

There is a short poem called “A Father's Love” that captures a special sentiment for Father’s Day:

A father is respected because  
He gives his children leadership...  
Appreciated because  
He gives his children care...  
Valued because  
He gives his children time...  
Loved because  
He gives his children the one thing  
They treasure most - himself.

Respect and leadership, appreciation and caring, value and time, and love that comes from giving of one’s self, these are all things I learned from my father Carlos, and all things I try to pass on to my children and grandchildren.

Being a father is arguably the most difficult job a man can have, and it’s also the most rewarding. I am blessed not only to have my own father to look up to, but now as I see my own children become fathers themselves, it’s especially meaningful to share with them all the joys and tribulations that come from raising children. Today, we come together to celebrate, the ones who are with us, and the ones who have gone on to another life.

On behalf of my family, I wish you all a very happy Father’s Day!

