

Parents visit to Italy

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Our True Parents' Party; Father, Mother, Mrs. [Won Pok] Choi, Mr. [Young Hwi] Kim, Mr. [Mitsuharu] Ishii, Mr. Oyama, Col. [Bo Hi] Pak, Barbara Mikesell [Ten Wolde] and Martin Porter arrived on Friday April 7th at Fumicino Airport. The weather was warm and clear which was so beautiful as there had been so many days of rain beforehand. Arriving then at the center it was time to eat breakfast after which we all left for a marble factory. Our parents showed great interest in the methods of cutting the rock and preparing it for its final purpose facing building etc.

Friday evening there was the first meeting with the members. 44 people were present and our Father spoke on God's providence and plan of restoration.

Saturday was spent out. Master desired to take his party to Pompeii, a Roman city destroyed by the eruption of the Volcano Vesuvius in the 1st century after Christ, then we went to Naples stopping at many scenic places. We returned to Rome in the evening to see a film "Brother Sun and Sister Moon", by Zeffrelli. This was a film on the life of St. Francis of Assisi.

Sunday started at 5 a. m. with prayer and then Father spoke until 11 a. m., then he spoke privately to some people. In the afternoon we went out to see the catacombs and other aspects of ancient Rome. In the evening again Father spoke until 1 a. m. So we were very blessed learning so many things.

Monday morning was spent seeing the Vatican museum and St. Peter's Cathedral and then left for the airport. We were all very sad to see them go, however, having a revived spirit and new ideas we were also ready to fight on until we can bring many new members.

Since Our Parents left 40 days have passed. In this time two more centers have been opened and activities are expanding all the time. I hope in the near future- to open more centers. The book method of lending books as witnessing material is also bringing its fruits so it has b. ·n necessary to reprint the books. We pray that the family throughout the world may be successful and expand the Kingdom.

With love in Our Parents' Name,

Martin and Dawn Porter