

FFWPU Australia: 61st Anniversary of the establishment of Parents' Day

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On April 12, 2021, Unificationists commemorate the 61st True Parents' Day, a day for God as our ultimate parent to experience joy with His and Her children.

The Holy Day will be celebrated in conjunction with the 54th Heavenly Parent's Day on April 27, 2021, the 61st anniversary of True Parents Holy Wedding. Wishing you and your families many blessings.

About Our Holy Days

The eight Unificationist Holy Day ceremonies are celebrated on their lunar calendar dates, and include the tradition of prayer, scripture reading, and offering tables, with towers of various fruits, nuts and packaged sweets.

The first four Holy Days relate to the order of creation (parents, children, the created things and God). The second four relate to events in Unification movement's history (True Parents' Birthday, the Nation of the Unified World [later, Cosmos], Day of God's Eternal Blessing and the Cosmic Sabbath).

Holy Day Ceremonies can be conducted at home or at local churches. The Main Ceremonies for Holy Days are conducted in the presence of True Parents. Each Holy Day, we are encouraged to make a collective donation as a family offering to True Parents.

True Parents' Day

True Parents' Day is one of the major Unificationist Holy Days, and it represents the day of God's joy when, after creating all things, we were given the blessing to love the world with God's parental love as true parents, and is a reminder to put true love into practice as True Parents have all of their lives.

ly family and the restored foundation of His love on earth. The establishment of Parents Day signified that God had finally established His first son and daughter as the True Parents of humankind. Fallen humanity should rejoice because through the establishment of Parents Day it is finally possible for humanity to attend the True Parents.

Father is the first person in history ever able to proclaim Parents Day. Based on the victory of installing Parents Day, Father and Mother were able to build on earth the eternal family unit.

Imagine, if you will, the whole earth covered with water, water often being used as a symbol of fallen humankind. Thousands of years ago, one rock (representing the sacrifice of saints and righteous people) was laid in the ocean depths. Far down on the ocean floor, one rock was piled upon another, slowly and painfully building the providence of restoration. From the surface, nothing was apparent. In the course of 6,000 years, more rocks were gradually added to the pile. Finally, in 1960, the first glimpse of this massive labor of restoration emerged.

Parents Day, established March 1, 1960 (according to the lunar calendar), signifies the origin or source of life for all humankind and the root of our tradition in the sense that we receive life from our parents. People use the same language as their parents and follow their parents' cultural mores, as well as learn and inherit their tradition.

The only way fallen people can be restored is through True Parents. We must return to God. In this sense, restoration is the hope of all humanity.

Through the restoration process, human beings can climb from the position of God's enemy, through the stages of servant of servant, servant, adopted son or daughter, and stepson or stepdaughter, to finally become true sons or daughters of God, receive God's grace, and eventually become true parents. True Father himself went through such a hard personal indemnity (tang gam) course. On this foundation, he could establish Parents Day.

Father spoke on Parents Day 1980 about the necessity of following the True Parents' tradition in "The Completion of the Providence and Parents Day," printed in [Today's World, June-July 1980, pp. 3-16](#).

"The True Parents set the tradition, and now you are to follow and set the same tradition and standard on your own. Then you shall be at the same level as True Parents in God's sight. This next seven years is the time for you to demonstrate what you are and what you can do. I cut all the satanic ties and overcame this world, returning to the beginning point and setting the pattern of the heavenly four position foundation. Now you are taking over and it is your turn to build up your own tribe, nation and world. You inherit my tradition now and make it your tradition. Erect your own family, tribe, nation and world tradition."

An excerpt from the speech "True Ownership" given by Father on June 11, 1983, on The Day of All Things was published in [Today's World, July 1983, pp. 2-6](#):

"Parents Day has this significance: Parents Day is the first time since God created all things and humankind that there is one balanced man, one balanced woman, balanced in love, to whom God can descend and with whom He can truly be. For the first time in human history this original state of matrimony, the original trinity, has come into existence upon the earth. To find this perfect man and woman is the beginning of all of God's ideals, and God can descend to them. Now here are the True Parents who love according to how God wants them to love. They bring God's love. With this advance of God's right love, those who choose to follow the True Man and True Woman, discarding everything else, must be taken by God because they come to belong to this new state of correct love. Since this is the original realm of love which is very principled, not even Satan can interfere. No matter who the children may be, Satan can never claim them back again as long as they choose True Parents, because God has that power."

In "Parents Day and This Age," given April 5, 1981, Father spoke about the importance of this Holy Day.

"Today is the 22nd Parents Day. Parents Day was established on April 10, 1960 (author's note: according to the solar calendar). After that came Children's Day, Day of All Things and God's Day. According to the Principle, if Adam and Eve had not fallen, centering on Parents Day and Children's Day, the Day of All Things and God's Day would have all come into being at the same time. Then, of course, the history of restoration would not have been necessary. As a result of the fall, children have no connection with parents, and the things of creation have no connection with either parents or children or God. Certainly, no true parents have been found in the world.

"Salvation actually means saving the four heavenly days also. They should have no origin other than God. The first Parents Day marks the beginning of the transition from the old world to a new world. This transition is not a concept; in the 21 years since the first Parents Day, the world has really changed in dramatic ways. There has been no comparable period in all history, and now the completion of that transition is inevitable." ([Today's World magazine, May 1981, pp. 3-8](#))

~ Adapted from: [The Tradition, Book One](#), pp. 94-96.