

Okamoto Family holds Blessing at Rev. Noel Gallardo's church in Yonkers, NY

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David and I conducted a blessing in a church in Yonkers where Rev. Noel Gallardo is the Pastor.

It is a small church with about 25 members. The pastor opened up his church to us without really knowing much about the blessing. He just said yes please and asked David to do the sermon and that I could give a power-point presentation of True Family Values. So we prepared and hoped to invite more people.

When the day came we had a lot of help from members of our community including Bruce Grodner who was MC and Raoul Joseph came to offer songs. We had a lot of help from some sisters which was invaluable for getting the job done.



Pastor Noel had been praying for this event for almost one month prior. He was very happy with it he saw it as an opportunity to have people rededicate themselves to Jesus through the blessing. He said he felt the presence of the Holy Spirit at the blessing event and he wants us to visit with him to some people who couldn't make it so we could bless them.

The blessing went off without a hitch. Everyone was really excited and happy to receive the holy wine and they even liked the indemnity stick ceremony. We had seven married or widowed people who were blessed. The rest were single members who drank the Holy wine and received a pledge of purity certificate.

In conclusion, I think the important thing to realize is that we did it by working together. It would not have been possible without the help from the other members of our community. By uniting together for the good of each other, we can do great things. I am truly grateful to all those who came and helped.