

Sarah,

Welcome to the family, dear child, and thank you for offering to host us for Christmas. We have a few small requests:

- 1) Please see attached for the menu. I know that you're a professional chef, but do practice the gravy at least once. Not even a professional can unlump a lumped gravy!
- 2) I've got 25 names to invite, but prepare to host 30. Greta doesn't know in advance who from the club will be free. If you need chairs, I'll have Mike drop some by, but only up to 30. Any more than that is a crowd, don't you think? We'll look forward to seeing your parents at church.
- 3) I'll be by at 9 am sharp on Christmas Eve to start decorating. I've picked out a lighter shade of ecru for your living room, to make the poinsettia arrangements I've ordered really pop. Send your cats to your relatives, so they don't claw the arrangements, please.

Can't wait to toast you on your first big success – but no alcohol for you, my dear! After all, I'm hoping you'll give me the present I'll ever receive and tell me I'm going to be a grandmother, and soon. Cheers!

Love, love, love,

Mrs. Jenkins (but now you can call me MOM)