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Happy New Year



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“The Redeemer” and the “Union of Hearts” support us in our efforts of “welcoming 2008.”

Christmas Greetings!! Pray, please, that Christmas will be a happy and blessed day for the world! Christ came to spread joy, peace, and presence of love. May the Grace of His birth in Bethlehem give you and your loved ones great appreciation for your family and friendships.

The Theme for this Newsletter was very carefully phrased. There was a little play on words, for “Redeemer” refers to both Redeemer International, and also, of course, to Jesus, the Redeemer. Redeemer International and Ruamrudee International stand side by side, united in spirit, united in strength, ready to welcome 2008. The Redeemer, Jesus, gives our school a special thrust, a holy vision, a blessed goal. “With the Redeemer and RIS Union of Hearts We Welcome 2008.” For many, 2008 will be a very important year. Our Graduating Class will certainly think so! Some years appear to be more important than others. Anniversaries in 2008 will keep us happy and busy. The 50th Anniversary of RIS and also the 60th Anniversary of the Redemptorists coming to Thailand are two major events. Accreditation teams will visit us early in the year, too. Joyful events are scheduled through the year - like the Fun Fair and Concert, Car Rally and Golfing Day. We celebrate!

The words “we welcome” are important too. In Scripture, Jesus told us that there are times when we must

stand up straight and keep our head high. The accomplishments and strengths of both Redeemer and Ruamrudee help us to stand up straight and be confident. Assisted by God’s help we need not to be hesitant. We welcome the challenges of 2008.

There is no doubt in my mind about the importance of “The Redeemer” and the “Union of Hearts” that support us in our efforts of “welcoming 2008.” The grace and inspiration that we receive from Jesus give our community an atmosphere that is very special. At this time of the year when we celebrate the Birth of Our Redeemer in Bethlehem, we might appreciate our union of hearts more and more. We have been conscious of daily efforts toward union of hearts. I speak of this value daily at the As-

semblies. With a few problems that loom up from time to time, and some mistakes too, we still move ahead with evidence that our community is united, doing great things for the world, preparing students to be global citizens, and sharing in our service for others. We show this virtue often without great fanfare. Despite human foibles, Redeemer and Ruamrudee stand together, ready and willing to rise to the needs and challenges with a holy confidence. At times, we have stood up straight and held our head high, thankful for the gentle assurance of “Union of Hearts.”

God bless you,

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