



To My Greatest Treasure
My Family Dec 25, 1990

A Christmas letter from the late Gwen Coniker,
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It has been 15 years since mine my
last Christmas message to you.
A lot of changes in our lives has taken place.
And during this tender, loving season of
Christmas when the Jewish family of Nazareth,
showed us an inexhaustible source of
inspiration and strength, since it was the
birth of the true family.

"A child has been born to us, a son
has been given to us." The family has
been given to us. With the first Christmas
God entered into the human family, and
the family of man entered into the
Trinity of God. St Paul wrote that the
love of man and woman is a figure
of the love of Christ for his Church,
"the mystical idea that the man and
the woman had become one sacramental
substance."

Now that ~~all of you are now 15 years~~
~~older since my last message and our 5~~
~~daughters~~ our 5 daughters are
Maureen, Kathy, Laurie, Peggy
and Sheri are united in the sacrament
of marriage with your beloved spouses Matt,
Mike, Kevin, Peter and Joe, I can relax

to the thought from G.K. Chesterton -
when he said "Of all human institutions
marriage is the one which most depends
upon slow development, upon patience,
upon long reaches of time, upon
magnanimous compromise, upon
kindly habit."

One thing the marriage ideal did and did
alone: it took love seriously. You shall
Chesterton said "You shall not have this secret
and super human happiness, unless you
give up all for it."

We have shared love, faith and hope
in each other and I feel so grateful to each
of you as a treasured gift from Almighty
God,

Each of you, Maurin, Kathy, Laurie and
Peggy & Shiri have filled my heart with love and
joy. May the ever loving Christ child and his
holy mother Mary be ever present with you always.

Our first son Michael now 27, you have touched
my heart in a wonderful way. I see all the
goodness in your young life as you approach
graduation. I see ^{your} friendship with God growing
in you and your faith coming alive. My message to you
is keep growing in God's love and share ^{this love} with others.

To our dearest son Robert, you have been a shining
light to me. Your generous loving heart
has sparked me on so many times.

My prayer and every wish is you continue
to grow closer to our Blessed Mother, as there
is nothing she wouldn't do for you. You need
only to ask. Remember this little prayer.

Lovely Ruby dressed in Blue
Teach me how to pray
God was just your little Boy
Please show me the way.

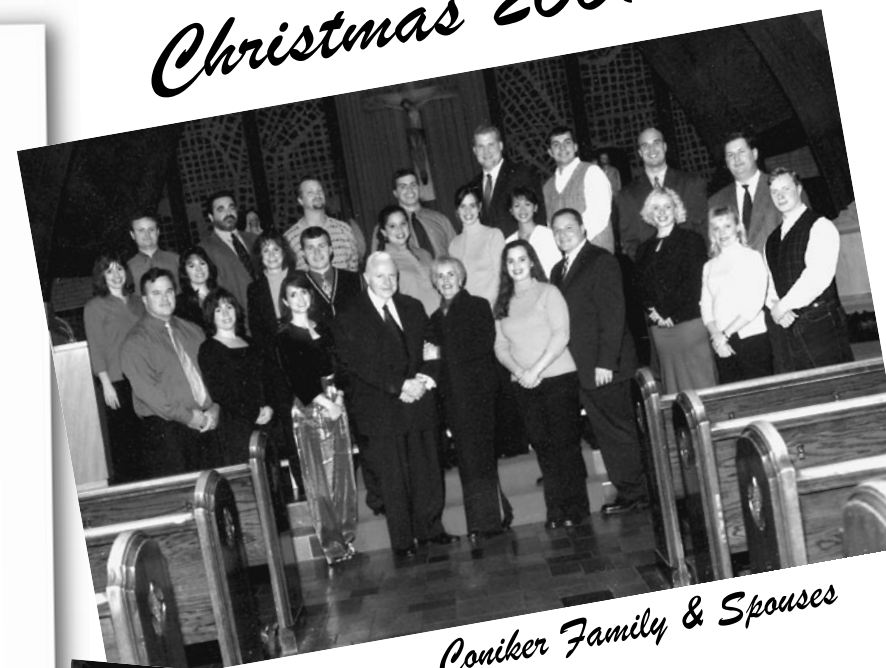
To our special son Joe - You have always been
there for me in trying times. You have made
motherhood a delight, a bit of cheer said by
you has always brought joy to my heart.
You are anxious to reach success in your
life and the ladder to reaching that success is
Trust in Jesus thru Mary

My most precious son James - You are now in the
prime of your teen life 17 years. There have been
so many tears of joy and sorrow that we've shared.
But it all has been good. You have tested my
patience time and time again. You continue to
be a real challenge to me but with God's grace
and strength we will continue to grow together.
I pray that Our Lord will touch your mind, your
heart and your life so that your Faith will grow
deeper every day.

Next is our dearest Maria, so beautiful, and
Sweet sixteen. Your charm and all your
dedicated efforts to do what is right has
filled my heart with great joy.
Keep your beautiful smile glowing for all to see.

To our dear sweet Theresa, my teen angel and
that you are. Fifteen years ago we were expecting
an angel and that's what we got. I see you trying
to adjust to teen life, to grow in love of the Christ child
and our Blessed Mother. You are a real support to me
at this difficult time of growth in the family Apostolate

Christmas 2001



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Leaving some of our family in Koroaka as we strive to bring God's love to other families at the Holy Family Center in Okio. I thank you from the bottom of my heart, Theresa.

The best and very special gift of life is our sweet daughter MaryBeth, ~~what a joy you are!~~ You have filled me ~~with~~ ^{with} overwhloming joy! You have reached the great time in life 13. Now is your chance to learn about our great gift of Faith. How rich in God's Mercy and you have an unrepeatable gift to give and that is yourself so, sweet, kind, and loving. I pray that the Blessed Mother will ever be at your side to guide you through the journey of life.

Most of all Merry Christmas to my loving spouse, Jerry - Remember the day we united our life in the Sacrament of Love on the great feast day of Our Lady - The Assumption. Aug 15, 1959. We stood at her feet, ~~we~~ and prayed, asking her to watch over us and guide us in our marriage. We gave our life to Jesus through Mary and she has always been with us in good times and bad. It's been our Lady that has showed us the way in all our joys and sorrows. And now, may I say sincerely, and with great love, thank you for everything, ~~to~~ my dearest husband.

A blessed and Merry Christmas in Christ's love to each of you - my treasured gift of family.

Love,
Mother



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