

WFWP and UPF Italy Co-Sponsored the Conference: Building a Culture of Peace

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WFWP Italy co-sponsored the 6th Conference under the theme 'Building a Culture of Peace' on 27 June 2019, in cooperation with UPF; it took place in Casal di Principe (in the province of Caserta city) at the Maria Santissima Preziosa Institute, and was organized by the Vincenzo and Hiroko Della Corte family. The conference was a great success thanks to the collaboration of the Nuns of the Institute, and of the associations: 'Work in Progress'; "Music in the Heart" and the Association "I, XII, XVIII". About 90 people took part - parents, teachers, students, and a well-known medical doctor Donaldo Grassi.

With a view to promoting intercultural exchange, WFWP friends were wearing traditional Korean clothing and offered a song: 'You too are my brother' which made for a warm welcome.

Among the speakers was 'Councilor for Culture' Marisa Diana, the President of the Association "Working in Progress" Andrea D'Onofrio, Orlando Puoti for "Music in the Heart" and Antonio Di Lauro for the Ass. "I, XII, XVII".

Elisabetta Nistri, President of the WFWP, presented the various themes and related activities that WFWP is carrying out in Italy, recalling how important today, more than ever, is the presence of women and the contribution to peace that they can bring to any environment, starting with the family and then expand it into society. The roles of man and woman are both important, but with different characteristics; where the presence and participation of one is lacking, or even as in some countries is denied, there is no balance, and therefore no peace and social well-being. She also recalled how each of us should remember that we were originally created in the image of God and motivated the participants to search for that image which God has placed in us. Turning in particular to women, she reiterated that women's role is to reflect the female image of God, and to promote a social revolution starting from the heart of women and with such a motherly heart be able to embrace the whole world.

Giuseppe Calì, president of UPF in Southern Europe, reported the latest activities carried out by the association especially in the Balkans, through the Peace Road and the important summit that will take place in October in Albania. He also reiterated that the solution to every problem already exists but how selfishness prevents progress and a common vision for the common good. The event ended with beautiful refreshments and with a sincere appreciation of all participants, including many speakers who promised further collaboration and invited us for other conferences in High schools as well as in the Town hall of Casal di Principe.

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