

# *Loy to the World! The Savior Reigns.*

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## **MERRY CHRISTMAS 2000, AND BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

We celebrated the start of the HOLY YEAR A.D. 2000 in ROME, ITALY, arriving December 27 for a 15-day visit that included a Papal Audience and New Years Eve Vespers at St. Peter's in the Vatican. We celebrated the midnight change of millennium with a bottle of Spumante on the top of the Spanish Steps. Of course, there was all the usual sightseeing--including a day-trip to Naples and Pompeii,--and a visit from Mary's friends from Bari in the Italian boot.

The passage, in May, of the Trade and Development Act of 2000 kept David and the entire office busy at the NORTHERN TEXTILE ASSOCIATION through the rest of the year. This Act, which grants trade preferences to 24 countries in Central America and the Islands of the Caribbean and 48 countries in sub-Saharan Africa is the biggest trade legislation to affect the textile and apparel industries since the North American Free Trade Agreement. But unlike NAFTA, this new Act got very little attention outside of a few trade specialists, and David has been busy presenting information to various companies and industry groups.

David was elected delegate to the REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION and we started to plan to go to Philadelphia to nominate George W. Bush for President. But intra-party politics--too complicated to hash out again in this Christmas letter--got in the way. The Massachusetts Republican State Committee rejected 24 of the 60 elected delegates, including David and our friend **Karen MacNutt**, who, along with **Alan Cousin**, fought for the rejected delegates all the way to the convention itself.

So, we did not go to Philadelphia. Perhaps it is just as well. Philadelphia in the middle of summer is hot and humid, tending to cause irritability. Why, had the Second Continental Congress met in some cool, breezy location--say Gloucester, Mass.--in July of 1776, perhaps we'd still be Her Majesty's subjects. We headed north to Québec City and took advantage of the moderate temperatures and the relative strength of the Green Back.

The political intrigue provided fodder for David's essays in the local newspaper EDITORIAL HUMOR. Archives of the columns can be found on the CAMBRIDGE REPUBLICAN CITY COMMITTEE website

<http://members.aol.com/cambgop/>  
click on "News and Comment".

## **MARY FOR NAILS, ETC**

<http://members.aol.com/mary4nails/>  
salon celebrates five years in its current location in Andover this coming spring. When not in the shop, Mary busies herself with classes at the CAMBRIDGE CENTER FOR ADULT EDUCATION.

Our subscriptions to the BOSTON BALLET, the BOSTON LYRIC OPERA, and the AMERICAN REPERTORY THEATRE fill our evenings and are regular reminders of why we live in Boston.

Wishing you all happy holidays,  
we remain,  
very truly yours,

Only  
begot-  
ten,  
Word of God eternal,  
Lord of  
creation,  
merciful  
and  
mighty,  
hear now thy servants  
when their joyful voices rise to thy presence.  
This is thy temple; here thy presence chamber;  
here may thy servants, at thy mystic banquet,  
humbly adoring, *take thy Body broken, drink of thy chalice.*  
G O D   I N   T H R E E   P E R S O N S,  
Father                      Son                      Spirit,  
ever-                      co                      ever-  
lasting,                      eternal,                      blessed,  
thine be the glory, praise, & adoration,  
N O W                      A N D                      F O R                      E V E R.