

# COUPLES FOR CHRIST

Christmas, 2007

My brothers and sisters in Christ,



It's Christmas time once again.

Christmas always brings joy and laughter to everyone and it is the time of year when we forget about the difficulties that we have gone thru during the year. Somehow, the spirit of Christmas brings love, forgiveness, and hope. This is not at all surprising because Christmas is the time when we celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ who died for love, who forgives our sins, and gives hope to the world.

This year has been a difficult year for all of us. Our beloved community has been through a major crisis but that is over. It's time for us to move forward and go beyond our hurts and shortcomings and rise to the new challenges that we are going to face this New Year.

There is so much to do, my brothers and sisters. Our community has the mission to bring glad tidings to the poor materially as well as spiritually. Together, we will work towards the fulfillment of this mission. And the way we are going to do this is by loving one another and by being disciples, as embodied in our theme next year which is taken from John 13:34-35,

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

Let us fill our hearts with His Love to overflowing and pray that He allows us to find in ourselves the openness to forgive those who have done wrong to us, and to embrace lovingly everyone. Let this Love be our strength in dealing and sharing this Love with all of our brothers and sisters.

Let us ask God to bless us so that we will always be a blessing to others and in harmony with His plan. Let us ask God to give us all the opportunities to love and be a channel of peace to everyone.

With this Love in our hearts, we can see that the future is bright, filled with hope and excitement. Let us move forward carrying God's message of love, live our lives to the fullest, and glorify God in our personal lives and in others whose lives will be touched by us.

Merry Christmas to everyone and may the love of God be with you.

God bless to all.

In His Name,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ricky Cuenca', written in a cursive style.

Ricky Cuenca