

## True Father Receives Honorary Doctorates from University of Bridgeport and Universidad Santa Maria

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The University of Bridgeport awarded True Father an honorary doctorate on September 7, 1995. In addition to honoring his work as a religious leader, the award was an acknowledgment of his role in saving the financially troubled university in 1992. Dr. Richard Rubenstein, the school president, stated, "Without him, the university would have died." The head of the faculty council was quoted in *The New York Times* as saying she was "happy the university could formally thank a benefactor who had given so much."

The Universidad Santa Maria in Caracas, Venezuela, awarded True Father a Doctor Honoris Causa degree on September 12, 1996, the first anniversary of the founding of the Universal Peace Federation (UPF). The university's vice president, Dr. Carlos Enrique Pena, who conferred the degree, explained, "When I learned about the life and work of Rev. Moon, I felt that it was the sacred duty of our university to offer the highest honor to recognize an extraordinary contribution to the field of human rights."