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Dear Rebecca, Jill and Nicholas:

My wife, Bette, and I attended the first Candlelight Christmas Concert yesterday afternoon at the Church of the Nativity. Our grandson, Gunnar Bossart, invited us. To say that it was a wonderful spiritual experience is really inadequate to describe it!

All students from Shanley High School who participated in this Christmas Concert are to be commended! It was fabulous!

I have both participated in and attended numerous choral Christmas concerts over the last 50 years and cannot remember one that I felt was as memorable as what I experienced yesterday. Everything about it was memorable! The students knew the music, watched the conductors and obviously had put in many, many hours in order to accomplish the outstanding performance that was given. The audience was absolutely mesmerized by what they saw and heard from these young men and women from Shanley. As you know, there was no talking by the audience during the performance. The audience directed their complete attention to what you all were doing. The discipline shown by the students was amazing!

As someone who loves music, especially choral music, knows that this caliber of a performance is no accident. It takes hours and hours of selecting the music, rehearsing, and putting the program together in such a way as to both entertain and inspire the singers and the audience. Great thought was put into it by the conductors and all the people behind the scenes, who all are to be commended and praised for their efforts.

Truly everyone's "Hands, hearts and voices were uplifted" as shown on the program. The theme, "What shall I bring?" was also well thought out and so appropriate for this Christmas Season.

What a thrill it was for us to see our oldest grandson, Gunnar, participate in such a wonderful event.

All of you deserve to have a smile on your face and a special warmth in your hearts this Christmas Season, knowing that your musical talents and gifts have lifted up the hearts and spirits of all of us who attended one of your concerts.

Peace and love to all.

David Bossart