

# Advent 2014

**We do not define power as force, control, and domination but as invitation, vulnerability to influence, empowerment of others, and ultimately love.**

*Mary Christine Morkovsky, CDP*

*A*dvent questions gestate in our spirits before a backdrop of world-wide despair.

We are prone to lose heart in the wake of everyday reports of escalated violence, terror, war, poverty, disease and injustice of every form.

Is there no end, God? Is there no one who will put things right? Has the force of insidious evil overpowered humankind with its unyielding grip?

It is so easy to utter a feeble, "Perhaps..." Yet, even in the fray of struggle, we are graced to cry out, "Perhaps not!"

These Advent questions keep stirring an alternate answer within your remnant of faithful believers...your *Anawim* for this age.

Dare we let go of a psyche fueled by increasing fear and anxiety?

Dare we reach out to you and one another with only the power of love?

Dare we live our lives in union with you as our Alpha and Omega, trusting your word and promise through the ages?

Dare we strive to make Gospel choices every day of our lives, following Jesus with a joy and freedom only forgiven ones know?

Dare we allow God's Provident Spirit to transform every part of us, ever-nudging humanity along the Way of Love?

The heart of your remnant, your *Anawim*, cries out in one voice, "Amen!"

*Patty Baker, CDP*



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