

**MAILBAG:** Comments shared by our young professed Sisters after their international meeting in July 2017.

"Our hearts are overflowing with joy at the wonders the Lord worked for us during the International Formation meeting from 5 to 30 July, in Italy and in France. **Everything we experienced was pure gift from God** that surpassed all expectations. We are grateful for our growth in mutual understanding through dialogue and interaction. Each meeting allowed us to understand the infinite love of God....We drank deeply at the source of our spirituality imbibing the hidden riches of our charism. **"He loved us to the end"**. What a joy to get to know the "Bethlehem" of our Congregation: Boucieu le Roi, a place much loved by our Founder and each one of us. We really felt the presence of God everywhere especially in the midst of nature and we understood how Fr. Vigne was so inspired to say: *"...all that is within us and around us proclaims and shouts aloud: Love your Maker, Love your God, Love your Father, Love your Redeemer!"*

Rooted in this profound experience of love, we return to our communities with a renewed spirit, a stronger faith, and hearts ablaze with the same fire that burned in the heart of Pierre Vigne: **the desire that Jesus be better known, loved and served by everyone in all parts of the world!** For all we give thanks and sing **"Magnificat!"**

Josinete, Juliana, Vilma, Solange, Eva, Naiara.

>>>It is often during a pilgrimage or a walking tour that one makes an unexpected discovery as happened to a French woman who heard about Peter Vigne in Italy.....which eventually led her to Boucieu le Roi. From there she writes: "I thank God who made Peter Vigne known to me while I was in Bolsena. Having walked from Bourg Saint-Andéol I am blessed this Pentecost weekend by the warm welcome I received from the Sisters, and by the "presence" of Peter Vigne in this place. His life is a call to follow Jesus: his every word is in praise of God. I am struck by the relevance of his message. In my humble opinion, I think it addresses all the concerns of the Church and families today. I am impressed by the spiritual, intellectual, missionary and charitable richness of his life. I thank the community of Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament of Boucieu for these beautiful moments of sharing. **Blessed Peter Vigne, intercede with the Lord to encourage vocations for the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament**" 4-5 June 2017.

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>>>>Thank you Peter Vigne. My son was cured of cancer and he has recovered his "joie de vivre" and his smile.

M.R.

>>>>>My grandfather was found on the steps of the Church in Tournon. Thank you Peter Vigne.

C.P.

"We speak of what we have seen and heard" (1John 1, 3) The best incentive for sharing the Gospel comes from contemplating it with love, lingering over its pages and reading it with the heart. If we approach it in this way its beauty will amaze and constantly excite us.....There is nothing more precious which we can give to others"

Pope Francis Evangelii Gaudium 264

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For these last two months of the year, Peter Vigne wants us to live with confidence... to journey with Hope in our hearts...like the Saints we celebrate during the month of November....and our deceased loved ones whom we honour and remember. In December we continue the journey in hopeful expectation, through ADVENT towards Christmas and the Good News that:

**"God loves each one of us personally!"**

*Hope moves  
us forward...*

**Hope....grows** when we

consider that *God, who is so generous, so kind, so full of mercy and love for us, bestows freely and readily upon us an abundance of Heavenly blessings, setting us on the path of salvation. We also see that he*

**loves us personally and lavishes many blessings upon us:**

*He welcomed us into the Church, into the Christian community.*

*He helps us entertain holy thoughts and a desire for conversion.*

**He has made available to us channels of His Grace, the Sacraments** that we can receive when we want. Thus, our hope is made perfect and we come to see that **God only wants our Happiness. Therefore, we have no reason to doubt or hesitate anymore! On the contrary, what we must do is to move forward with strength and determination while living out our vocation doing all kinds of good works.**

*What encourages us most, is to see that it is God Himself, who is asking us have total confidence in Him"*



*Vigne p. Missionnaire.*

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**WE PRAY** .....with *Peter Vigne*.

THE MONTH OF ALL SAINTS

Lord, deliver us from evil ,  
through the intercession of Mary, Mother of our Saviour and most glorious Virgin;  
...of Saint Peter, so full of love for you;  
...of Saint Paul, so zealous for the salvation of his brothers;  
...of Saint Andrew, so desirous of imitating you even in your death;  
and of all the other Saints united with your sufferings;  
give us the grace to live in your peace;  
In your mercy come to our help and deliver us from all trouble and danger. **Amen.** HN Vol. 1 -175



## CELEBRATING 90 years.....

On November 18, the College and Lycée Saint Victor, in Valence, will celebrate its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary. That's a good number of years in the service of education, inspired by the charism of Blessed Peter Vigne, and implemented by the Founding Sisters and all those who later worked with the entire educational team in Saint Victor's.

**When we look at a tree and its fruits how can we fail to consider the roots!** In 1927 St. Victor's opened on the site it still occupies today.....but where did the name come from? It's a long story closely related to the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament.

In 1866 Mother St Joseph Bouvaret visited the Sisters working in Valence in the "orphanage Napoleon" and St Joseph's school. The mayor of Valence Mr. Menet, who had a very large property for sale suggested that she should buy it .....it could become the Mother-House since the one in Romans was already too small. Once the purchase was completed, it marked for the Sisters the beginning of "Clos Saint Victor" although the relocation of the Mother-House was to come years later. In early 1867 Ms Perrotte, director of a boarding school in Valence, was obliged to vacate the buildings she previously occupied. With the consent of Mother St. Joseph, she transferred her boarding school to the "Clos" but, just at the start of the holidays that same year, she died following an accident.

That was a very clear call for the Congregation which from the outset was involved in the "education of young people". **At the start of the school year 1867 the Sisters ran the residential school, known as "Pensionnat Saint Victor"**. The growing number of pupils made it necessary to expand the premises....and in 1878 the beautiful Chapel as we know it today was built. Eventually, under the Combes Law of 1901, the Congregation, expelled from Saint Just de Romans established its new Mother-House in Valence in 1906. Clos St. Victor was large enough to host those two "missions". However, a year later, in 1907 the Pensionnat (residential school) was closed down by those very same laws!

**However, the tree had deep roots!** Mother Marie Ernest Strub wanted to continue this mission of Christian education ... and in 1914 "at the bottom of the Clos" the foundation stone for the new residential and day school, Saint Victor, was laid. But it will be a few more years before it becomes a reality. It finally emerged on rue de la Cécile **90 years ago today!** Continue to encourage and guide young people into the future! B.R.

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Every year this date is an **invitation** for all our readers **to give thanks to the Lord for the foundation and life of the Congregation and its mission ministries on three 3 Continents. Give thanks too for the "YES" of the seven founding Sisters who stepped forward in Hope.....and ask them to accompany the Sisters today in their journey and their YES".**  
**THANK YOU**

## HOPE .....A JOURNEY

*We can put our hope in worldly goods, in money, fame, appearances, Alas, they are transitory, and like shadows they soon fade away. Living in Hope doesn't mean living in a dream world.....or on a cloud! Hope is lived "in God" with hands that are open to welcome "the channels of his grace"....the Sacraments" and also every little source of life that inspires and nourishes us time after time, in ways that are often hidden, silent and disguised! Hope is always a call to set out on our journey, to discover the tiny seeds of happiness that God sows in our lives.*

*"Blessed are those who hope in him" (Is 30, 8)*

*"Happy is the man who trusts in you" (Ps. 84, 13)*

**God only wants our Happiness. Therefore, we have no reason to doubt or hesitate anymore!** Peter Vigne never tires telling us. Of course, there are many human reasons that hinder our hope and leave us with a rather dark sky. We must not let ourselves be robbed of hope! And yet, the little girl Hope so dear to Péguy, "this little girl who is nothing at all" helps us move forward, traverse difficult moments, and catch a glimpse of the approaching Light.



**Hope is a beautiful journey for December, for ADVENT. It starts this year on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. A time when we are invited to join the great Biblical witnesses: the Prophet Isaiah, John the Baptist, Mary and Joseph. Each of them has a message for us and the Church invites us to bring to life the hope of ages!**

Mary accompanies us to welcome the Morning Star, her Son Emmanuel. But we must first listen to Isaiah and John the Baptist inviting us to prepare the way of the Lord, eliminating all the twists and dangerous turns from our lives. From December 3<sup>rd</sup> the first Sunday of Advent we **await, desire, and prepare CHRISTMAS, Jesus who comes, Jesus our HOPE.** B.R.