

2015 CIG Assembly of Italian leadership

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On 25th and 26th of April the annual leadership assembly was held in Colle Mattia.

Representatives from the FFWPU communities, from UPF, WFWP, Youth DPT, Financial committee and Blessed Family DPT, arrived Friday night to attend this important meeting.

Using the same motto given in Korea, **“Synergy and cooperation”**, the goal was to evaluate the performances of the entire Italian movement from the Foundation day up to now, and find new ways to develop the providential work in Italy. We can summarize the point to discuss:

1. Development of shared strategies and methodologies
2. Development of cooperation and participation to involve all membership
3. Improvement of the quality and quantity of the human and financial resources
4. Beginning of a new stage of the Providential work, based on trust, hope in a better future and brotherhood.
5. Building a better environment for our guests, 2nd generation and all members

On Saturday we focused on reports and evaluations, going through all activities, communities, departments and federations. We could realize how much effort was invested. In reality quite much was done and several successful cases inspired the assembly

itself. We should improve our report system, because all brothers and sisters need to know about successful events and activities. Too many times people are depressed thinking that nothing is happening, just because they do not know. We have still much room for improvements in many areas, but we are also realizing many good things as well. Very interesting was the report from the 2nd gen, that explained their activities, but also the way they understand the providence and their hopes for the future. We could open a deep discussion about the future of our movement, based on raising new leaders and improving the standard in every field.

On Sunday, after a beautiful hundoche session, in which we could share many important comment based on the Father and Mother speeches that we read, we had a presentation about the directions and guidance from the International HQ, given in Korea at the last Assembly. It was particularly inspiring to everybody the providence centered on Blessing ceremonies. We had recently a beautiful Blessing ceremony in Padova, that motivated several relatives to ask to receive the Blessing themselves next time. The ceremony has the power to witness by itself about the greatness of True Parents vision. So we decided to organize regular Blessing ceremonies throughout the year, possibly four times a year, in different cities. The next one will be at the end of may again in Padova, because we have few other couples ready to receive it. Beside the

Blessing another important aspect of the providential work is the **“one on one”** witnessing and other types of direct witnessing. Italy has been always a good country for finding new members and we want strongly continue on this path. We have, at the moment, around ten new members, that just concluded WS and are joining the movement. Of course, these are not numbers to compete with Asia or other successful countries, but considering Europe and the general situation in Italy itself, at least is a good beginning. The DP teaching is constantly going on in all cities.

Italy, as many other countries, was recently under heavy pressure from internal and external crisis. Especially we are still broken hearted by the situation of the True Family. The only way to help them and come out from this negative trend, is to involve more in the Providential work, but not anymore as single desperate heroes, but as one people of true love. It is still an ideal that challenges us too much for our current status and our limitations, but we determined to go absolutely in that direction. We all expressed our desire to support True Mother, that is True Parents, the center of our belief.

We concluded with a deep prayer and sharing a beautiful spirit of true brotherhood and commitment. Thank you to Heavenly Parent and True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind!