Roberto Rampi on Everything From Unification Thought to Sherlock Holmes

Renato Vallone May 13, 2018 FFWPU-Milano and UPF-Monza Gathering in Monza



From Left: Pastor Vallone, Senator Rampi and President Chierico (UPF): The connections we make with people in society are the result mutual effort. Those we contact are certainly trying as hard as we are to make friends and to find ways we can cooperate on projects of mutual interest. Senator Rampi graduated with a degree in Theoretical Philosophy from the University of Milan and went on to further studies in this area, which suggests a deep interest in understanding people who differ from him.

Promoted by FFWPU-Milan and the UPF chapter of Monza (a city located in Milan's hinterland) a meeting was held on Sunday May 13 with Roberto Rampi, who has attended several international meetings organized by UPF, IAPP and WFWP.

The meeting started with a video of the song performance, "Every Praise," and we immediately found ourselves in the Wiener Stadthalle, clapping our hands and singing in the spirit of the Peace Starts with Me event. Adosco Comito, pastor of the Bergamo community, whose members had also been present at the event in good number, offered the initial prayer. Carlo Chierico, president of UPF in Monza, as well as UPF national vice-president, in the role of master of ceremonies, presented what we would immerse ourselves in that day and introduced the senator and philosopher Roberto Rampi, who was greeted with a warm applause of welcome from the large audience present.

Senator Rampi, among the founding members of IAPP in Italy, spoke enthusiastically, conveying to all those present his heartfelt engagement in the various meetings he has participated in. He began speaking of his first experience with us in September 2014 when he attended the convention, "Education to Peace," organized by UPF Monza and covered everything up to the last, very recent experience in Vienna with True Mother. Along the way, he took us through the experiences in Seoul, London and other places. His testimony impressed those who were present for the enormous value he attributes to the work of promoting dialogue and world peace carried forward by True Mother through the numerous organizations True Parents founded.

Senator Rampi expressed his gratitude to UPF for having given him the opportunity to be present in these international meetings, at which he was able to meet and make friends with legislators and prominent figures of the religious community and civil society, coming from around the world for the sake of universal peace. Moreover, he emphasized that this work has to spread and can be carried forward in every nation by those who are elected representatives of the people, namely legislators. He sees dialogue with those in other political parties as an opportunity for general improvement and promotes UPF's vision to politicians of other parties. Furthermore, he highly values the precious work of women, attributing to them a fundamental role in the process of reconciliation.



mystery novel he penned in 2016

The significance of Sherlock Holmes

Audience members addressed many questions to Senator Rampi and he answered them with the great sincerity and passion, which animates him, sharing many personal experiences that generated in the audience a strong sense of hope for the concretization of the vision of going beyond the logic of division in politics.

Then Senator Rampi briefly presented his book *Omicidio a Montecitorio* [Murder in Italy's Chamber of Deputies] a short but intense novel set in the 1940s and having as its protagonist Sherlock Holmes; a rather enjoyable book to read, some of which he then signed dedications to for the many participants who asked for a copy.

Afterward, referring to the concept of politics shared by Senator Rampi, viewed as an active expression of the culture of service to citizens, Renato Vallone, a pastor in the local community, illustrated the basic concept of his web site www.amailtuolavoro.com (Love your work) a spiritual vision of work and of the related corporate social responsibility based on the figure of the principle-knowledge-worker champion, who is a catalyst of creativity and of

character development as well as a promoter of the culture of service and of excellence through the implementation of spiritual intelligence (S. I.) which is innate in every person.

With reference to Unification Thought, Pastor Vallone mentioned the S. I. spherical model of systemic development based on the multiplicative interrelation of the four (inner and outer) different types of fourposition foundations. In a time of great global interconnectedness and opportunities, people are calling on leaders in all areas of human endeavor to reflect profoundly on the applied logic of governance and on the results that their choices are generating and to invest in a model that promotes the benefits of a creative cooperation with a widespread acceptance of responsibility through the application of spiritual intelligence, which stands on a foundation of heart and on related principles. True love, to live for the sake of others, is the "unit of measure" for work; and principles, being absolute, are the necessary logic undergirding a sustainable systemic development upon which great general prosperity can result. The "love your inner and outer work" logic is the personal spiritual dimension of social transformation; we bring it with us in any workplace we enter. Based on this world of happiness, as True Parents have shown us, the vision of peace and unification manifests.

The morning, much appreciated by all those present, ended with the sharing in joy and friendship of a rich buffet prepared by the participating families.



The Debating Chamber in the Palazzo Montecitorio; Senator Rampi was once deputy to the Chamber of Deputies for the Democratic Party,