

True Mother's Tour in the United States

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After True Mother successfully concluded all the events for the fiftieth anniversary of the start of European witnessing and her tour through several European countries to examine historical buildings for the Cheonji Sunhak Won, she arrived in New York City on May 22. True Mother had delivered a message inspiring new hope in the European leaders and other members including members of our second generation who had led the fiftieth anniversary event to success. She also encouraged them to succeed over the next fifty years. We spent three busy weeks on a tour in the United States, which we undertook in order to engraft the foundation of European success onto America.

Just as the Pilgrim Fathers came from Europe, crossing to a new land with a spirit that made possible the founding of America on November 11, 1620 (the date they signed the Mayflower Compact), True Mother came from Europe. Here, she emphasized to the American members during her three-week visit that they needed to inherit her spirit, which will help them become influential in helping the United States fulfill its providential role.

Without resting from her flight, True Mother held a celebration of the success of the European tour with five hundred members on May 23, and she encouraged them to greater efforts. "It took eight hundred years to build the Notre Dame Cathedral," she said. "However, do not forget the reality that Christians have not fulfilled their responsibilities. Fulfill your responsibilities as blessed members who help all people on earth become aware of True Parents, thus becoming Unificationists who exceed Christians!" The next day, True Mother led a commemoration of the one thousandth day since True Father's ascension, which more than three thousand three hundred members took part in at the Manhattan Center in New York City.

As the central nation of the providence in relation to this celebration, America banded with the fatherland of faith, Korea, and members determined to complete their responsibilities in order to fulfill their mission as tribal messiahs, to awaken Christianity and to tell them of True Parents' ideology. One May 25, she visited the National September 11 Memorial and Museum and offered sincere devotion. The following day, she traveled to Las Vegas, where she led the ceremonial sanctification of the International Peace Education Center on May 28. On May 30, she again led a commemoration of the one thousandth day since True Father's ascension, this time at the International Peace Education Center. This drew one thousand five hundred people, including leaders from a variety of countries and representative American families.

At the commemoration, our FFWPU international president, Sun Jin Moon, gave an introduction that described True Mother's course to victory, and she reported on the success of the European tour. She seemed to touch the hearts of each member of the audience. True Mother once again reminded the American members of True Parents' forty-year course in America and encouraged their efforts. Notably, she had Hyo Jin nim's band play at both the event in New York and the one in Las Vegas, where Hyo Jin nim's three children performed with tears and passionate hearts toward their parents. This was a deeply moving time of revival and blessing for the members.

True Mother's three weeks of touring America centered on the significant one thousandth day since True Father's ascension. This was for her a course of hard work in order to remind all blessed members of True Father's ideological perspective on education for the salvation of humankind. She had overseen the construction of the International Peace Education Center (IPEC) in Las Vegas, Nevada and to sanctify the building, she traveled to Las Vegas, where True Father had invested all his sincere devotion with blood, sweat and tears during the last four years of his life. True Mother taught, "Whenever you have difficult or hard times, God and True Parents will support you if you offer devotion as you read the Cheon Il Guk scriptures."