

The Lang Family

We always tell those asking the question, “How did you find Voluntas?”, that we didn’t find Voluntas; Voluntas called on us through a wonderful thoughtful couple and we responded. The Lang’s are a career military family and we were quite busy managing a family of four and a military career. After September 11th, Paul was deployed to the Persian Gulf for almost a year and during this time a couple, Roy and Frances Brown, whom we did not know, would talk with Eileen after Saturday or Sunday Mass and ensure that she and the kids were ok and if they needed anything. Eileen used to write how kind and thoughtful they were in asking about the family and how Paul was doing. To say the least, we were impressed with Roy and Frances and after almost a year, we finally were all introduced to each other at Mass.

A few years after that initial meeting, Roy and Frances invited us to a Voluntas team meeting (The Jersey Shore Team). We were instantly drawn to this group of people and their early explanation of Voluntas’ charism and spirituality. Driving home that night, we spoke about how we have found something special that we didn’t even know we were looking for. Since that time we have been uniting Voluntas’ spirituality into our daily life experiences. We are on this continuous journey to be Voluntas – leaven for the world. We have found joy in Voluntas, we’ve struggled in Voluntas, gotten upset in Voluntas, and have been rejoicing in Voluntas. We wake up each day with this question on our minds, “How can we be Voluntas today!”

As for family life, we were married in 1984 and have four amazing children, each in their own way; Brian 29, Kevin 26, Melissa 23, and Nicole 18. Brian is currently serving in the US Navy, Kevin was discharged from the US Navy in 2014 and is living in Utah. He has two children Kamden and Kristian. Melissa and her Husband Joshua are transferring from military life (US Navy) back into civilian life in January 2015. They have one child, Wyatt, and Nicole is half way through her freshman year of college.



We have to be honest, our children joke about us belonging to a cult and as we are in the midst of our commitment stage with Voluntas, they believe we should be committed. But we look at our children with their different life experiences, some struggling and some not, that our Voluntas spirituality is starting to

permeate their lives. It is living within this family experience sharing with each other that we see the infancy of our Voluntas spirituality growing in their lives. We witness it in their conversations and

actions with others they meet. Our children may not have realized it yet, busy with things of the day, but we look upon them with great joy in what they are becoming and the seeds of the Voluntas spirituality growing in their lives. All of this taking place within the life of the family.

Paul & Eileen