



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 remain 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

28 May: PENTECOST. Like the Apostles welcome the gift of the Holy Spirit.

4 June: 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*



*Vigne p. Missionnaire.*

