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Geraldine Ferraro

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00187, ROMA
Italia

Cara Signora,

Having followed your moving story very closely and being also of an Italian family who immigrated to Canada, I cannot help but drop you a line and send you this front page article from the main Rome newspaper 'Il Messaggero' (dated July 13, 1984).

As you can see from the write-up in the paper, there is much excitement here in Italy over your candidature - especially in your hometown. You are a real inspiration for all! I feel so in particular because you are Italian and a woman. Auguri!!

You are probably curious to know what I am doing at the Japanese Embassy in Rome. My birthplace is Toronto, Canada and after I graduated from the University of Toronto in 1977 I took one year and lived in Rome travelling, learning the language, understanding my background, my people and becoming a part of a culture that was already a part of me undiscovered.

After returning to Canada, I found myself back here in Rome five months later only to stay another three months in 1979. I proceeded to work for another two years in Toronto at the Multicultural Television Station (MTV Channel 47) which ran in 30 languages at the time - mainly Italian. However my strongest desire was to return to Italy. In September of 1981 I finally made the decision. After 5 months and much difficulty I was chosen for the job at the Japanese Embassy in the office for the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations. I do translations and interpret for the Japanese representatives to the UN here in Rome. After living in a convent for almost two years I finally found an apartment (which is virtually impossible in Italy) - another miracle in my life.

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I love the country, I love the people and I love my life here even though it is difficult at times especially being away from my family. I'm sure that you would share those feelings too if you came to Italy and became part of this lifestyle - it's in your soul. However you have much to pursue and I know that you will do it with that undaunting Italian courage and ever-loving spirit of adventure so much a part of this culture. In bocca a lupo!!

If you ever get to Rome, please look me up.

Tanti tanti auguri.

