

BFM Director Crescentia DeGeode speaks at Elizabeth NJ Family Church

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Elizabeth, NJ – For the first time, the Elizabeth Family Church welcomed the National Director of the Blessing and Family Ministry of FFWPU-USA, Crescentia DeGeode. She and her beautiful family brought education and inspiration to the local members about the blessing movement that is taking shape in the nation. Crescentia also shared relevant information on the significance and value of the holy items and the proper preparations and attitude when receiving the special grace and blessing from the True Parents.



During the Sunday service, she gave a very moving and powerful testimony about her life as a second generation and how God and True Parents entrusted her with a great and humbling responsibility of taking care of blessed families despite her young age. She shared about her experience in her family and how her parents raised them up with so much love and care. She said, *“My parents and siblings had the common understanding that after Heavenly Parent and True Parents, our family comes next. We make it a point to always sit and eat together during dinner and take the time to share and listen to each other’s day”*. The title of her sermon, *“Be A Blessing To Others”* fits what True Parents have been teaching us: to be the channel of God’s love. She reminded everyone that only through the members of the Unification family will the people of the world know and receive the blessing. She expressed her happiness to see brothers and sisters from all age groups, especially the young people. She sincerely said, *“I felt so much love and warmth from the community from the moment I stepped in the room.”*



After an international lunch buffet and fellowship, the service continued for another hour as Crescentia shared on the importance of the preparation to receive the CIG Holy Items from True Parents. Several questions were raised by the audience to clarify several concerns on the *jeong seong* condition and receiving the holy items. In summary, she emphasized the essence of each individual's sincerity of intention and purity of heart and mind. She encouraged members to remove all negative feelings and emotions including guilt and self accusation. She elucidated the meaning of the Special Grace: to start a brand new life and refresh our spirit as we journey toward the next four years of hope. She reiterated to offer our best to Heavenly Parent and True Parents to receive the amazing grace that awaits us after the 40 day period of purification and repentance.

