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## **"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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