



## Blessing Event

Espacio Ronda, Madrid, Spain, October 28, 2018

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On October 28th, a blessing ceremony was organized by our community in Madrid at 11.30 in the morning. From 9.00 am a group of brothers and sisters arrived to decorate and prepare the room, to prepare appetizers etc...

Because of traffic in Madrid and difficulty to park we had to wait a little so that all couples confirmed could arrive and take their seats. All together 15 couples (2 widows) and 14 single persons.

We wanted to make a serious and solemn program but joyful and beautiful at the same time.

The program was quite simple, opening words, holy song, two songs by an artist

friend of us (she sang twice in front of True Parents in Sevilla and in Korea, a video showing True Parent's vision about the family and about the blessing, an explanation by Manuel Campillo about the importance of the family and about the different ceremonies we are going to have. Then we had Holy wine ceremony. Holy water ceremony, recitation of vows and Benediction prayer. We asked one of our guests to share a few words of congratulations and we invited another guest Jose Luis Barcelo with his wife to cut the cake (Jose Luis Barcelo has been in the last ILC event in Korea in August). Our MC Second Generation, David guided us in Mansei and to end the program another couple of artists from Ecuador together with their 3 children offered two songs, our brother Sebastian

Badosa spontaneously came to the stage to offer the song Sarang He, in korean.

All the guests expressed their gratitude for this beautiful ceremony,

"It has been very significant for our family to participate this morning with you, we have been so blessed" said the singer from Ecuador.

Culture of heart is when we prosper together, this event has been a success because everyone in the community participated in a way or another to make it great, with the same desire to make the guests happy, so that they could really feel the blessing God wants to give them.

Many brothers and sisters from 1st and 2nd gen helped in different ways: invitation and banner, Decoration, MC (David and Sunhwa Pique), Sound, video, Appetizers, organization, and of course all those who brought their guests. Thanks a lot, to all of them.

After the ceremony finished, we took a picture of all the couples and people who participated, and we invited everybody to some appetizers and to share the cake.

We really could feel that through this event, people can feel what is the culture of heart where true love is flowing naturally without any barrier of race, religion, country etc.

Thank you so much to Heavenly Parent and to our True Parents!



