

NEWS: January 9, in Salvador-Bahía, Brazil, **Ana Clara Felix da Silva** will make her First Vows in our Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament. On the same day Sisters will celebrate their Silver, Golden, Diamond and Sapphire Jubilees. We unite in joy with each of them.....MAGNIFICAT!. We entrust them to your prayers not forgetting that **the 8th of each month is a day of prayer for sacramentine vocations.** *"The harvest is great but the labourers are few"* THANK YOU



*** **February 2:** The XXVI World Day for Consecrated Life, a day of prayer for women and men who have been called to Consecrated Life and have said YES.

MAIL: *Your letters are always welcome. Thank you to those who sent them for this issue and thus maintaining a bond of connection from one country to another.*

"A few days before Christmas I wanted to tell you of the deep gratitude I have towards you and the whole Congregation. I will never forget that Sunday when you welcomed Francis and I and you restored our confidence and hope when we were overwhelmed by sadness.

The tomb of Bl. Peter Vigne on which we gathered; the novena you made and to which you added our intentions; the continuous prayers offered by our prayer group. **I thank God for all his blessings.** I left your house calm and confident. This inner calm and serenity remained with me to the day of the operation. It went well and so did the follow-up I was dreading. Thank you, thank you... As soon as my convalescence is over, we will be going to see you again with great pleasure.

Pierrette et François. Chatuzange le Goubet FRANCE

Page 1 of "**Reflections Bl. Peter Vigne**", (11-12 2021) that speaks of the "*Tiny Seeds of Life*" is a perfect meditation for those of us who are in the older age group, with limited capacities and increased dependency. **Each reading ... each seed** has helped me better understand the situation I find myself in and therefore to better accept and live with it. Thanks to SrB and SrC. Sr M. Zita Sussex. U.K.



"Happy Feast to all our Sisters in Spain and a big 'Thank you' ... for editing "Reflections Peter Vigne". What joy we felt on receiving it! It has become "a bedside book" and at night, we read a sentence, or a paragraph, before sleeping ... in Hope. Bon courage Sisters, and continue for the joy of all. Paulette ,Jean Thomas. Valence. FRANCE



We wish all our readers, families and friends **JOY, PEACE** and **GOOD HEALTH** during the days of CHRISTMAS and EPIPHANY. May Jesus Emmanuel bless you every day of the year 2022.



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"A new year stands on my doorstep". This new visitor, 2022 comes at a time that is "turbulent" for all of us..a time of uncertainty, of directives and recommendations. A virus, Covid 19 has changed and reshaped our personal relationships; a certain "wariness" now interferes with all our meetings. And despite everything the New Year is here...right on our doorstep! It is good to welcome it and the bountiful blessing of Hope it brings. During these challenging times Fr. Vigne reminds us to put our trust in God, our Father.

Hope in our heart

With God, we have no reason to fear.

Our hope grows stronger when we consider what he has already done for us. Will He who shed his precious Blood, the infinite price paid for us, refuse whatever grace we ask of Him?

Will he who purchased Heaven for us and gave us a Kingdom then refuse us the means of entering that Kingdom?

Will the one who gave us the gift of his Son deny us the vision of his face?

Will he who has given us so much refuse the little we ask for?

We trust not only in the perfections of God, his infinite mercy, goodness, compassion, love, in the mystery of the Incarnation and above all in the bountiful blessings he constantly bestows on us. When we consider these our hearts overflow with tenderness and trust towards our Divine Father. At every moment he invites us to do so. Then every breath we take and every beat of our heart are just as much evidence that he has no other desire than to welcome us into eternal happiness.

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Vigne p. 1^{er} questionnaire.

Spurred on by HOPE

“Let us say once again: we need the greater and lesser hopes that keep us going day by day. But these are not enough without the great hope, which must surpass everything else. This great hope can only be God, who encompasses the whole of reality and who can bestow upon us what we, by ourselves, cannot attain. The fact that it comes to us as a gift is actually part of hope. God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end, each one of us and humanity in its entirety. His Kingdom is not an imaginary hereafter, situated in a future that will never arrive; his Kingdom is present wherever he is loved and wherever his love reaches us. His love alone gives us the possibility of soberly persevering day by day, without ceasing to be spurred on by hope”.

Benedict XVI Spe Salvi 31



The Roman catacombs show us in many ways the faith of the first Christians and martyrs... Not being able to proclaim it openly, they engraved symbols or signs which expressed this faith. This “sign” places before our eyes:

the **Cross** to live our Faith,
the **heart** to show **Love**,
the **anchor** to be rooted in **Hope**.

“We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.”...Heb.6, 19

“As the anchor thrown from a ship prevents this from being borne about, but holds it securely, so faith strengthened by hope,” St. Ambrose of Milan

PRAYER and HOPE

A first essential setting for learning hope is prayer. When no one listens to me any more, **God still listens to me.** When I can no longer talk to anyone or call upon anyone, I can always **talk to God.** When there is no longer anyone to help me deal with a need or expectation that goes beyond the human capacity for hope, **he can help me.** When I have been plunged into complete solitude...; if I pray **I am never totally alone.**

Benedict XVI Spe Salvi 32

*The Lord who welcomes us there, where the anchor lies.
Life in hope is to live like this: grasping, with the rope in hand, strong, knowing that the anchor is below. And this anchor does not disappoint; it does not disappoint.*

Pope Francis 02-11-2020

Mother, help our faith!
Help us to entrust ourselves fully to him and to believe in his love, especially at times of trial, beneath the shadow of the cross, when our faith is called to mature.
Remind us that those who believe are never alone.
Teach us to see all things with the eyes of Jesus, that he may be light for our path. And may this light of faith always increase in us, until the dawn of that undying day which is Christ himself, your Son, our Lord!

Pope Francis Lumen Fidei



With Peter Vigne through 2022

To enter the New Year with dynamism and maintain a “combative” and fervent spirit, Peter Vigne also offers us a beautiful “parable”. It’s about an extract from a letter he wrote on January 15, 1731 to a priest friend, M. de St Cierge, parish priest of Saint Sylvestre, a parish located about fifteen kilometers from Boucieu le Roi. Peter Vigne is delighted with the help his friend has received because he will be able to continue to help the poor. He knows the good that is being done and to continue doing so, despite the obstacles, he suggests a good regular exercise!



In view of: today’s news that is often bleak and gloomy, our fears and concerns, due in part to the Covid still a significant threat wherever it is, the negative and painful events that receive ample coverage in the media, and everything else we are confronted with, Peter Vigne invites us to **redouble our efforts as we navigate 2022!**

“I must congratulate the poor and those who share in the good works, learning pleasantly that finally your kind and generous heart has been publicly recognised... Because of your good nature and your charity you could be likened to a container of water that keeps on overflowing and giving, as it fills up. God grant you perseverance until death, spending your life like a swimmer in a fast flowing river - holding the head raised and the arms in action, looking only towards the harbour and the shoreline- as one tries to avoid dangers...Peter Vigne Missionary, please remember me”

We must navigate this crossing then with increased awareness, being attentive to **“filling our hearts with tenderness and hope” towards God, to keep “our heads raised and our arms in action”** wherever we live and with whom we live. This is not particularly easy 24 hours a day, seven days a week !!

A wish for us all this year: **“that we put our trust in our Father the God of Hope.** Let us ask Blessed Peter Vigne to pray for us and to walk with us every day! B.R.

Week of prayer for Christian Unity. January 18-25.



During his lifetime Peter Vigne prayed and worked for the unity of the Church which was suffering serious divisions at that time. Today he intercedes for us. The theme for this year: We saw his star in the East and we have come to pay him homage. Mt 2,2



“A star led the Magi to Christ. Today this star points to the presence of Christ, who has been revealed to us and whose light shines on us. As the Magi followed the star to Bethlehem, we gather under this star today, adding our own stars to the sky, uniting our own gifts and prayers for the visible unity of the Church. As we journey towards that goal, may our lives together give a luminous witness that leads others to know Christ.”