

MAILBAG.....“Amigos de Pedro Vigne”, we continue our Meetings and share the joys and sorrows of each and of our world. It is good to share the faith by exploring Bible passages which help us participate more meaningfully in the Sunday’s Eucharist, and also Peter Vigne’s Reflections which act as a stimulus for daily life. On October 20, some of us were able to gather in El Faro and meet the Superior General who was visiting the Communities of Burgos and Sasamón. With Enrique we



celebrated the Eucharist. This is the message he left with us: “Like Peter and Andrew, after having listened to Jesus, we must let down the nets... we must go into the world and announce the Gospel together, to be messengers of Life. It's important, it's a big challenge... it's living our faith.” Then we enjoyed some friendly time together and as always it was very lively. To all: A Happy and PEACEFUL 2023.

Amigos de Pedro Vigne. Burgos. SPAIN

“Father Vigne's message encourages us to follow the teachings of Jesus: a Christian life of sharing, of charity and humility strengthened at each Eucharist. As a young person, I am happy to be able to acknowledge the example of love that Father Vigne always cultivated towards children”. Gabriel Tavares
Amorim da Hora Eucharistic Youth Fraternity - Altinho-PE BRAZIL



REQUEST FOR PRAYERS:

“Let us unite in prayer asking Blessed Peter Vigne to **watch over Cristina** who continues to bravely fight her illness”

Let’s also continue to **entrust Chloe** to him so that she remains “strong” during her treatment.

INFORMATION: On Jan 4 2023, in Salvador—Bahia, Brazil, Sr. Ligia María Marques Cerqueira will make her **First Vows** in our Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament. We are invited to share her joy MAGNIFICAT! The **8th of each month** is a day of prayer for sacramentine vocations. “The harvest is plentiful but the labourers are



few”. THANK YOU

02 February: 27th day World Day for Consecrated Life. We pray for all those who answered the call and have said YES..

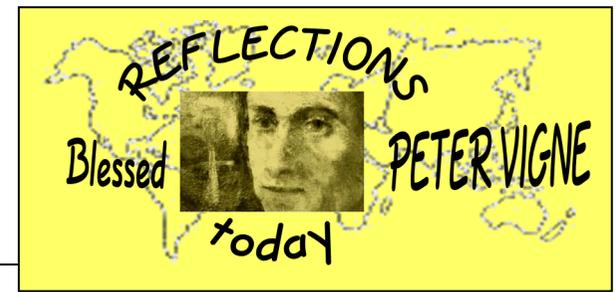
22 February : Ash Wednesday. Lent begins.

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Happy New Year 2023. The year began with the news of the death of dear Pope Benedict XVI.. In the following prayer by Peter Vigne we can discern the great virtues of Benedict XVI which we can cultivate in our personal garden throughout the coming months!!

My God.....with CONFIDENCE

Here I am...in the presence of Almighty God who loves me with a warm and tender love.

He wants all that is good for me, more than I could ever wish for!

I only have to ask with confidence and fervour for whatever is necessary for eternal happiness.

Grant me therefore O Jesus, a **true and firm humility,**

a **faith** which will withstand all trials,
a **hope** founded on following your way.

an **ardent love for you,**

and a **deep unending love for my neighbour** whom you love,
who is made in your image and likeness and

with whom I hope to enjoy your presence in Heaven.



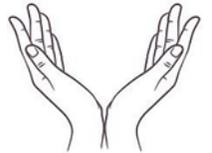
Grant me **prudence** in my words;
help me to live according to your ways,
with love and **gentleness.**

Grant me O Lord the grace to do what you ask of me
in the way you ask and with readiness.

Lord, may I use my time wisely, always with eyes fixed on
Eternity. May I never forget your presence.

Amen

Vigne M. Missionnaire.



A humble gift from God

Father Vigne is highly appreciated in the dioceses where bishops and priests call on him for long missions. When he visits the parishioners, he doesn't do it to be recognized as a valued missionary, or as one who is "obligated" to do so... He comes as a friend, in all simplicity, interested in the ordinary events of daily life, and he responds to their openness with a genuine interest that engages him and probably upsets him at times! He doesn't present himself as someone who is cold and distant, expecting high honour and homage! He is the "good" **Father Vigne**, busy serving rather than being served...

His evaluations at the end of his missions, show that he has no secret desire to be praised or applauded by those who welcome him, even if important people sometimes offered him hospitality. But, he is also familiar with uncertainty and doubt as to where he would find lodgings or even somewhere to eat. For example: at "*Marie Prieure's almost every day was a fast day...*", and that for a whole month! He could certainly have gone elsewhere, to those who were in a position to offer him gifts! But on the contrary, he pays his hostess and leaves *her* "*several bottles of wine, a few small presents, fruit...*", precisely by way of gratitude for the simplicity and poverty of the welcome! He does not expect gifts but **becomes a "gift from God"** for those who are forgotten, alone or infirm...

After a month-long mission in Chalencon, he noted: "*I received nothing from this mission; on the contrary, I paid about 17# towards the cost*" To those in need he gives generously: "*to Catin I gave 10 sols (copper or silver coins) and a pair of good shoes...*". Although he mentions it in his Memoir, he is careful not to publish it! **He lives what he prays:** "*a hope founded on good works...an unending love for one's neighbour*".

He contemplates the human face of God in the person of Jesus whose love manifested in the Eucharist, is the source and summit all his missionary activity: "*Grant me O Lord, an ardent love for you, a deep unending love for my neighbour whom you love, and who is made in your image and likeness*"

Praying with Peter Vigne will help us face the challenges of 2023 and lead to wholeness and PEACE despite its sombre beginnings. B.R.



Benedict XVI: A reflection of the Light of God

We THANK Pope Benedict for the great wealth he left the Church and the world ..as we gaze at his peaceful smile, his praying hands, and the simple black sweater of an "*ordinary, humble worker in the Lord's Vineyard*". THANK YOU, for the gift of all your writings, for your actions, for not seeking popularity but for being a loving father always close to the children entrusted to him! Thank you for the sufferings you endured, and forgiveness for the false judgments undergone. Thank you for **continuing to be a "light" for our journey**.

Extracts from his Encyclicals:

SPE SALVI: The one who has hope lives differently; the one who hopes has been granted the gift of a new life. 2

Life is like a voyage on the sea of history, often dark and stormy, a voyage in which we watch for the stars that indicate the route. **The true stars of our life are the people who have lived good lives. They are lights of hope.** Certainly, Jesus Christ is the true light, the sun that has risen above all the shadows of history. But to reach him **we also need lights** close by—**people who shine with his light and so guide us along our way.** 49



Holy Mary..... you remain in the midst of the disciples as their Mother, as the Mother of hope. Holy Mary, Mother of God, our Mother, teach us to believe, to hope, to love with you. Show us the way to his Kingdom! Star of the Sea, shine upon us and guide us on our way! 50

CARITAS IN VERITATE

Intelligence and love are not in separate compartments: *love is rich in intelligence and intelligence is full of love.* 30

It is contradictory to insist that future generations respect the natural environment when our educational systems and laws do not help them to respect themselves. 51 Without God, man neither knows which way to go, nor even understands who he is. 78

THANK YOU



**"Jesus keep you, Jesus bless you,
Jesus guide you!"**

**May Peter Vigne's blessing always accompany us
and may we share its gifts of
PEACE, LOVE and JOY
with all those we meet during 2023.**