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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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