

Gerard and Rita are two ordinary people that God has graced with extraordinary blessings. Born and raised in Outport Newfoundland, where this couple led ordinary lives with Gerard running a small construction business and Rita is a Special Education Teacher. This couple met at the young age of 14 and 15, and went on to marry 6 years later, on March 11th, 1988 (Friday at 3:00pm). Almighty God has blessed them with one son, Andrew, who resides in St. John's, NL. Recently, Gerard and Rita moved from their home in Newfoundland and are currently living in Metcalfe, ON and are making themselves and their home available for Marriage formation and for Marriage mentoring. Their vision for this house is that it will be a place of retreat, rest and restoration for anyone who desires to come!

This couple is a radical witness to the Almighty power of Jesus Christ and His Holy Mother. In 2002, through the powerful intercession of Our Lady, this couple has been lifted from the depths of despair and destruction and has been resurrected and restored to new life. God has implanted in them an earnest desire to spread the message of hope and the sacredness of the covenant of marriage. They are the founders of "Marriages for Mary", a retreat based ministry which offers the opportunity for couples to experience hope for renewal, restoration and joy filled marriages. Their hope is that married couples would come to know the beauty of this vocation, experience mystical oneness and to become a visible and radiant sign of God's Love in this darkened world.