

HPHC Central And South America's Special Fishing Devotion for 33 Countries

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The 28th edition of the 'Special Fishing Devotion for Central and South America', aimed at honoring the 33 nations of Central and South America, commenced on December 1, 1996. Initiated by the True Parents, this special event was celebrated under the banner "Special Fishing Devotion for 33 Countries." It took place in Punta del Este, Uruguay, from December 7 to 18, marking a significant chapter in the broader initiative for Central and South America.

This 1996 devotion, held in Punta del Este, Uruguay, held special importance due to its symbolic use of the number 33. The True Parents drew historical parallels, likening the number to the 33 pioneers of Korea's March 1st Independence Movement in 1919, and the 33 Easterners who, in 1825, landed in Uruguay and faced the Brazilian forces. They directed the placement of 33 fishing rods along the coast, each representing one of the Central and South American countries. This symbolic gesture was meant to reflect a deep commitment and a period of prayer and dedication for these nations.

This 'Special Fishing Devotion for Central and South America' tradition, established by the True Parents, spanned 12 years, initially extending over two months (from December 1 to January 31). As time progressed, the duration of the devotion evolved, changing to 40 days, then 21 days, and eventually to 10 days. Despite these changes, the essence and value of this tradition have been consistently upheld, embodying a lasting tribute to the spirit and resilience of Central and South America.