ME Class # 20

During a walk with our mayor in Bergenfield a few weeks ago, I met Christina. She was gracious enough to agree and provide our readers some insights to their married life after their ME weekend retreat. Although we haven't seen much of her, their story is a testimonial of what the KFI Ministry stands for. Because of this belief, she invites people to join the yearly retreat. Her sister Marya and husband attended 2 years ago. Let's read what they have to share with our readers....

TELL US A BIT ABOUT YOURSELF.

C: My name is Christina (44). My better half is Brian (46). We eloped, me at the age of 18 and Brian was 20 then. Sometime later we had a baby boy, our Branden. We attended the ME retreat back in 2005. Few years after our ME retreat, we received our Sacrament of Marriage. What a blessing! 🙏🥂 Currently, Brian and I are both working parents raising 3 children in our humble town of Bergenfield, NJ. Brian and I have been married for 26 years! 🥰

WHAT DO YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT EACH OTHER?

B: We are friends. Like any friends, we fight & make up (lots) 🌪️ and laugh (plenty)! We both accept that we need God in our lives and that we take the good with the bad. If it doesn't break us, it makes us stronger (as a couple), right?

HOW HAS BEING AN ME COUPLE AFFECTED YOUR RELATIONSHIP?

C: Brian and I entered the ME retreat as married-singles & with empty hands. Then came out with open hearts and with so much love towards each other living like newlyweds!

B: We couldn't have enough of each other honestly! 🥰 It helped us raise our family in faith. Seems we learned that we are both big on "Belongingness" and the ME family truly gave a sense of it's true meaning. We put this into practice.

C: Also, t'was a blessing that most of the couples in our class were older. We identified them as the "weathered couples" so we received lots of wisdom from their experiences and sharing.

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

C: Ah, 21 years ago at Lennox Hill Hospital, NYC, 4 days after giving birth to Branden (our 1st born). Nurse gave us the discharge papers to go home with our baby. And she said, "you are all set and can take your baby home now. (she looks at hubby to continue... 😊)

B: ha ha, newbie parents that we were, we looked at each other, scared and not so sure how to handle a little baby, with odd faces told the nurse "can we stay here a little longer?" 🤪

GIVE US 3 THINGS IN YOUR BUCKET LIST AS A COUPLE.

C: I have to think quite hard for this. .. But to put it in a nutshell: live in a remote area outside the US until we get to know the language and way of life (love this idea!)

B: Travel some more. ✈️ Sit on a porch somewhere with sun on our faces in our 80's. 🧘🥰🥰 (#serene)

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

C: Brian is like a car 🚗, gotta warm it up a bit so you could witness a strong engine perform shortly after! Hubby needs little tweaking/lots of convincing-yes! But once he is going, you won't be able to help it but to be amazed of him. (blows him a 💋)

B: (smiles) No comment!

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

B: I see us in a place where little rugrats (grandkids) are playfully hovering and kissing us and saying "I love you grandpa/ma. I miss you so much!"



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