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Graduates of the Class of 1981, Parents, Professors, Ladies and Gentlemen: From a small village in West Germany, I extend to you 48 members of the graduating class my sincere congratulations on this joyful occasion and ceremony on this 27th day of June, 1981. I also wish to extend my congratulations to your parents, your teachers, and to the administration and staff of the Seminary, without whose behind-the-scenes cooperation and work it would not have been possible to have an academic celebration like this today.

I regret that I am unable to attend the graduation ceremony, being engaged in important work to advance the Providence here, but I will miss all of you very much. Your President, Mr. David S. C. Kim, personally appealed to me many times and through several communication routes to attend today. But it is not his lack of ability nor his failure to persuade me that keeps me away; rather it is the higher priority of God's dispensational plans for the entire European continent.

As you may recall, in the early months of this year, I announced publicly that my heavenly mission to the three nations of Korea, Japan, and especially the nation of America - had been completed as of April 30, 1981 according to God's schedule. This mission can be described as my three 7-year or 21-year course; dating from Holy Matrimony in 1960. Also, you may recall my announcement that members of the Church must go through their own three 7-year courses patterned after my own, in order to build God's Kingdom. Detailed instructions were given as to what to do and when to begin, but leaving the rest to your own responsibility and mission. With this in mind, please do not be disappointed by my absence from your graduation today.

On this happy and joyous occasion I would like to share some thoughts with you graduates on the theme and motto: "Be unconditional givers and sacrificers for others." Do you know that a dispensational mission has been given to the nation of America by God since its beginning 200 years ago? In God's eyes America represents all the free nations of the world; so on this victorious foundation this nation must overcome 3 serious problems:

- 1) Stop the spread of Communism, an atheistic ideology which is the greatest threat to the whole world,
- 2) Bring about a revival of declining Christianity,
- 3) and, based on its traditional Judeo-Christian ethics, America must prevent the decay of morality, especially of the young people.

At this critical juncture in the history of this nation, Unification people have assumed these crucial and unfinished tasks. Since America is failing to solve these problems, God expects dedicated young people like yourselves to be responsible for them. You graduates are now chosen from among many Unificationists to be leaders of the world and to assume these most difficult missions that I have mentioned. During your two or three year program here in the Seminary, you have become more educated and trained than other members. In light of this excellent education and training, you must be more serious and responsible than others, and, because you are potential leaders for the future, you must then take responsibility for America and the world. You have assumed this noble responsibility from Heaven as chosen members of the Unification Church Movement.

Education should not only be theoretical, but must also include the working out and testing of theories in practical living and experience, so that those theories may be assessed for their validity and practicality. With this direction in mind you must lead the nation of America and the world.

In light of these remarks, let us examine what was wrong in the past, from a providential point of view, with America's help and material assistance for minority, underprivileged and have-not nations. It is true that in the past America did help many nations and underdeveloped countries with abundant materials and substances, in order to promote the welfare of those nations and peoples. However, in helping them, America had its own interests and concerns in mind which were not based on God's expectations for America. Therefore, when America's own interests or concerns vanished, for whatever reason, the assistance to those nations or peoples ceased. God's fundamental desire in blessing America for 200 years is that America help other nations and peoples, sacrificially and unconditionally, without any need for excuses and reasons. Both in the past and in the present, America has failed to do God's will in this area. God has blessed America unconditionally with material abundance, and in turn, America should give those blessings unconditionally to needy nations throughout the world.

But this is precisely the way in which America is failing God's will, and because of this failure America is no longer qualified in the eyes of God to be a leader of other nations. Giving help and assistance with a spirit of sacrifice and in an unconditional way are the very key elements that must be present in order for America to receive God's blessing continually.

The other point that I would like to make is the necessity of a new order and a new leading system of thought in the contemporary world. In Korean we call it "Ju-chei Sasang," which can be translated: "The most influential ideology and thought." This thought is needed for the nations of the world, now. The Unification Church Movement is working to accelerate the development of this new order and new system of thought through the Unification Principle. You are the very messengers of this new movement. Be proud of yourselves because of this mission; it is a special gift from Heaven. Why not enjoy it, use it, spread it, and multiply it

throughout the nations, the world, and even the universe and cosmos. Go to the ends of the globe and even to eternity with this new message. Go with the spirit of "an unconditional giver and sacrificer" for others and for the Providence.

In a few days you will be enrolled in a special training session, lasting throughout the summer, for the purpose of shaping your educational tools and spiritual weapons before you go out to the front line. Leaving aside all academic pride, humble yourselves and adjust to your new environment.

I wish you the best of luck and great success in whatever missions are ahead of you. Once more, my deepest and most heartfelt congratulations to all of you. Thank you all very much.