

December 25, 2007

Dear Friend in Christ,

A year turned around, again we are celebrating the God's Coming among us, the very basic principle of our entire existence;

God's love for us was revealed so that we could have life through him;

Since God has loved us so much, we too should love one another.

Painful though, it is dispensable to the believers to think back on how much we have realized the Promise of Peace in the year passing. Increasing working-poor, globally waging massive wars against terror, all sorts of calamities, etc.,etc., are nothing but a reflection of perverse inner state of mankind, for which human pride, seems, is incapable to cope with. Despite these facts, we are not ready to humble ourselves yielding our heart and mind to God's Love and Humility.

As for myself, this year, I tried to do my small due, talking in conferences, writing articles for various periodicals, including the one in *The Imperial System and Christianity during 15-Years-War Period*, the product of 4 years interdenominational collaboration. In May, I had cancer and the Stomach, Gallbladder, Spleen, and a part of Lymph Node were taken away. Lost weight and strength, but by God's grace I am on the way for recovery, not losing will and capability for writing. Wrote some articles since then on serious topics, and a voluminous book entitled

Logical Inconsistency of the Private Possession and Structural Violence – the Primordial Pre-Supposition consciously to get started the Global Peace Building –

will be published from SanPaulo in early 2008. On the top of all these, in order to regain the Right to Religious Freedom I am pursuing the lawsuit at Osaka Regional Court to de-shrine my father from Yasukuni-Jinja(Shintoistic War Shrine) where most of war victims(soldiers) were enshrined by the Government as their goddess without consent of the bereaved. With this topic, however, we have much to do within the Church, because the Church is accumulated much questionable heritages through many centuries until the Declaration on Religious Freedom of Vatican II. Too much written of myself and it is your turn to make me listen to your ongoing here and now.

God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son. And we saw his glory,
the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Night and day is still contending, yet, if we open heart to the above high, we realize, we are all blessed by divine grace. If we could share all which are given to us, not pretending as if they were not given, we all become brothers and sisters, and we will be blessed. Let us, therefore, hasten to witness the heavenly wonder, bringing ourselves news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people

At this Christmas 2007 and Throughout the New Year 2008.

Let us pray reciprocally, therefore, so that Christ the Child will become the everlasting source of joy and blessing to us and to our dear ones, not excluding, of course, all the brothers and sisters in Him without exception.

Heartily and prayerfully yours in Christ the Infant,

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