

A Christmas greeting to the people of a young and vigorous community, with its hopes and ideals, could not be more practical than the greeting of the first Christmas night: 'Peace on earth, to men of good will.' Our ideal is justice that brings peace and prosperity, and our hope of this will become a reality if we base our community life, and our private lives, on the knowledge that peace comes only to men of good will. Not only Christmas is a happy time, where good will reigns, but days which grow to years, will be happy ones. That the Christ Child of Bethlehem may bless our town and its people, and that His peace may surround us to brighten our lives, is my wish at this joyful time.

Rev. Father James Delaney,  
St. Martin's Parish,  
Terrace Bay, Ontario.

My Dear Friends:

I am indeed grateful to the editor of the Terrace Bay News for granting me this privilege of greeting you at this time through the medium of your paper and gladly do I take this opportunity of extending to one and all my sincere wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

For many of you this will be your first Christmas in this north country. Old friends, old scenes and old associations will no doubt tug at your hearts. This is to be expected. You would hardly be human if it were not so.

I am sure, however, that the spirit of good will and happy comradeship so abundantly evidenced among the families on the Townsite all through the year will be evidenced even more abundantly at this season, and will do much to allay any tendency to loneliness!

I feel too, that the delightful natural setting in which you live, so conducive to the spirit of the Yuletide, will create an atmosphere in which you will become receptive to the Peace and Purity of the Holy Child whose birthday we commemorate at this time.

May God's richest blessings be yours as you spend the Christmas of 1947 at Terrace Bay or with friends and relatives at nearby or distant points, and may the year ahead be for every one of you the happiest yet.

Yours very sincerely,

Rev. Arthur Lavender,  
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