

**MAIBAG:** Thank you to all those who in one way or another make Bl. Peter Vigne known and loved, a current witness of the love of God.

"Thank you for faithfully sending "Reflections Peter Vigne ". For Claudine and I, it reminds us of years past when we were engaged in education in the Drome. ... Our Parish priest here at Aix les Bains, had the rich idea, of exposing the Blessed Sacrament 1 hour before Mass, 2 evenings a week. What a joy to be able to spend this time of rest and praise with "THE ONE who knows everything from all Eternity"!... You all have a special place in our prayer and friendship". Francois NICOL. FRANCE

"Forwarding "Reflections" is always an important moment for me and I continue to share it ... Good idea to give voice to Pierre Vigne's shoe! (Word 9-10-2021) I found that it shed light on the reality of our Missionary experience".  
Sr J. Emmanuel Dombasle. FRANCE

"It's great to talk about Pierre Vigne's shoe! Three weeks ago, young people from the MEJ were visiting the museum, I told them several things about Peter Vigne but I had forgotten the shoe. Suddenly I heard a question about it ... I have now photocopied the page from Reflections and put it in the museum: it will be used. Tomorrow 80 pupils from St Victor will visit Boucieu and as many more next week. "  
Sr Claude M. Boucieu le Roi. FRANCE

### AN ANNIVERSARY

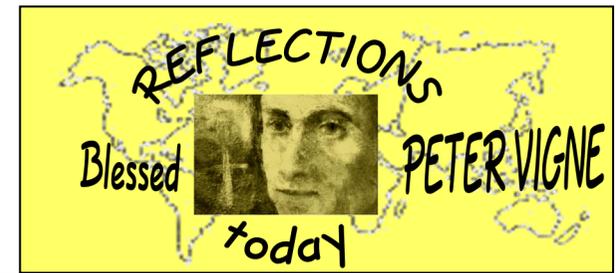
**On November 30, 1715** Peter Vigne "officially" became the spiritual Father of those who had gathered at Boucieu le Roi. That day they became "SISTERS", committing themselves more radically to the path of holiness that begins with Baptism. Listening to the Word of God and the Holy Spirit and guided by the one with whom they were to found the CONGREGATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, they committed themselves to continue with enthusiasm the mission of Jesus in the Church of their time.  
We celebrate and give thanks for **306 years of Eucharistic mission.**  
Join with us as we say "thank You Lord" for your fidelity!

### TAKE TIME... DECEMBER

We're in such a hurry that we don't take the time to wait.  
We have so much to do, to think about. Our agendas are full, our days and our lives are incredibly hectic!  
We are so busy, overwhelmed, in a hurry, we never have time.  
Thank you God for coming awoken our expectation.  
This time is your **GIFT** to us..  
A time to breathe, to hope, to live.  
Thank you God for this Advent season.  
Thank you that you made a home among us in this world



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November: the month when we remember our **beloved dead**, "those who have not gone from us but gone before us", we pray for them and even "with" them. November opens with the feast of ALL SAINTS! These are our role models and we are called to follow in their footsteps. This month with its focus on holiness will lead us to the **ADVENT DOOR**, and slowly approach the great Mystery of the Nativity of Jesus. Advent is a time of preparation, when we try to avoid routine and live more fully our Christian faith. The following texts by Peter Vigne, taken from "Heures Nouvelles" provide us with food for thought and action!

## Tiny seeds of Life

*A person is truly happy  
who meditates day or night  
on what God asks,  
on his Commandments.  
In this way  
one is on the way to Heaven,  
travelling the same road  
the Saints travelled.*



*When you pray,  
slow down, don't be in such a hurry!  
A great light which passes quickly  
and is over like a flash,  
is of little use to a wayfarer  
in the dead of night.  
Similarly a fire that goes out quickly  
is of no help to a person who is  
extremely cold.  
My God, I will always take time to  
ponder in **my heart**  
the message of your Word.*

*Keep in your heart  
a faith that is humble,  
obedient to Jesus Christ;  
become like little children  
who want to please God.  
Then he will make known to you  
what he hides from the wise  
and learned and reveals  
to mere children.  
So then, **start your day**  
with an act of faith.*

*If, for whatever reason  
you feel someone doesn't deserve  
your friendship, **just remember** he  
too is made in the image of God,  
he is the work of God's hands  
and his destiny is Heaven.  
So then, love what **is divine** in him  
and imitate God:  
He hates sin but loves the sinner  
his own handiwork.*

Taken from *Heures Nouvelles*

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*Vigne*

# On the same road

With Peter Vigne we are walking together on this "same road" the

Saints followed, and those who were with us and gave us so much. They are the everyday saints, hidden saints, "saints who live next door" as Pope Francis calls them, who share their lives with us, who work with us and live a life of holiness. Through them, God has come closer to us, more "alive"! "Quietly and silently, their lives were transformed and God shone brightly through their way of being. Without their knowing it, perhaps, the "little seeds of Life", the Gospel, had shaped them ... and their memory further enriches us and gives us "the taste" of God! There are others who also need witnesses for their journey, daily witnesses who transmit the tiny "seeds of Life". You can be one of them ... **welcoming and living "the loving simplicity of the Gospel"**, as Blessed Pierre Vigne liked to say.

## A RENDEZVOUS WITH....

**The words of Sacred Scripture** were not written to remain imprisoned on.. paper, **but to be received by a person who prays, making them blossom in his or her heart.** The Word of God goes to the heart. This is where prayer leads you, because it is a dialogue with God. That Bible verse was written for each of us. This experience happens to all believers: a passage from Scripture, heard many times already, unexpectedly speaks to me one day, and enlightens a situation that I am living. But it is necessary that **I be present** on that day for that appointment with the Word... **listening to the Word.**

**Every day God passes and sows a seed in the soil of our lives.** We do not know whether today he will find dry ground, brambles, or good soil that will make that seed grow (cf. Mk 4: 3-9). That they become for us the living Word of God depends on us, on our prayer, on the open heart with which we approach the Scriptures.

Through prayer a **new incarnation** of the Word takes place. And we are the "tabernacles" where the words of God seek to be welcomed and preserved, so that they may visit the world. Pope Francis 27/01/2021

Your Word is a lamp  
for my path and a light  
for my feet.  
The unfolding of your words  
gives light;  
it gives understanding  
to the simple.  
Your word is my delight Lord,  
let me live that I may praise you!  
Ps. 119

*"One morning after another,  
one night after another, sowing  
hope, seasoning expectation.  
Today is for sowing ... and learning  
the joy of not owning everything, of  
not owning anything and the blessing  
comes*

*God appears,  
He is here, on this parched  
and hungry land ...  
GOD IS HERE: this is our truth,  
our life, our reason for being, our  
zeal; the earth has the flavour  
of God and God carries the  
flavour of the earth.*  
P. Manuel M. Mexico

# An Advent Journey WITH SAINT JOSEPH



*"Go to Joseph with confidence, as to a loving father. He is the Treasure house of the Church", Blessed Pierre Vigne tells us. On May 1, 1929, Mgr Chosson, Vicar General of the diocese of Valence (FR) approved the beautiful prayer which we can use to end the year dedicated to Saint Joseph and walk with him the path to Christmas. Like Mary, he too was always close to Jesus and for many years provided a home for him and cared lovingly for him.*

Hail, Blessed Joseph,  
whose heart is infinitely loved  
by Jesus;  
You, the beloved husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God;  
You, who welcomed and served Jesus, the Incarnate Word with fatherly love.  
Your life shows us  
the way of humility and fidelity, of Faith and Hope,  
refreshed at the springs of Charity.  
Called to serve, obedient in faith,  
your life is a model for us.  
Teach us to live like you, diligent in service,  
promptness for the salvation of all,  
faithful in contemplating the humanity of Jesus.  
Teach us to live the virtues like you  
which were those of Mary, Mother of God and your spouse.  
Pray for our Sacramentine Family  
and for all those to whom its Communities are sent.

*Jesus, my Saviour, you came  
among us, walked on this earth...  
but we rarely think of that great  
joy, neither do we welcome you  
as we should;  
And yet, it is up to us to avail of  
the gifts you bring us, and  
become the children of God your  
Father, if we want to live a life,  
holy and transformed ... in joyful  
submission to his most holy Will.  
Ah, **Word made flesh**, what  
humility you embodied in attitude  
and practice... all because you  
love us!*

*Pierre Vigne*



Intercede for all young people, and especially for those who are called to devote themselves totally to the service of God and of the Church in the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament.  
Make them grow in numbers, and in fidelity as people consecrated to the service of God. Amen

No one, whether shepherd or wise man, can approach God here below except by kneeling before the manger at Bethlehem and adoring him hidden in the weakness of a new-born child.. CCC 563