

The message of Pope Francis for World Youth Day 2023 from August 1 to 6 in Lisbon corresponds well with Peter Vigne's exhortation.

After the Annunciation, Mary could have focused on herself and her own worries and fears about her new condition. Instead, she entrusted herself completely to God. Her thoughts turned to Elizabeth. She got up and went forth,and did not re-

main paralysed, for within her was Jesus, the power of resurrection and new life.... She arises and sets out, for she is certain that God's plan is the best plan for her life. **Mary becomes a temple of God,** an image of the pilgrim Church, a Church that goes forth for service, a **Church that brings the good news to all!**

To experience the presence of the risen Christ in our own lives, to encounter him "alive", is the greatest spiritual joy, an explosion of light that can leave no one untouched. Mary sets out immediately, anxious to bring the news to others, to bear witness to the joy of this encounter. This too is what caused the haste of the first disciples following the resurrection: "[the women] left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples" (Mt 28:8).

MAILBAG...Peter Vigne's "Reflection" reaches readers on three Continents as well as members of the various Peter Vigne Fraternity groups who share their thoughts based on the contents of this handout.

"During our last Peter Vigne Eucharistic Association meeting on March 31, at the approach of the Passion of Our Lord, we read Fr. Vigne's Reflections for March/April:

"Remember......such Great Love". For me, the words invite us to "remember" every time we make the Sign of the Cross, when we see a cross by the wayside, and every time we go to Mass. We must remember the sufferings of Jesus. Taking on our humanity, He endured them and transformed them into love for us... He invites us to transform our little daily sufferings into love for others". Francesco, Frascati ITALY.

LITURGICAL FEASTS: after the Ascension 18/21 May

<u>28 May:</u> PENTECOST. Like the Apostles welcome the gift of the Holy Spirit. <u>4 June:</u> MOST HOLY TRINITY. Mystery of the Love of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

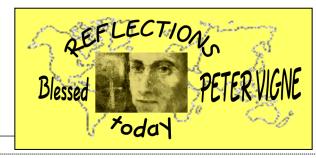
11 June: A feast that calls us all to ADORATION: Corpus Christi, the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, celebrates the real presence of Christ in the

Eucharist. To manifest his Presence among us Jesus chose this sign of his Love. Let us be present to his PRESENCE!

16 June: "Sacred Heart of Jesus, I adore you. You are my treasure, the source of all good"



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The months of May and June—which include the "month of MARY", the celebration of Pentecost, Corpus Christi, Feast of the EUCHARIST, and the Sacred Heart - invite us to seek an ever deeper relationship of faith with Jesus Christ. Blessed Peter Vigne invites us to pray and to courageously live the Gospel.

Ready to live the Gospel

"Jesus, my Saviour, never withdraw the Light of your Gospel from us...

Grant us grace, that always with a good conscience, we will never jeopardise our faith.

Like your people of old, we were far from the Gospel, living in darkness... without the warmth of your Love, as if in a desolate wilderness...

And yet, in your great mercy, my Saviour, you enlightened us.

Our fathers, on coming to know the truth, adored you and loved you. They followed your holy Law.

Jesus Saviour, here we are, ready to live the Gospel!

We are eager and willing to obey it.

During the holy Sacrifice of the Mass, we stand during the Gospel as a sign of our obedience and our desire and readiness to follow your holy will.

Lord God, by the merits of your crucified Son, we ask for the grace to live the Gospel and never to be ashamed of it, to love the Gospel constantly and to speak of it to others, in a wise and helpful manner, that they may follow your way.

This, Lord, is what I ask of you





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WITHOUT FEELING EMBARRASSED

While explaining the celebration of Mass to his "dear Christians" Peter Vigne looks at the moment the Gospel is proclaimed and what it means for each of us. This is an important moment of attentive listening and welcoming. "Here we are...", here I am listening to the Word of God.

Peter Vigne begins with a prayer, asking for the grace "never to compromise our faith" on receiving "the Light of the Gospel". Every time we hear the Gospel read our response must be, "here I am" so that His Word may be sown in my heart in good soil! As I listen, I may hear a Word I am already familiar with, but "today" it speaks to me and I am here, "here I am ready to live the Gospel"! And I "stand up" to listen to the Gospel, which is an attitude of respect, but also of commitment, Peter Vigne points out. "By this we want to put ourselves in a position to follow" what we hear. That is not as easy and simple as it may sound! So for that reason, Peter Vigne returns to prayer and asks the Lord for a triple grace at the announcement of the Gospel as we trace the three signs of the Cross: "to live the Gospel without ever feeling embarrassed" >>> on the forehead to speak to others, in a wise and helpful manner

of ways that can motivate them to follow the Gospel, >>> >. >>>> the lips and to love the Gospel constantly» >>> >>>>>> the heart

Do you make these signs of the Cross mechanically, without really thinking about it? These signs should help us "to live the gospel without ever being ashamed of it." It is in our day-to-day lives that we must be bearers of the Gospel" without ever feeling embarrassed" despite misunderstandings and difficulties, just as Mary of the Visitation carried Christ when she went to visit Elizabeth, or as Mary Magdalene who courageously carried the News of the Resurrection to the Apostles. In all your daily encounters, "never compromise your faith"

Ask Blessed Peter Vigne to accompany you on your Christian faith journey. His was not always easy but he lived it with Gospel simplicity shedding its Light in all his missionary journeys.

Blessed Peter Vigne pray for us and accompany us. BR

The Gospel holds a unique place in the Church,

There is no doctrine which could be better. more precious and more splendid than the text of the Gospel.

Behold and retain

what our Lord and Master, Christ, has taught by his words and accomplished by his deeds. Catechism of the Catholic Church 127

VOCATION: GRACE AND MISSION

There is just one "Vocations Day" in the year! It was April 30! The Message of Pope Francis is relevant and also echoes Peter Vigne's exhortation.

Dear brothers and sisters, dear young people! the theme "Vocation: Grace and Mission" is a precious opportunity for recalling with wonder that the Lord's call is grace, complete gift, and at the same time a commitment to bring the Gospel to others. Vocation is "the interplay between divine choice and human freedom", a dynamic and exciting relationship between God and the human heart... God calls us in love and we, in gratitude, respond to him in love.

Only in relation with all the others does any particular vocation in the Church fully disclose its true nature and richness. Viewed in this light, the Church is a vocational "symphony", with every vocation united yet distinct, in harmony and joined together in "going forth" to radiate throughout the world the new life of the Kingdom of God.

INFORMATION: The Congregation is delighted to entrust to your prayers of thanksgiving Sr. Vanderlea Nogueira, who will celebrate her Perpetual Vows in Maceió, Brazil, on May 6. This day will be preceded by a vocational mission on the two previous days. With her let us sing the Magnificat, and ask for the grace of genuine fidelity to the Lord wherever she is sent on mission.

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MONTH OF MARY The month of May is the "month of Mary". Peter Vigne contemplated Our Lady with tenderness, admiration and great confidence.

Next to her Son, Mary is "above all the most Blessed of God". At the Annunciation she became "the Beautiful Tabernacle of God among men", which we celebrate on May 8 the feast of OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. In the Eucharist she continues to give us her Son. She is "the Humble Servant". For 33 years, she accompanied Jesus in Judea and Galilee. For each one of us she is always, our "most loving Virgin Mary" whose heart is full of compassion, always ready to receive us.

That was how Blessed Peter Vigne related to her, and he invites us to draw close to her, "Source of all Blessing", to pray the Ave María "which contains the praise God himself made of the Blessed Virgin" at the Annunciation, naming her "Full of Grace" and also Saint Elizabeth's praise during the Visitation. "Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb"

Listen again to the words Peter Vigne says to you:

"Speak to Mary with a heart full of affection"