

icy stare of indifference or the stormy winds of hostility. But let us also humbly acknowledge that, if we are honest with ourselves, we too can find the teachings of Jesus hard. How difficult it is always to forgive those who hurt us; how challenging always to welcome the migrant and the stranger; how painful it is to joyfully bear disappointment, rejection, betrayal; how inconvenient to protect the rights of the most vulnerable, the unborn or the elderly, who seem to impinge upon our own sense of freedom”.

AN ANNIVERSARY 18 September 1694

Soon after a Eucharistic transformative experience, Peter Vigne, began his journey to the priesthood in response to the Call he received. He was ordained by the bishop of Viviers on September 18, 1694 when he was 24 years of age. His first appointment was as curate in the parish of Saint-Agrève. There, he discovered widespread poverty as well as a lack of knowledge of the Christian faith among the country people, who were practically abandoned. He immediately made up his mind to become a “missionary priest”. Wherever he went, over hills and valleys, it was always to announce the Love of Jesus manifested in the Eucharist.



Bishops relied on him to re-awaken the practice of the Christian faith, to nurture and support it. It was said of him that he was *a missionary priest... filled with zeal, with experience and ability and that he possessed sound doctrine.* He was indeed a true pastor, a “good shepherd” much needed during those eventful years.

During his **Beatification, October 3, 2004**, St. John Paul II said: *“Ask him to touch the hearts of young people, so that if called by God, they will accept to consecrate themselves totally to Him in the priesthood or religious life”.*

OCTOBER: month of the Rosary and of the missions: October 21 is world Mission day.

We entrust to Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary the mission of the Church, the need for missionaries in every country, the need for sacramentine vocations to continue the mission entrusted to us. For those intentions let us pray the Luminous Mysteries: 1. The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan. 2. The wedding at Cana. 3. The proclamation of the Kingdom. 4. The Transfiguration. 5. The institution of the Eucharist.



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The summer months in Europe this year were exceptionally hot...Northern countries, unaccustomed to such high temperatures witnessed their warmest weather ever! And yet, nothing is more important to us than the sunshine....life is linked to the sun. When Peter Vigne talks to us about the “Sun” he also insists that it is indispensable for our life! So then, be it summer or autumn, it’s always a good time to read what he has to say in relation to the Eucharist, the “Sun” and our lives.

With the SUN

A day without sunshine is for many of us a rather sad and dreary day. It would seem that nature has lost its colours and that the hours are longer! But as soon as we notice a gleam of sunshine in the clouds, life seems to return! From time immemorial the sun has always been synonymous with life, it is “vital” for all living things and for us.

It is not surprising then that **during the first centuries of Christianity**, a significant comparison was established between “the sun-star” and Jesus, Sun-Light of the world and those who believe in Him. In the Eucharist Jesus is like the sun of justice announced by the prophet Malachi: he brings healing in his rays (Mal 3, 20) As early as the 3rd century Christians chose to celebrate the birth of Christ on December 25th the date that corresponded with the victory of light over darkness, the winter solstice. **Jesus is indeed the “Sun”, the “Light” that gives Life** and shines in the darkness as St. John tells us. (Jn.1, 4-5) Yes, **“God is Light”** (1Jn. 1, 5)

*“Spending time with Jesus hidden in the Blessed Sacrament was the delight of all the Saints and people of faith. Like a magnet, the **Beautiful Sun of the Church, the Sacred Body of Christ,** draws all who approach it and are transformed by Him in the intimacy of his love”*
H.N. 2 – 88

*“The grace of loving attention during the celebration of the Eucharist can only come from you, my Saviour, **beautiful Sun who enlightens all who come into this world”.***
H.N. 1-118—119

*“Mystery of the Eucharist, greatest **treasure of the Church, hidden sun,** your beauty and splendour are the delight of the angels and saints in heaven”.*
H.N. 1—112

Vigne's mission

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In line with biblical and patristic thought, Peter Vigne proclaims **Jesus Eucharist the “Beautiful Sun”** of the Church who wants to shine in our lives and in our relationships. He, whose face **“shone like the sun”** (Mt.17, 2) during his Transfiguration can transfigure our daily lives.

Obviously, for that to happen you have to receive its rays! **If your goal is to get a good suntan then you have to remain in the sun!** So place before Jesus, Beautiful Sun of the Church, your entire life: work, studies, celebrations, friends, joys and worries.

This Sun gives meaning and value to your life and that of others too!

Like Bl. Peter Vigne, **expose your life to the Sun—Jesus exposed in the Blessed Sacrament.** The Eucharist makes the Church and can change your life! In the 7th century Christians established places of **prayer and adoration** in caves hidden in the mountains. When “Penal Laws” were enforced in Ireland, Mass was secretly celebrated at “Mass Rocks” in isolated locations.....they are our brothers and sisters in the Faith

May the light of the Eucharist illuminate us today and help us sow Christian values in a world where darkness deepens and grows. BR



“The Sacred Host, the Sun, softens a meek and tender heart, a heart of wax, but hardens hearts of clay”. Disc. Communion

“Consider how Jesus, beautiful beacon of hope and light of the world, died on the Cross...wished to remain hidden day and night in the Blessed Sacrament until the end of time. Remember too that this beautiful Sun will appear one day in the sight of all people, with eternal life for those who loved and served God faithfully”. H.N. 1-128

“Come, Angels of Heaven, contemplate the Glory of the Divine Sun, the great Mediator between God and man; come and adore Christ with us present on the Altar. H.N. 1-156

A PRAYER: “May your Church, the Pope, Bishops and all the faithful give you glory and proclaim the glory of your Name both near and far. Fill them, we pray, with your grace and enable them to fulfil their mission. Let each one experience the effects of your great Goodness. Grant to all here present at this holy Sacrifice (the Mass) the blessings of your abundant Goodness and **let the radiant glory of the Beautiful Sun of your Sacrifice on Calvary illuminate and transfigure our lives.** Amen” H.N. 1 – 152

THE EUCHARIST—A RAY OF THE UNSETTING SUN

This beautiful text from Pope Francis corresponds well with the passages from Peter Vigne’s writings.

“Every celebration of the Eucharist is a ray of the never setting the sun, that is the Risen Jesus. Taking part in Mass, particularly on Sunday, means entering the victory of the Risen Christ, being illuminated by His light, warmed by His compassion. Through the Eucharistic Celebration the Holy Spirit makes us participants in the divine life that is capable of transfiguring our whole mortal being. In His passage from death to life, from time to eternity, the Lord Jesus draws us too with Him to experience the Passover. In the Mass we celebrate the Passover. We, during Mass, are with Jesus, who died and is risen and He draws us forth to eternal life. In the Mass we unite with Him. Rather, Christ lives in us and we live in Him. 22 -11-2017

An invitation to all...

Our Sacramentine Sisters in Ireland celebrated the World Meeting of Families with Pope Francis in Dublin from August 21st to 26th. The following extract from his homily on Sunday 26 August sends us out on mission.

The task of bearing witness to the Good News is not easy. Yet the challenges that Christians face today are, in their own way, no less difficult than those faced by the earliest Irish missionaries. I think of Saint Columbanus, who with his small band of companions brought the light of the Gospel to the lands of Europe in an age of darkness and cultural dissolution. Their extraordinary missionary success was not based on tactical methods or strategic plans, no, but on a humble and liberating docility to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. It was their daily witness of fidelity to Christ and to each other that won hearts yearning for a word of grace, and helped give birth to the culture of Europe. That witness remains a perennial source of spiritual and missionary renewal for God’s holy and faithful people. Of course, there will always be people who resist the Good News, who “murmur” at its “hard words”. Yet like Saint Columbanus and his companions, who faced icy waters and stormy seas to follow Jesus, may we never be swayed or discouraged by the

