

MAILBAG:

The PVEA youth group in BRAZIL share their reflections. (Continuation)

"In the gospel, Jesus tells us that He is the one true Shepherd. We must listen carefully to discern his voice since he is the one we must follow. He knows us because he is our Father, our best friend!

Today my grandmother was distressed because she was thinking of my uncle, her son. Three years ago God the Father called him home. When I read the Gospel to her she calmed down. She understood that everything referred to Jesus and that my uncle is a child of God whom the Lord called home.



Suanny Raynnara da Silva FEJ - Altinho-PE BRAZIL

What touched me the most and resonated in my heart was that Jesus is always with us. . . . He will never forsake us. We have the hope that everything we are going through with the pandemic will pass soon!

☐ ✨ Wladja Luine

I learnt to pray with my family. Wanara Luísa FEJ - Brejo Santo BRAZIL



THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH: from 8 December 2020 to 8 December 2021. With the Apostolic Letter "Patris corde" ("**With a Father's Heart**"), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. He describes Saint Joseph as "**a beloved father, a tender and loving father. . . . a working father, a father in the shadows**". Let us place in his tender care, this new year, our families, and our communities. **Saint Joseph, pray for us.**

FEASTS IN JANUARY

1st. = **Mary, Mother of God.** We pray for Peace.

6= **Epiphany.** God guided the Magi by a STAR to worship the Christ Child.

10= **Baptism of the Lord.** Christmas ends but the Star is always there!

18-25= **Week of prayer for Christian unity.**

25 = **Conversion of Saint Paul.** Peter Vigne invites us to read about his conversion in Acts of the Apostles 22, 3-16.

FEBRUARY 2 February: **World Day of prayer for consecrated life.**

17 = **Ash Wednesday** . . . Lent begins. . . . the sign of the Star will help us to "walk" in the footsteps of Jesus.

Happy New Year to ALL

Peace. . . Joy. . . Friendship. . . . Hope and Good Health.

May the Lord bless you with the abundance of his grace and Love.

Best wishes from the Congregation of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament.

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The year 2021, so eagerly awaited has just begun and we sincerely hope it will be better than 2020, a year that has left us with many painful memories. Even though we have celebrated the beginning of the New Year the season of Christmas continues until the month of February! The beautiful feast of the Epiphany is our focus this month and the light of its bright Star will accompany and guide us throughout the year. Peter Vigne invites us to imitate the "Magi" it's up to us to see how!

2021...following the Star



*As soon as the Magi knew that **the star they saw was the sign of the great King** the world was waiting for, they immediately abandoned everything, goods, pleasures, families and kingdoms, so as to come and adore him since they recognised him as their Sovereign Lord. "We have seen his star in the East and we have come to worship him" Mt. 2.2.*

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Worship Jesus as the Magi did; lovingly offer your very self to Him, a gift of spiritual gold. It will be more pleasing to him than that of the Magi.

*Whatever pain and hardships you endure let them be the **precious myrrh you offer him** .*

And for incense, the prayers of the Church, all religious practices and acts of devotion.

HN 1 – 225

*Once you realise you are not on the right path, **you must immediately seek the one you should follow** what would be the point of knowing that you were heading in the direction of a cliff edge if you fail to take an alternative route. Otherwise, according to St. James you are like a foolish person who looks at his face in a mirror then goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like!*

HN 1—74

Vigne p. missionnaire



Light for our path

My star is any sign that God makes heaven my soul: touches of grace, generous inspirations, inner reproaches, providential events all say to me: leave all and you will find all.

My star is the difficulty I have to face, the task that is hard and crucifying but which leads to Jesus.

Be ready to follow your star whenever you see it rise.

*Sr Jeanne Malcor Sacramentine
décédée à Maceió-Brésil, à 34 ans.
29-11-1914*

In the journey of history, there are always people who are enlightened by the light of the Star, who find the way and reach Him. They all live, each in his or her own way, the experience of the Magi.....Those who remain indifferent, lack the evangelical capacity to be children at heart, to feel wonder, and to **emerge from themselves in order to follow the path indicated by the star, the path of God.** God has the power to open our eyes and to save us. Let us therefore **ask Him** to give us a **heart that is wise** and innocent, **that allows us to see the Star of his mercy**, to proceed along his way, in order to find him and be flooded with the great light and true joy that he brought to this world.

Benedict XVI 06 January 2010



SEEING THE STAR. This is where it starts. But why, we might ask, did the Magi alone see the star? Perhaps because few people raised their eyes to heaven. We often make do with looking at the ground: it's enough to have our health, a little money and a bit of entertainment. I wonder if we still know **how to look up at the sky?**

It was a star – so the Gospel tells us – that the Magi saw “at its rising” (vv. 2, 9).

Jesus' star does not dazzle or overwhelm, but gently invites. We may ask ourselves what star we have chosen to follow in our lives. Some stars may be bright, but they do not point the way. So it is with success, money, career, honours and pleasures when these become our life. They are meteors: they blaze momentarily, but then quickly burn out and their brilliance fades. They are shooting stars that mislead rather than lead. **The Lord's star**, however, may not always overwhelm by its brightness, but **it is always there**, ever kindly: **it takes you by the hand in life and accompanies you.** It does not promise material reward, but ensures peace and grants, as it did to the Magi, “exceedingly great joy” (Mt 2:10).

But it also tells us to set out.

Pope Francis 6 January 2018

WE PRAY WITH PETER VIGNE



Lord, by your grace I praise and worship your Holy Name. Cleanse my heart of all sinful, frivolous and vain thoughts that come to me while praying. Enlighten my mind strengthen my will so that I may be attentive in prayer. Then, I will not doubt that you will hear and answer me for the love of our Saviour Jesus Christ, your Son. HN 1-229

A NEW JOURNAL..A new year. Once again we reach out to God – Father to receive life from Him. The 2020 journal is completed and the book is closed. Some of its pages were written with pain, apprehension, and even horror while others were written against a background of peace and harmony. We offer the old journal to the Divine Child who waits to welcome us as he welcomed the Magi. For the year that has passed two words alone suffice: “**Thank you**” and “**Sorry!**” The song of the Angels is ours too: “*Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men of good will*”. A new journal opens before us and the entries for 2021 will be recorded. The scene is arranged: God, ourselves and the entire world will be the performers. **And the Star shines and will continue to shine brightly every day as you write** on the blank pages of your new journal! At the top of every page for the first week write: JESUS ..and every Sunday of the year: a star!
May the light of that star bless you and guide you safely throughout the year. BR

LOUISE BOUVEYRON lived in **ORION** a little hamlet in the district of Colombier le Jeune. On many occasions between the years of 1711 and 1712 she heard Peter Vigne *conducting missions* in her parish. His sermons and the way he celebrated the Eucharist shone a new ray of light in her heart. Although firmly held in the grip of winter the Lord was already preparing the soil of her heart to receive his Word through the words of Peter Vigne and gradually **discern the path of her vocation.** That STAR, far brighter than ORION, guided her to Boucieu, where she encountered Peter Vigne once again when he was building the Way of the Cross. “*Adore the Lord...lovingly, give your heart to him*”. In 1714 she moved to Boucieu and joined Marguerite and Catherine and began the first Sacramentine Community. The Star of the Lord continued to accompany her and guide her as Foundress and First Superior of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. In August 1721, the Bishop of Valence wrote: “**Your example is a model for so many.....may you and your Sisters, always faithfully observe whatever M. Vigne will prescribe for you**”. Five years later in his journal Peter Vigne noted: “*Our good Sister Louise Bouveyron died in the afternoon of Thursday February 7 1726 ... her death like her life was most edifying*”. For her Sisters she was always a "humble star" faithful to the Star that guided her. From the church of Boucieu where she is buried, she shines forever in Heaven and shows us the path of simplicity, the simplicity of the Family at Nazareth. BR