

# Christmas Roses

Touched



with  
Love



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A Mother's Pro-Life Story

## INTRODUCTION

Some children in a Catholic school heard that a shy classmate named Daniel, from another country, was saving pennies. They asked, "How can we help?" Daniel told them he wanted to buy his mother a present. The students then started a penny-in-a-jar project. In class, each time the teacher heard the tinkling sound of a penny dropped into the jar, she would laugh. It sounded just like music to her ears. When the jar of pennies was full, it was given to Daniel. His eyes lit up and while smiling said, "Oh, thank you! My Mom will be so surprised."

Daniel was so grateful. He looked at his teacher and then shared with the students a letter his mother had written to him soon after he was born. He called it his "Pro-Life Treasure." He pulled the torn, wrinkled, worn-out letter from his pocket and the teacher read it to the class. Here is what it said:



## A MOTHER'S STORY

### *"The Annunciation"*

The Archangel Gabriel appeared to a young Jewish girl named, Mary. He said, "Hail, full of grace." God's message was then spoken to her. Mary responded, "Be it done unto me." At that moment, Jesus was conceived through the power of the Holy Spirit to a lowly humble servant.

*"Mary, please help me. I am an unwed mother. I am so depressed and lonely. I have no where to go and don't know what to do."*

### *"The Visitation"*

Mary didn't wait to be asked. She traveled to help her cousin, Elizabeth, who also was with child. When they met, Mary was greeted by these words, "Blessed art thou among women. And blessed is the fruit of thy womb."

*"I was fortunate to visit a center where Pro-Life workers reached out to me and other unwed, expectant mothers. Here I found the love and help I needed not only for my troubled soul, but also for my unborn baby."*

Joy  
to  
the  
World



## ***“The Nativity”***

Mary accepted her poverty when she gave birth to her son Jesus, the Savior of the world in a stable. She knew His Name would be great for all generations to come. The angels, shepherds and wisemen were the first to acknowledge His Greatness.

*“I, too, gave birth to my son, one rainy Christmas morning. The hospital room was filled with joy as I knew I wasn’t alone. As I held my baby close to my heart, it was then that I realized how blessed I am and how gracious God really is. Yes, He does care for me.”*

## ***“The Presentation”***

Mary presented Jesus, in obedience to the law of God, in the temple.

*“After receiving the Holy Eucharist at Mass, I presented my baby to be baptized. Pastor Mark said, ‘I baptize you, Daniel, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.’ Then looking at me, Father continued to say, “Let us remember that life begins at conception and it continues with Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist until the moment we die.”*

*“Oh Daniel, how my heart rejoiced at that moment, because I knew then, you were my Pro-Life baby!”*

### **“The Finding in the Temple”**

Searching for Jesus for three days brought much sorrow. Soon it turned to joy when Mary found Jesus in the temple, in the midst of the teachers.

*“I, too, was lost, but with the help of Christian doctors, nurses and Pro-Life workers, I was found. Today, when I see a pregnant mother, I always remember to slip a prayer asking God to bless her. I think to myself, ‘There goes another soul that someday will remember to praise God just as you will, my son.’ ”*

Dear Daniel,

God created you and He allowed me to be His assistant helper on earth and here you are, my precious baby. We must always remember to thank God. There is still hope in the world because of real people who are dedicated PRO-LIFE WORKERS and PRIESTS FOR LIFE, who extend the virtues of faith, hope, and charity to unwed mothers and family members. In this way, God's creation will continue to flourish.

## THE END OF THE MOTHER'S STORY

After reading Daniel's story, the teacher remarked how Jesus was the first to evangelize with his baby sounds giving glory to God, His Father. She said, "Hearing the 'cooing' sound of all the babies of the world reminds me that all babies have the same language. Their cooing is the 'sound of God's life.' This sound can drown out the ugly and disrespectful words of certain songs and replace it with songs of praise; giving praise as it should be to our Creator." In her mind, the teacher thought, "Now I can see how God can use even the smallest thing to change a person's life or personality."





## GIFT OF LOVE

On Christmas morning, Daniel's mother was awakened to the sound of the trumpets playing "Joy to the World". Glancing at the small, sparsely decorated Christmas tree, she noticed three beautiful red roses and a card. Picking up the card, to her surprise, she read:

"Hello Jesus,

This is Daniel, your friend. Here are three roses. One is for your mother, Mary. One is for my mother. And the last rose is for all the unwed and adopted mothers of the world whose children will one day present them with a *Rose Touched with Love*, just as I did for my mother."

Thanks Jesus, for my life and for being my friend.

Love,  
Daniel"

Her eyes filled with tears and she murmured a prayer to God saying, "Thank you for this beautiful Christmas Day. Now I know that all things are possible for those who believe."

THE END

The students of St. Frances of Rome Parish,  
1430 S. 59<sup>th</sup> Ct. Cicero, Illinois, 60804 along with  
all the children of the world, wish our dear Pope  
Benedict XVI a Happy and Blessed Christmas. We  
are blessed to have you as our spokesman and  
spiritual leader. We love you.

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