

This Week in History (April 27–May 3)

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144,000-Clergy Blessing Ceremony April 27, 2002, Sheraton National Hotel, Washington DC

On April 27, 2002, the 144,000 Clergy Blessing Ceremony was held in the Sheraton National Hotel (later renamed the Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel), in Washington D.C. In this Blessing Ceremony hosted by the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace, True Father prayed, “I offer my sincere gratitude that the 144,000 religious leaders’ couples have become one in heart, body and ideology and are able to receive the benefit of the blessing rededication that You have allowed.”

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2004 World Peace King Cup Fishing Tournament
May 2, 2004, Heung-guk Gymnasium, Yeosu, Korea

The opening ceremony of the 2004 World Peace King Cup Fishing Tournament was held at Heung-guk Gymnasium on May 2, 2004. The event, which was hosted by the World Sports Fishing Federation, a providential organization, attracted around 3,000 lovers of angling. The tournament took place in the sea off Yeosu. At the awards ceremony on May 5, True Father said, “When the winners from each country partake in the fishing tournament, win prizes and achieve a pastime satisfaction in which all are happy, a nation on earth where all are equal can be formed.”

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Publication of the Exposition of the Divine Principle
(May 1, 1966, former headquarters church, Cheongpa-dong, Korea)

Exposition of the Divine Principle, which contains a systematic theological structure based on Original Text of the Divine Principle, was published on May 1, 1966, in Seoul. The Divine Principle is an overall summary of the Unification Church core ideology and can be divided into the large sections of the Creation, the Fall and Restoration. It clearly explains God’s providence of restoration. True Father spoke of the Divine Principle as a fearful and precious book and said we must regard it with absoluteness.

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