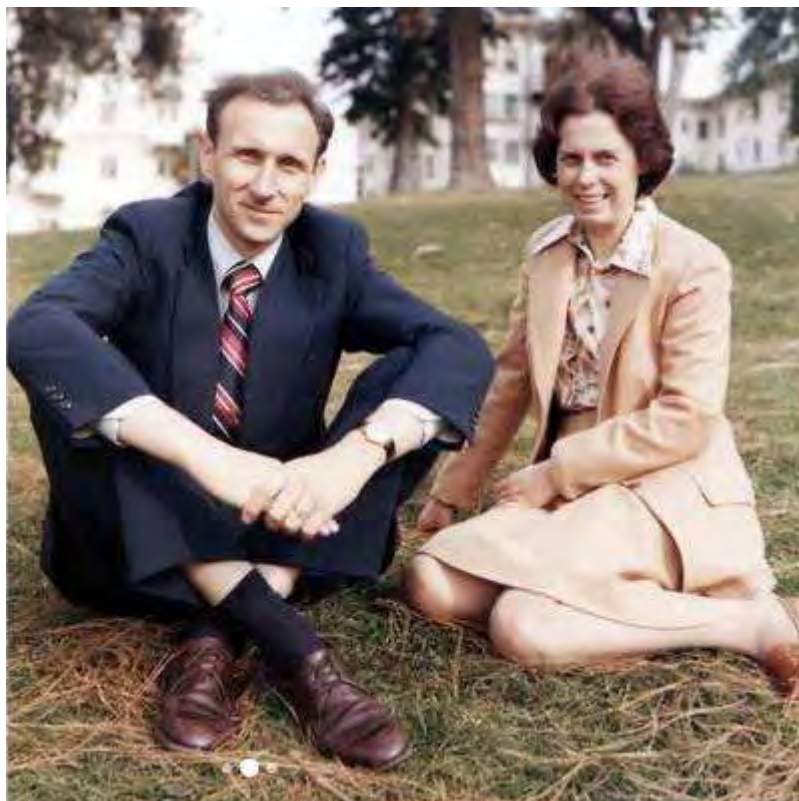


## Testimony From France Honoring Reiner Vincenz

January 25, 2015



Dear Barbara, Leena, Jario and M ,

Honorable leaders, brothers and sisters,

Bonjour !

On behalf of Rev and Mrs. Jean Francois Moulinet and all brothers and sisters in France, together with Mrs. Henri Blanchard, the wife of his 1st disciple, we come to honor our beloved elder brother Rev. Vincenz.

Our True Father said:

"A true leader is he who discovers the true path of life which men must go. He is also the one who can help others to shoulder the load of suffering of 6000 years and can command them to do more because the accomplishment of the day is not enough."

This exemplifies the indomitable Rev. Vincenz.

He was just a young member when he volunteered to come to France. Everyone was against it, thinking that he would lose his faith. So he wrote to Father himself and Father replied saying it was very good if he could go. Reiner said : "The only person who really understood me was True Father."

God sent Rev. Vincenz to pioneer France because He knew the arduous path ahead, but trusted he would never give up no matter what the difficulties.

France is not an easy country to lead. Even General de Gaulle, one of France's greatest patriots, expressed in frustration "How can anyone govern a nation that has 246 different kinds of cheese?"

Yet, in spite of coming from an enemy nation and because he was armed with the Divine Principle, True Parents love and his unshakable character, in just 7 years Rev. Vincenz could dominate the complexities of the French and unite our members in one mind and one heart more than any great general.

He did everything he could to save our country and was willing to endure 21 years if necessary, just to find his first spiritual child. Fortunately it took him only three years, but at the price of unimaginable indemnity. We learned that he was fasting so often, that one day he collapsed, becoming unconscious for 2 days and was saved only by the prayers of True Father and the entire Korean Church.

He was a man who was completely led spiritually through his deep relationship with God, and had miraculous experiences with Joan of Arc speaking directly to him from the pulpit of her church in Paris,

and many others in the spiritual world that guided him as well. From him, our French family learned discipline, unwavering faith, and to develop long suffering endurance while going forward.

His leadership style was imposing and direct and exactly what was needed to break through. Through the unity of his first members, especially Henri Blanchard, they could create miracles like bringing over 100 new members in one year that accompanied him and Barbara to their next mission in the United States.

Spiritually he is the father of France, greater than any French saint. He and his devoted wife battled Communism, Atheism, and Socialism and brought spiritual life to a country, that did everything in its power to deny the existence of God. Rev. Vincenz believed he was helped by his ancestors who were French Huguenots and had to escape as they were persecuted because of their devout Protestant faith.

His name was actually of French origin meaning “victory” and it suited him perfectly as he would never give up until he accomplished the goal.

On a personal note, I am forever indebted to Rev. Vincenz for the incredible support and prayers he offered recently during 3 years for our business in France, that was going through a major crisis due to the recession. Even when he was so sick and could barely speak or write, he encouraged us almost daily to keep fighting on.

Our country owes everything to him and his loving wife. So today, our French movement offers gratitude for his noble life, his sacrifice and his willingness to go beyond all obstacles. He never stopped praying for, loving and supporting our country in spite of his work in America, and for that we are eternally grateful.

As France is in a grave crisis now, he will be of great assistance from Heaven.

As he "marches on" in the next life at the side of True Father, our hearts and prayers go with him and his family.

Thank you, Rev. Vincenz, for being an inspiration to all those whose lives you touched.

AU REVOIR, CHER REINER !

“Un grand Merci” for a life well lived. We are honored to have known you.