

## UPF International Leadership Conference (ILC) Event in Paraguay

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*Founding pledge for the International Association of Arts and Culture (IAACP)*

In Paraguay, an ILC event was held on Friday, November 25, at 9:00 a.m. in the Session Room of the Chamber of Deputies of the National Congress. Co-sponsored by ILC, UPF and WFWP, the event included a lecture on marriage and family, a tribute to former Cultural Deputy Dr. Enrique Castro, the presentation of the Republic Award, appointment of new peace ambassadors and the launch of IAACP Paraguay. The program began with greetings from the MC, Peace Ambassador Mauro Osorio, General Secretary of the Municipality of Ñemby, followed by the Paraguayan National Anthem performed by the Chamber Orchestra of the National Police. The opening prayer was offered by prominent Pastor Estanislao Obregón of the Kingdom of God Church and UPF Paraguay President Rev. Evaristo Fernández offered welcoming remarks.



*Del Pilar Eva Medina, Paraguay Congresswoman*

The main conference session began with a lecture by Mr. Gustavo Giuliano, Director of Education for UPF Paraguay on the theme of "Marriage and Family: A Perspective for Paraguayan Education." A discussion followed, moderated by WFWP President Roswitha Dueck de Giuliano.

Based on the teaching of True Parents, the lecture discussed the correct use of the sexual organs only within the sacred bonds of marriage. Commenting on the lecture, Dr. Juan Alberto Denis Pintos, Dean of Unigran, who has served ten years in the Chamber of Deputies, expressed his gratitude to UPF for the conference and congratulated the speaker on his insight and wisdom. Dr. Pintos called on those present to reflect on our responsibility, keep God at the center of our lives and seek perfection and excellence while taking into account universal values (공의).

Further comments were made by Dr. Horacio Galeano Perrone, who has served four terms as Minister of Education. He said he has been married 51 years, and has five children, among whom one is a pastor, and one is a nun, and exhorted everyone to lead by example. He thanked UPF for its assistance in organizing inter-religious roundtables during his administration as head of the Ministry of Education and Worship, and emphasized the importance of the family, the country and tolerance: "Long live God! Long live the Family! Long Live Paraguay!"

A special tribute was given for Dr. Enrique Castro, starting with a video presentation on his life. As Director of Culture of the Chamber of Deputies of the Paraguayan National Congress, he was a dynamic and active Peace Ambassador who had studied the Divine Principle through one-on-one lectures from Mr. Gustavo Giuliano.

After the video, words of remembrance were shared, highlighting his heart of filial piety, and his admiration, respect, friendship and support for artists.



*(Left) Juan Antonio Denis Pintos, President of the University o of Gran Asunción (Center)Paulina Garcia, Chief of Domestic Violence Prevention Division, National Police Agency of Paraguay (Right) Evaristo Fernández, President of UPF Paraguay*

Testimonies to Dr. Castro's enduring legacy were offered by several peace ambassadors who are prominent Paraguayan figures in the cultural field, including Dr. Juan Carlos Amoroso, President of the Communicators Lions Club of Paraguay, Prof. Saúl Barrios, Office Manager of the Department of Culture of the Chamber of Deputies, Prof Iris Cardozo, Head of Graphic Design at Nihon Gakko University and Professor of Fine Arts, and finally Margarita Franco, Founder of Asunshow Producciones and Vice President of the Cultural Parliament.

An appointment ceremony for 13 new peace ambassadors was held with Secretary General Félix Coronel reading the content of the Peace Ambassador Certificate.

Certificates were presented to the new peace ambassadors by Rev. Evaristo Fernández President of UPF Paraguay, Dr. Juan Antonio Denis Pintos, singer Margarita Franco and Roswitha Dueck de Giuliano International Vice

President of the Women's Federation for World Peace of Latin America.

Words of thanks were offered by some of the New Peace Ambassadors, starting with Maria Esther Gómez, Secretary of the World Friendship Crusade, who expressed her gratitude to God and the Founders of UPF for this opportunity, emphasizing that the key to peace lies in respecting the rights of others and that what makes a country great is the solidarity of its citizens. Bernardino Siemens Bertoni Figueredo, a scientist, researcher and teacher in the fields of forestry and biology, offered gratitude on behalf of his many unrecognized fellow scientists and researchers who have invested themselves on behalf of their homeland. He said that the appointment was an encouragement and recognition of science in a country where the work of scientists is not often recognized. And finally, Dr. Edward Wilson of the Paraguayan Consulate in Argentina thanked God and UPF for this recognition, thanked his family for accompanying him and promised to honor and fulfill the role of Peace Ambassador.

To mark the inauguration of IAACP, an exhibition of works by sculptor Luis Carlos Prieto was also held, and the Inaugural Resolution of the International Association of Artists and Culture for Peace (IAACP) was signed by all the participants.

Further emphasis on the arts was added with a cultural performance that brought the event to a close, featuring the music Ensemble "Amor Guarani" from Asunshow Producciones and Canto al Paraguay performed by Dr Paulo Hapner as well as a rendition of "Noches del Paraguay" by singer-songwriter Arsenio Zarate. As the grand finale, everybody joined together to sing a famous Paraguayan song called "Galopera."