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Letter from a Fellow Marymount Graduate to Geraldine Ferraro

Geraldine Ferraro

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Dear Gerry:

I wonder if you will remember me. I am [redacted]. We were Freshmen and Sophomores together at Marymount School. In 1950 I left school to return home to Brazil.

When I read in the newspaper this morning that it was you who had been invited to run for the Vice-Presidency of the United States I was so thrilled that it is hard for you to imagine.

I have never been much of a correspondent and there are times when I have been sorry that I lost touch with everybody from Marymount. Then, all of a sudden, this wonderful news about you! I couldn't be happier!

As a matter of fact it was my father who called me up this morning, all excited, to tell me about you. He remembered you from the time that he, my mother and my brothers went up to school and took us both out to dinner to that restaurant up on the hill _ I cannot remember the name of it anymore. My father recalls you because you impressed him as being very lively and smart, so we are all, the entire family, very enthusiastic about your beautiful career.

In case you remember me, let me fill you in briefly about what has been happening to me. About you, I have read a lot in the newspaper this morning. As for me, I am married _ as a matter of fact, the day before yesterday, we celebrated our Silver Wedding Anniversary. I have six children, four girls ages 21, 19, 18 and 4, and two boys, ages 17 and 11. Besides that, I returned to the States when newly married and both my husband, Aroldo Rodrigues, and I took our Master's Degree at the University of Kansas, he in social psychology and I in political philosophy. Then he went on to his Ph.D. at UCLA and I stopped studying in order to bring up the family. Then I finally got my Doctorate in Philosophy in Rio where we are both teaching in a private university.

Last year in February, we were in New York with two of the girls and I planned to take them to visit Marymount where I would myself have had the fun of seeing everything again and would collect news of everyone. But then there was an enormous snow storm on the day we arrived in New York and then we canceled our plans to visit Terrytown.

Well, anyway, I couldn't resist the urge to write you, even though I know you will be terribly busy in these next months to come, and won't have time to answer just a chatty letter of an old schoolmate, But be sure that here, all of my family will be cheering for you with all our hearts.

Best of luck and a big hug from

[redacted] (remember?)
[redacted]
Rio de Janeiro, Brasil



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