

"Advent is here"

Advent is here. What a marvelous time in which to renew your desire, your nostalgia, your real longing for Christ to come -- for him to come every day to your soul in the Eucharist. The Church encourages us: Ecce veniet! -- He is about to arrive! (The Forge, 548)

30 November

The liturgical year is beginning, and the introit of the Mass invites us to consider something closely related to

the beginning of our christian life: the vocation we have all received. "Make me to know your ways, o Lord; teach me your paths." We ask the Lord to guide us, to show us his footprints, so we can set out to attain the fullness of his commandments, which is charity.

In considering the circumstances surrounding your decision to make every effort to live your faith, I imagine that you, like me, will thank our Lord. I know too that, without falling into false humility, this thankfulness will leave you even more convinced that you have merited nothing of this on your own. Usually we learn to invoke God as a young child from our christian parents. Later, teachers, friends and acquaintances have helped us in many ways not to lose sight of our Lord. (Christ is passing by, 1)

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