

MAILBAG.....Thanks to Antonio Paulo for sharing this wonderful Christian experience, with the Sacramentine Community of São José.

“Dear brothers and sisters, readers of the “Reflections Blessed Peter Vigne”, I would like to introduce to you the “cell movement of evangelisation” in our community. The cell is a movement inspired by Acts of the Apostles 2:42-46. It talks about the first Christians who gathered in small communities, prayed and studied the Word of God, shared and put everything in common, helping one another. That is how they lived!



**Why have we chosen Fr. Peter Vigne as patron of our cell?** Because he had a very beautiful mission of evangelisation; he lived the Eucharist with love and went out to meet people, especially the poorest and most needy. As members of our cell our mission like that of Father Vigne, is to pray together, to invite others to participate in the community, to explain the Word of God, to understand the will of God and to serve.”

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**SEPTEMBER: ...8th.** The Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a day of thanksgiving for us as we recall the anniversary of the First Profession of our Founding Sisters in Boucieu 1722.

18 September: the memorial of Peter Vigne's ordination to the priesthood in 1694.

**3 OCTOBER; THANKSGIVING FOR THE BEATIFICATION OF PETER VIGNE., 18 years ago!**

In some countries the **first fortnight in October is "Thanksgiving Time"**. We remember to say “thank you” to the Lord for life, for family, the harvests, for the holidays... for work and the beginning of the school year. We say "thank you" for the life of the Church, to be able to attend "Mass" or “Liturgies” where priests are absent.....

**Let us live each day with gratitude in our hearts asking the Lord through the intercession of Bl. Peter Vigne, to send new priestly and religious vocations to his Church.**

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“Science without the voice of the spirit is useless” Peter Vigne says. In many countries, September and October are months that mark the beginning of the new academic year. That’s fine and good but without forgetting “the voice of the spirit”, without relegating God to the margins, and without wanting to divest the person of this essential dimension!

Two Blesseds can help us: Peter Vigne and Pope John Paul 1<sup>st</sup>.

## There's only you

*“Imagine how much we would love someone, even if we had never seen them, because that person showers us with amazing gifts. Imagine then if that person were a powerful Ruler whose gestures were motivated by a love that is pure and a desire to make us his beloved.*

***It is only you my God** who do so much, caring deeply for each one of us with special affection and desiring only our happiness. And yet.... we reject that friendship.*

*If we had a father who was the kindest in the world, the best father one could have, endowed with all kinds of good qualities, and who worked for a long time only to make us happy for the rest of our days.*

*A father, who dotes on us, and is there for us, through thick and thin. How could we be so ungrateful as to be pressed and given reasons to convince us to show our love for him?*



*Yet this is the sorry state of our heart with regard to God, our loving father in Heaven!*

H.N. 1-45

*Vigne p. de la missionnaire.*

**YOU alone...but..** Very often we only think of God when things go wrong or we are faced with difficult situations: pandemics, fires, hurricanes...floods..sickness, conflicts and disagreements of every kind, etc.

What place does God still have in our lives? In the way we normally live and plan? Does he still have some place in the joyful and happy family events? Do we still have a "relationship" with Him, talking to him about what happens to us, what makes us happy and what makes us sad?



Do we still address him as "Father".. "Abba" and pray the beautiful prayer that Jesus gave us? Is it a family prayer and do we pray it when gathered with friends without any trace of shame or embarrassment? The school year begins in many countries or continues in others . Every family will be attentive as the children negotiate their pathways to

education and take further steps along the way. But will we also be as attentive to their spiritual and Christian development? Or will it be "only you my God who will not share our friendship" only You who will be kept "apart" from all we experience today? Peter Vigne shows us how easy and pleasant it is for us to be known by "important" people and sometimes to receive gifts from them! But "why must we be given reasons to convince us to love God"? To each one of us he wants to reiterate what Moses said to the people when he came down from Sinai>>>

Let God be present in your heart and in all that you live! Listen to him! Love him! And in every situation you will be his witness. You will become like a "sign to him" in the family, with friends, where you work, where you study...everywhere. During the month of October ask Mary for the gift to listen as she did. B.R.

### LISTEN, LOVE, TRANSMIT

Pay attention, Israel, and be careful to do this so that it may go well with you...

Hear, O Israel:

The LORD is our God,  
the LORD is one!

You must love the LORD your God  
with your whole mind,  
your whole being,  
and all your strength.

These words I command you today  
must be kept in mind.

You must teach them to your  
children and speak of them  
as you sit in your house,  
as you walk along the road,  
as you lie down, and as you get up.

You should tie them as a reminder  
on your forearm and fasten them  
as symbols on your forehead.

Deut. 6, 3-8

### THE SMILING POPE ...A SMILE OF GOD



This Sunday, September 4, the beatification of Albino Luciani, Pope JEAN PAUL I, took place. A beatification that came without fanfare, very much in the style of the one who will always be the smiling Pope. Of the four audiences he was able to give, in 33 days, we welcome an extract from that of September 13, 1978, two weeks before his death. Its message is wise and simple: to love the Church.

"Our affection for the Church must never fail. Yesterday, and I conclude, I was sent the issue of "Città Nuova". I saw

that they have reported, recording it, a very short address of mine, with an episode. A certain British preacher MacNabb, speaking in Hyde Park, had spoken of the Church. When he finished, someone asked to speak and said: "Yours are fine words. But I know some Catholic priests who did not stay with the poor and became rich. I know also Catholic husbands who have betrayed their wives. I do not like this Church made of sinners." The Father said: "There's something in what you say. But may I make an objection?" — "Let's hear it."—He says: "Excuse me, but am I mistaken or is the collar of your shirt a little greasy?" —He says: "Yes, it is, I admit." —"But is it greasy because you haven't used soap, or because you used soap but it was no use?" "No", he says, I haven't used soap."

You see. The Catholic Church too has extraordinary soap: the gospel, the sacraments, prayer. The gospel read and lived; the sacraments celebrated in the right way; prayer well used, would be **a marvellous soap, capable of making us all saints**. We are not all saints, because we have not used this soap enough.... Let us try to improve the Church, by becoming better ourselves. Each of us and the whole Church could recite the prayer I am accustomed to recite: "**Lord take me as I am, with my defects, with my shortcomings, but make me become what you want me to be.**"

Without a doubt, Blessed Pierre Vigne was delighted to see the arrival of another Blessed who, like him, lived and announced "the pleasant simplicity of the Gospel", as Peter wrote at the beginning of his book "Heures Nouvelles".

The text on page 1 of this leaflet was take from that book. He offered it to the faithful of his time and to ours also, "**to sanctify the day of every good Christian**". The two Blesseds invite us to walk the path of holiness....every day!

