

True Parents conduct the 3.6 Million Couple Holy Marriage Blessing at RFK Stadium

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An aerial view of the 3.6 Million Couple Holy Marriage Blessing

True Parents conducted the 3.6 Million Couple Holy Marriage Blessing at Washington, D.C.'s Robert F. Kennedy (RFK) Stadium on November 29, 1997. This was the first major Blessing in the United States since 1982 and was an exponential leap beyond the Holy Blessing of 360,000 Couples at Seoul Olympic Stadium in 1995. The '97 Blessing was conducted within the context of the third World Culture and Sports Festival (WCSF) from November 23-30.

Under the theme, "Rebuilding the Family, Restoring the Community, Renewing Washington," WCSF III featured an array of conferences, sports competitions, concerts, recitals and service projects all of which culminated with the Blessing, billed as "True Love Day at RFK." Couples bussed in from as far away as Chicago. The Washington Post set attendance at 40,000, CNN at 45,000 and the Associated Press at 56,000. Other couples took part by "satellite Blessing" at locations throughout the world.