



Dear Friends in Christ

And the Word became flesh and lived among us;

And we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father. John 1:14

God has been so gracious that we are allowed to celebrate His Coming again this year 2006. Why do we not renew the faith and rejoice in it ?

This first and, possibly, last Christmas letter of mine, I truly hope, would find you as well as your dear ones hale and hearty. Time and years passed so rapidly, I do not forget the chance to meet you by God's Providence. Needless to say, how precious I recall those days I was allowed to share with you.

As for myself, thanks be to God, my body and curious mind function still, despite the fact I am soon 72 years old. Living alone in this Priest's House, I am not carrying a happy go lucky life. Last year, for example, I have published

*Catholic Church and the Slave-Trade – In Relation to the Rise and Prosperity of  
Modern Capitalism* — and this year,

*An Interim-Report on Trial to **deshrine** my father from Yasukuni, the Military Shrine* besides writing other articles. Believe or not, it was last year that the fact was detected that my father, baptized Christian, has been long enshrined as their **god** at Yasukuni since he was engaged in military construction and died. It is unbelievable, this is the first trial since the end of WWII, presented to the court to be settled, i.e., to protect religious freedom, the most fundamental human right. Although Japan claims to be democratic society, there are many objectives to conform her to the requirements of Justice and Peace, the first and last state the Gospel to be implemented.

Far surmounting tasks to achieve the call the Christ's Coming has brought before us. Though too short is the life-time, what count the most is, not the shinty outcome, but a truly humble obeissance to God's Will. With this tenet in mind, let us celebrate Christmas heartily, with each one of you, therefore, until the last day of the life, hopefully believing the hopelessly-seeming God's Promise;

God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son  
so that we could have life through him. I John 4:9

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2007!!

Fraternally praying Christ's Peace and Love  
for you all, without excepting anyone in the world,

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