from [*an Advent letter of G. Gregory Gay, C.M.*](https://cmglobal.org/en/files/2018/06/VT-2004-06-ENG-ALL.pdf), former Superior General.

A person gave a beautiful reflection concerning “gift-giving” and giving ourselves as gift, saying:

**If all of us who are called to be faithful to St. Vincent’s spirit could see ourselves as gift to those whom we serve, whether that be in missions ad gentes, popular missions, parish work, administration, hospitals, or teaching, what a wonderful thing that would be. Ask yourselves… “Do I see myself as gift?”**

**Christmas, for which Advent is a preparation, is traditionally a time of gift-giving. Let us reflect on our own giftedness and our giving of ourselves as gift to those whom we serve this Advent season.**

