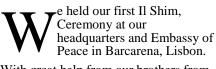
## **First II Shim Ceremony**

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With great help from our brothers from the Italian family, whom we thank, we could gather the information for the education program, as well as to obtain the rings that we used for the ceremony. It was a ceremony with great meaning for all the participants and touched parents, children and members present.

With tears of gratitude and joy our young members made the promise to love and honor Heavenly Father and True Parents by practicing a life of absolute love, keeping the tradition of bloodline passed to them by the Blessing, serving others and The Unification community and maintain sexual purity until they receive the Blessing. 14 young people participated.

The ceremony inspired other parents present and young people who did not participate this time. Everyone felt the hope that comes from our young people as future leaders responsible for transmitting the legacy of our True Parents.

We closed the morning with our usual family lunch that takes place every first Sunday of the month.

