

Blessing Ceremonies in Croatia

Jolana Petrinic - December 15 and 19, 2018



On Saturday, December 15, 2018, twelve participants attended a Marriage Blessing ceremony in the Zagreb Peace Embassy, with 10 FFWPU members there to support the event.

Among the new guests, there were two associate members of the Most political party whom I met six months ago. Through them I met two parliamentarians from two different parties and gave them materials about the next UPF World Summit in Seoul. The two guests from the Most party who attended the December 15 Blessing event might be open to working together with UPF.



I gave a short presentation about the national and international activities of FFWPU over the last two years (Second Generation education, purity ceremony, seminars in Croatia, international seminars in Europe, STF, DONE, Art Camp, Peace Road, Family Festival, etc.). The three videos that we showed—the Art Camp video, the Peace Starts with Me introductory video, and the Peace Starts with Me in Seoul video—especially gave the guests a better picture about what we do and a good introduction to True Parents.

At the end of the program we gave all the participants a glass of Holy Wine and explained that drinking it would connect them with blessing and fortune from Heavenly Parent. We encouraged them to determine to cut off all bad things and make a new start. The program was followed by a banquet with rich food and a good atmosphere.

Then one of the guests who had received the Marriage Blessing, Mr. Stjepan Zarin, who is responsible for Esperanto language in a small city near Zagreb, invited me to his group's next gathering on December 19.



I participated in their celebratory lunch and gave a speech about who we are and what we do.

I gave Holy Wine to 18 of the participants with prayer, and everyone finished their Holy Wine by saying, "Aju."

They found that we have a common goal—"One world with peace and love"—and decided to make a big event in early spring.

So this week we have 30 names of people who received the Blessing.



Then I was invited that evening to the Catholic Radio of Croatia to talk about the immigration problem, and in the end I gave words of blessing from Heavenly Parent for all Croatian Catholic Radio listeners all over the world.

We are planning education for blessed people in January and another Blessing event at the end of January.

P.S. Also on December 22, my husband took a chance at the celebration dinner for the employees he works with, and gave the Blessing to 30 of them.

