

## **Celebrating 40th Blessing Anniversary**

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total of seven Blessed couples joins over the weekend from 1-3 of July, to celebrate in a very special environment our Blessing Anniversary. We rented a place in a village, famous by its Lavender fields. The whole village were decorated with Lavender colours, on the balconies and front doors, giving a very romantic touch. We felt embrace by this beauty and make us think of how much our Heavenly Parent had been with us all along these 40 years, protecting, loving and guiding each couple, in a very personal way.

Our focus for this celebration was, to use this special time together, to do a lot of deep and sincere sharing. We all agreed that after this long pandemic period where we could not meet so often, there was a deep longing to be together, to see one another, face to face, to talk together, to listen our personal stories, of challenges, but also of victories.

We watched together the video of the MSG Blessing Ceremony, to refresh our memories and to see in a more reflective mood, how our True Parents invested so much during the Ceremony in all of us.

During our HDH time we read the speech True Father gave the 2nd of July and help us to understand once

again, the deep meaning and value of our Blessing, in the context of restoration of ideals families and the building of true love traditions where our Heavenly Parent can live and reside.

One by one each couple share their personal journey during these 40 years, and although each, is a unique story, but we all share a deep sense of gratitude to HP and TP. We also could see how after all the challenges of our blessed life, how the couples love each other, in a deep and mature way. To listen how one spouse recognize the value and the love of the other was very moving.

Most important of all, is to see clearly, how our Blessed families are mature in their love for one another and their commitment to live a life of service for our Heavenly Parent Holy Community. It became very clear during this Anniversary celebration, that we are a family, a community that want to help one another and that our love for our True Parents is unshakable.

We all felt a new beginning. A renew desire to help our True Mother and walk together with her towards fulfilling vision 2027.

Thank you, HP, thank you TP. AJU.