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Although I'm not a big fan of winter, I have always loved Christmastime. Everything about it speaks to me, from the caroling, family traditions, gift-giving and church services. Nine members of my family celebrate birthdays between November and January too (me included!), which adds to the allure.

But the best part of Christmas for me is the fact that my son was born on Christmas Eve. This Dec. 24 will mark 25 years since I received this precious gift, and I continue to marvel over it—and him! (Bragging here: He leaves in early January for officer training school; ultimately he will fly C-130s for the Air Force.)

This time of year provides us all a chance to look back—and ahead, with New Year's right around the corner. Our fashion feature this month highlights both the past and the future as four beautiful young women model contemporary clothing in a traditional setting that spans centuries. Something about blending the old with the fresh and new is invigorating and reassuring at this time of year, especially.

So whether you celebrate Christmas along with me or recognize another holiday this month, remember to reflect on how our traditions ground us, even as we move forward with expectation and hope.

Happy Holidays!

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