

Rev and Mrs An's visit to Italy

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We were happy to receive the visit of the European President Rev. An and part of his family, in Milano. His wife and two sons came along with him and it was really wonderful to see them together. They are usually split in different countries, due to the mission and studies, but when they are together it's clear the lovely relationship and harmony they express. We were particularly happy for our President, since he is conducting his mission far away from his beloved family. We could appreciate even more his sacrifice, by seeing him much more happy and smiling than usual. His children had the chance to meet many 2nd gen. and spend joyful moments with them. It was like they knew each other since forever, even it was the first time they met. It was very inspiring and hopeful for the future, to see them so close in heart to each other, in such a quick way. They have so much to share!

They visited together the communities of Milano and Padova, while, on Saturday they could visit some places in Milano where True Parents were many years ago. In Milano during the Sunday Service they could attend the inauguration of the new Pastor, Renato Vallone and express the gratitude for this new beginning.

The inspiring speech from Rev. An, dealt with some of the most important points of our providence today:

the importance of being True Parents' representatives and inheritors of their identity, heart and tradition, the fundamental role of the original home town, Korea, and the unification of north and south. He spoke also about Jesus, his age and his disciples, to compare the past age with the age of CIG and the apostles and us. We are in the position of being the new ancestors of mankind and it is important to be well aware of our role and the understanding of the substantial Word, the Divine Principle. We will transcribe the full speech soon, to deliver it to all Italian members and the European HQ.

In the afternoon he met the National elder council, to receive their report and give them guidance on how to support the Nation. Then he left to Padova where, in the evening, he met the community there. We could see how much he really care for members. Even though he was very tired for the intense day, he wanted to drive the car again for 200 km, to meet another community and share also with them.

I'm especially grateful this time for this visit for many reasons, especially because, once again, I realized how central is the family in the building of our ideal and how we could change the world just becoming all together a true family centered on true love. This is the testimony people needs and we need too.