

*The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth. (Luke 3:5)*

This quote from one of the early Advent Gospel readings seems most apropos for us today! We have certainly been navigating some winding roads and rough ways in our lives this past year, haven't we? This is true for most if not all of us personally, nationally as well as globally.

Yet, reflect on HOW do winding roads become straight and rough ways smooth - except by our plowing or walking through them and wearing down a path, displacing the stones and other debris that are in the way!

In other words, the winding roads and rough ways don't get straight and smooth by magic! With God's grace we trod them, work through the travail of the daily grind and gradually make the path easier.

We pray with you that this Advent will be a graced time for each of us as we walk the path that is ours to walk. May we do what we need to do to prepare the way for Jesus to come to us in a deeper way this Advent.

You ease our path with your friendship and support shown in your recent gift to us. We ask our gracious God to bless you in abundance for your goodness to us in so many countless ways!

With our love and prayers,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sr. Nancy".

Sr. Nancy Shively, osc and all your Poor Clare Sisters