

Letter of Father to Rosina of
Nov. 12-1908 (Naples)

My dear and beloved daughter,

With joy we received your nice letter together with that of your husband. His letter made us so happy because for a long time we had not received any letter directly from him, but above all because he has given us beautiful news about your life together. He says that he is happy with you and, this has always been our desire. After having read your letter, both of us were so joyful, we were as happy as one can be after winning a lottery.

Yesterday I received the money you mailed. Your letter arrived last Saturday, but I have waited to respond to assure you that we received the money also. We are so comforted to know that you enjoy good health. We too, thanks to God, are well. We are displeased that Godfather Carmine left before the arrival of your letter, because we could not send through him all the little things you asked. Any way, we will send them possibly through the cook you know, the one who travels and works on the boat or through mail. I will send you all the things you desire.

Regarding the picture of me and your mother,

I have to tell you that it's not ready because your mother ordered a new dress and the dressmaker did not finish it yet. As soon as we are able to take it we will mail you a copy.

The little letters that you sent, the one to Donna Antonietta and the other one to Concettina were mailed to them. Donna Antonietta has already sent us a thank you note saying that she is so happy for having received information from you in your own writing.

Teresa has already written to you. I only add to let you know that Cosimo and his family have decided that they would like to receive the chest with all the linens & clothes of your sister and then, they will set a date for the dowery documents. We were so disappointed. I tell you, the students want to teach their master. I diplomatically wrote to them that once they are civilly married, I will please them immediately. We shall see what's going to happen. I don't add anything else. Greetings to you and Andree from your brother and his wife, Rosina and her sister, Paolino & Mariantonia, Nannina, the dressmaker, Antonio the cook and his wife, his daughters, ~~his daughters~~ Filomena & Michele, Gaetano & his wife, Miss Tommasi and Miss Calogieri. Your mother and I

greet you with love. God bless you always and may He grant you what your heart desires.

For ever your dear father

Dear son-in-law

Finally after four months I have received news directly from you, written personally by you. My wife and I are so happy for having received your good news. Our joy is complete, we are satisfied emotionally and physically without eating anything. You know well that our family values respect, honor, love and not material things.

We hope that Rosina is always loved, endeared and treated well by you. It's not that we don't trust you, we know well that you are good and we know your beautiful ways, but we like to stress this because she is now in a foreign land, without father, mother, brother or sister. and, we fear that she can become lonely and depressed. Please, encourage her and keep her spirit up. I say no more.

Receive from me, my wife, Andrea and his wife our heartfelt greetings. Greetings also to Antonio, your nephew, I thank him for his letter. Greetings to Carmine and his family and lastly to Paul.

Your father-in-law Paolo Pasquariello